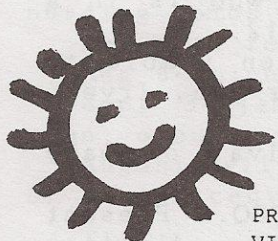


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AUGUST 1989

COMING EVENTS		DISTRICT	
Aug	2 Yamhill County Fair		OOTFA
	5 Antique Powerland	Brooks	8
	6 Dist. 4 Picnic--Stanton Park	Canyonville	4
	6 Elks Picnic	Florence	5
	6 Bohemia Mining Days Jam, Coiner Park (1-6 PM)	Cottage Grove	6
7-11	Carol Ann Wheeler Fiddle Workshop, grade school	Yoncalla	OOTFA
	12 Rickreall Fair	Rickreall	OOTFA
	12 Siskiyou Golden Fair Fiddle-Off	Yreka	
	13 Jam, American Legion Hall	Port Orford	5
	13 Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend	3
	13 District 6 Picnic--Island Park, South Shelter	Springfield	6
	16 Lane County Fair	Eugene	OOTFA
	18 Coos County Fair	Myrtle Point	OOTFA
	20 Jam, Merrill Park	Merrill	1
	26 Canyonville Fiddle Contest, high school	Canyonville	
	27 Smith River Grange Country Fair	Smith River	5
Aug 27-Sept 4	Warwick's Campout	Williams	
Sept	3 Jam, Vitality Center	Grants Pass	4
	10 Jam, Gladstone Senior Center	Gladstone	7
	17 Jam, Woodburn Grange Hall	Woodburn	8
22-23	State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Senior Center	Bend	OOTFA
	30 Cranberry Festival Parade	Bandon	5
Oct	1 Jam, Ocean Crest Gym	Bandon	5
	8 Jam, Burns Sr. Center	Burns	9
	22 Jam, St. Helens Moose Lodge	St. Helens	7
Nov	19 Elsie Stuhr Adult Center	Beaverton	7

MARKS REMARKS: Well, gang, here we go for another year of fun and fiddling. Lots of fairs coming up and I urge you all to support these events and the monthly jams in your districts, and also to take part in the community events in you districts. I want to thank Lew and Alice Holt for their help and the wonderful job they have done the last two years. With your help perhaps I can keep things on an even keel during this year. I want to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion in Lebanon for their cooperation in the contest and throughout the year. The Strawberry Festival Staff are to be commended also for their cooperation. I look forward to working with them during the coming year. And for all you other folks who helped this past year, THANKS A BUNCH. As Lew sez, Happy Fiddling.

Mark Carmickle, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Lois Tucker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Harold North; SEC/TREAS-Irene Ruddock

We so much appreciated the love of those who traveled long distances and everyone who came to join us in celebrating our 50 years together in June. They really are sweeter as the years go by. The fellowship, fun, food and the music were super...THANK YOU! Isom & Faye Patterson.

A word of encouragement would be nice to Minnie Springer who is in a foster home. Her address is: 14431 NE Shareer, Portland, OR 97212.

Another of our loved members is Irven Johnson, who has been unable to fiddle since having a