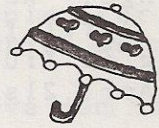


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APRIL 1988

COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT

Apr 2	Jam, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
7	Shasta Grange Fun Night	Klamath Falls	1
10	Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4
10	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
15	Jam, North Bayside Grange	Glasgow	5
17	Jam, Yreka Community Center	Yreka	4
17	Jam, Lebanon Moose	Lebanon	6
17	Jam, Forest Grove Senior Center	Forest Grove	7
17	Jam, Klamath Falls Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
21	Jam, Clarmont House	Klamath Falls	1
23	Jam, Coos Bay Senior Center	Coos Bay	5
24	Nursing Homes	Klamath Falls	1
May 1	Jam, Community Hall, Talent	Talent	4
13-14	State Contest, Lebanon High School	Lenanon	OOTFA
15	Fun and Learning Session, Vitality Cntr/Grants Pass	Grants Pass	4
21-22	Jams, Rogue Community College	Grants Pass	4
29	Jam, Beaverton Senior Center	Beaverton	7
June 5	State Meeting, Jam-Civic Center	Drain	OOTFA
12	Jam, Gladstone Senior Center	Gladstone	7
*Apr 17	Jam, Genis Music Hall	Dallas	8

LEW SEZ: March has been an interesting month--putting the final pieces of the state convention together. Now it is over and I want to thank all of you for your help, encouragement, and for being so thoughtful. I can't begin to mention all of the names of all of those who contributed so much to the convention. It would take up too much space. Just a big "THANK YOU" to all of you. I have enjoyed so many of you who have come to me or who have called or written to say, "Lew, I'll be glad to help out at the convention." You have made it all worth while. Alice and I attended a District 6 jam on March 13th in Lebanon and I had a contest meeting with the local sponsors before the jam. It was a good meeting and now everything will be focused on the contest. I guess that I will make another offer--"I could use some volunteers for the Fiddle Contest." As I read and study the old minutes I see many of the same names mentioned over and over. That is alright, but I want to bring in some new names. Perhaps yours. That is why I am asking or giving others a chance to get involved. This gives our association a broader base. Many of you don't have the time to give a lot but you can give one Friday evening or one Saturday to Old Time Fiddling. I am new at this thing, too, so don't feel that you couldn't help out because you "don't know." I would like to close this month with this quote: "A MAN WOULD DO NOTHING IF HE WAITED UNTIL HE COULD DO IT SO WELL THAT NO ONE COULD FIND FAULT." (John Henry Cardinal Newman). Thanks again.

Lew Holt, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

*Came in late.

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Johnny Gard; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring-like weather!

There were just a handful at our March Fun Nite due to colds and flu.

The Feb. jam was well attended and new officers elected (see above). We want to express our thanks and appreciation to our former officers for a very good job the past year. We are sure our new officers will also do a good job, so we can show our confidence and appreciation to them by helping out when we can.

The Apr. fun night will be the 1st Thurs., Apr. 7th at 6:30 pm., at the Shasta Grange. We're looking forward to a good fun evening. You all come!

Our April jam will be the 17th at the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds. Business meeting at 1:00 pm, music at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

On Apr. 21st at 7:00 pm the fiddlers will play for the seniors at Clarmont House.

Apr. 24th at 2:00 pm the fiddlers play at the nursing homes. We can always use help--come join us!

There will be a yard sale coming up soon to help the fiddlers expenses. We will need anything that will sell. Baked goods go over well, so come on you good cooks--be ready to bring your goodies.

Our Aunt Minnie Springer was down from Portland for a short visit with friends and enjoyed a fiddling evening.

Louise Pollick, reporter

P.S. The 20th we had such a big jam session. There were 135 people and 26 musicians. It was a good jam.

Also, Minnie Springer would love to get cards. Her address is 42400 SE Trubel Rd., Sandy, OR 97055.

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Betty O'Neal

Oh!!! The beautiful sunshine in Central Oregon!

We had a good-sized group with us Sun. Mar. 13th for our jam. Had visitors from Prineville and Lois Chisholm from Yakima, WA. She spent the week visiting friends.

Our Sunday program was dedicated to Harvey Walters. Harvey is still in California and receiving a blood transfusion every 12-14 days. He and Verna plan to head their motorhome towards Bend about Apr. 1st. Our prayers will be with them every mile of the way.

We're looking forward to attending the state convention in Roseburg with some of our group. This will be my and Bob's first trip over there.

I don't have any anniversaries or birthdays listed for this month. Any member in Dist. 3 with news for the Hoedowner can reach me at 389-1939.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Zelma Foote; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Mona Givens

Apr. 10th will be the fun and learning session at the Vitality Center, 4th & L Streets, Grants Pass, from 1-4.

Apr. 17th will be our annual trek to Yreka for our April jam. Doors open at 10:00. Potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00. From the north take the 1st Yreka exit, go west to Oregon Street, turn right to the Community Center.

May 1st will be our jam at the Talent Community Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open the the public at one.

May 21st and 22nd (Sat. & Sun.) will be "Oregon Come Back the the Past" at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass. We have been asked to play both days from 1-4. We welcome anyone from other districts to come. There will be some RV parking.

June 5th will be the state quarterly meeting at Drain and will also be our jam for the month. It will be a potluck, so everyone bring a main dish and/or dessert, and your own table service.

We were most pleased with our public response at the March 6th jam at Talent. There were over a hundred, and there was a good turnout of musicians in spite of a lot of our regulars being out of town that weekend for various reasons. Election was held for the coming year. Our most competent chairperson, Zelma Foote,

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Penny Mead; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carrol Finley; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN: The Estacada jam was a real success--a wonderful crowd and a fine bunch of fiddlers and accompanists. I would like to extend to Dorothy and Bill Cavasos my sincere gratitude to them for helping me get the news out around Estacada and neighboring areas. Because of that we had an excellent turnout. Bill made 20 copies of the poster and drove all around outer areas to post them. That is the kind of involvement that helps a chairman with the job. We had 22 fiddlers and accompanists.

A certain group of women (who know who they are) always bring pies for our pie sales. Those pies have really helped buy our new PA system which we tried out at Estacada and it worked well.

We will attempt to have election of officers at our Forest Grove jam if we get enough people--be there at 11 AM. Penny Mead, Chairman

District 7 has lost one of its dearest members--Joanne Minato. Joanne found the Old Time Fiddlers through the Cabin Fever group at Clackamas Community College and was a member of the Mad Hatters, and was Dist. 7 reporter last year. Helen Hakanson was a close friend of hers and shared the following:"Joanne got her love for fiddling on her grandfather's knee--she would literally sit there as a youngster and play his fiddle. There was lots of playing and singing in her family. She was the most knowledgable about tunes--both melodies and words--of anyone I've ever known. She was delighted to find the Old Time Fiddlers because she had been just playing by herself." Joanne worked a lot performing at nursing homes and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Our deepest sympathy go to her husband Remo and her six children. We'll miss her music and her sweet smile.

The April 17th jam will be at the Forest Grove Senior Center (from Portland through Hillsboro on the highway into Forest Grove, go right on Douglas--2037 Douglas St.). There will be a potluck but no pie sale. Don't forget election of officers at 11 AM!

Hollis Taylor, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

NEXT JAM--DALLAS, OR, APRIL 17th.

Dist. 8 did not have a jam in March because of the convention, therefore we don't have much to report.

A small group played for the Equestrian Show at Yamhill Fairgrounds. We had a very enthusiastic audience and the musicians had a good time.

Shorty Allen had his eye transplant this month and is extremely pleased with the results.

At present our chairman is negotiating an engagement that will pay our share and expenses for the Vernonia Campout.

Our next jam will be at Genis Music Hall (the old Majestic Theater) in Dallas, April 17th. NO potluck. Bring sack lunches or make your own arrangements.

Late news flash!! Negotiations mentioned above have been confirmed. We will play at Rickreall at Ellendale Winery. Parking ;and camping will be available at Polk County Fairgrounds. The dates are 28th, 29th and 30th of May from 1-5 PM. This will be three days of fun and camping and playing music. We can use help. There may be a small charge for camping.

Lee Jones, reporter

Silent fiddles

George Stout, lifetime member of OOTFA, passed away in Apache Junction, Arizona, on Feb. 1st. Condolences to his wife Helen (of Sweet Home) and children, Jim and Judith. Funeral services were held in Arizona.

Joanne Minato, active and beloved member of Dist. 7 OOTFA, recently left us. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Remo, and their six children, not to mention the members of Dist. 7.

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

was re-elected, as was Jim Winslow, Vice chairman for second term and our faithful Mona Givens again as sec/treas. I believe this will be Mona's fifth year. Thanks to all! We were happy to have Irvan and Anne Johnson, Al Nelson, Jerry and Irene Ruddock over from Dist. 1 and some of our members from the "north 40."

We wish Jiggs Rost a speedy get well. He's been at home several weeks and we've missed him at our weekly commitments. He's been one of our faithful members at these and all functions for a long time.

We are busy as usual entertaining the seniors and will play for a lady's 100th birthday at Hearthstone Nursing Home Mar. 22nd. That's what you can call a senior for sure!

Convention will be over by the time this is published, but we are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

There will also be a fun and learning session May 15th at the Vitality Center, 4 & L Streets, Grants Pass, from 1-4 PM.

Dorene Winkleman, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Al Lively; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

At our Mar. 5th meeting we elected officers for next year. Congratulations to Roy Zeigler, Chairman elect, Russ Hall, co-chairman, and Dorothy Settle, who was re-elected to the sec/treas position. They will begin their official duties on July 1st.

In other business at the meeting we voted to contribute \$50.00 to the state contest for trophies. After the meeting we had a good evening of fiddling and dancing. We had a good turnout with 13 fiddlers and 12 accompanists.

Mar. 12th we played at the Bay Area Senior Center. Eleven fiddlers played that evening. Lila Burns played an accordion special, Ella Savery did a special on the harmonica, and 15 accompanists played back-up. We're pleased to have with us Helen Serfass, a mandolin player. She joined a couple of months ago.

This is being written before convention but I know a good group from Dist. 5 will be there.

Our play dates for April look like this: Apr. 2nd--Greenacres Grange Hall; Apr. 15th--North Bayside Grange at Glasgow. The time on this is 9 PM, after their meeting. Everyone is welcome, but we'll be depending mainly on those who live closest.

April 23--Coos Bay Senior Center. Doors open at noon, jam starts at 1 PM. There will NOT be a potluck. We will just have the upstairs room.

Alice Holt, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jack Walker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Thelma Shephard; SEC/TREAS-Kay Donathan

Our Apr. 7th jam will be at Lebanon at the Moose (Go through town--the Moose is on the right). Lunch will be served at 1 PM. We will start playing at 12 PM and then stop for lunch. See you there!

Sympathy to the family of George Stout who passed away this month. Also to Purl Fox on the passing of his brother.

A new baby girl was born to Ralph and Beth Brown-Penunuri on Feb. 24th. Her name is Emma. She is really a sweetheart.

Birthday greetings to David Bear, Diane Nydam, Dee Dee Kaiser, Bob Kaiser, Purl Fox, Curly Roberts, and Barbara Garcia.

Addie Gonshorowski, reporter

From Addie Gonshorowski;

There are four main bones in every organization:

THE WISHBONES; Wishing somebody would do something about it.

THE JAWBONES: Doing all the talking and nothing else.

THE KNUCKLEBONES: That knock everything.

THE BACKBONE: That carries the load and does the work.

My Humble Apologies (by my witty neighbor, Bonnie Hohman. DB)

Said the Old Time Fiddler with a twinkle in his eye, "Dolores made a bad mistake! She didn't mean to do it--a fiddler or a foddler? I really think she blew it! She was in a hurry, the time was flying by," said the Old Time Fiddler with a twinkle in his eye.

We just received word that ADRID VAN HORN, a long time member of OOTFA from Roseburg, Oregon, passed away March 18th, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She did not play an instrument, but helped the association in many other ways.

OREGON STATE CONTEST NEWS--

TIME: MAY 13-14, 1988

PLACE: LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON, OREGON

JUDGES: FROM IDAHO---LOYD WANZER, LYLE POWELL, DON GISH
FROM WASHINGTON--DOUG THOMAS, GARY MOORE

SCORING: MARGARET TEAGUE

SCHEDULE: LINDA DANIELSON

REGISTRATION: GYNN DEATON (no pre-registration--she'll need helpers)

RUNNER: SHORTY DOW

PA SYSTEM: STAN GONSHOROWSKI

TROPHIES: LEW HOLT (there will be a Jim Miller memorial trophy)

STAGE: LINDA DANIELSON

(more information in May Hoedowner)

HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST--

TIME: JULY, 1-2, 1988

PLACE: BURNS UNION HIGH SCHOOL, BURNS, OREGON

JUDGES: LOYD WANZER, CALDWELL, IDAHO
JIM HERD, SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON
CAROL ANN WHEELER, SHERWOOD, OREGON

For information call Teague Motor Co. (503)573-2863 or Harney Co. Chamber of Commerce (503)573-2636 or write High Desert Fiddler's Contest, 316 N. Alvord Burns, OR 97720.

SANTA ROSA OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST--

TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1988--10 AM-6 PM

PLACE: SONOMA CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ON HIGHWAY 12 ACROSS FROM VETERANS BUILDING IN THE REDWOOD THEATER.

For information, call Tim Rued 545-2218, or Gordon Hebert 539-5574

ANNOUNCING: State officers for 1988-89 are as follows:

PRESIDENT: LEW HOLT

VICE-PRESIDENT: SHORTY DOW

SECRETARY/TREASURER: LEE JONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

The WARWICK'S CAMPOUT will be held as usual the week following the Canyonville contest until Labor Day.. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WESTERNFEST OLD TIME FIDDLE COMPETITION--

The Hillsboro Downtown Business Association will be sponsoring an old time fiddle competition on Sun., July 17th, 1988, as part of the annual Westernfest celebration. This will be a fun, non-standard old time fiddle competition with "no holds barred". A back-up guitarist will be provided. Entrants will be judged by a "fiddle committee" and audience participation.

Entry is open to youth (17 and under) in the Jr. Division and to those 18 and over in the Adult Division. Entry fee is \$3.00 per entry for juniors and \$5.00 per entry for adults. Registration will be limited to the first 5 paid entries in the Jr. Division and the first 7 entries in the Adult Division.

All competitors will receive prizes. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category. Cash prizes are as follows: Adult Div.: 1st place-\$50.00; 2nd place-\$40.00, 3rd place-\$30.00. Jr. Div.: 1st place-\$30.00, 2nd place-\$20.00, 3rd place-\$15.00.

For more information and a registration form, contact the H.D.B.A. at 144 E. Main, Hillsboro, OR 97123, or call 640-5936.

ALSO--

Coming up soon--

REDWOOD COUNTRY OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST: APRIL 8 & 9, CRESCENT CITY, CA

For more information, check your Jan. Hoedowner, or call Carol Cleveland at (707) 457-3345, or Dorothy Cory at (707) 464-2487.



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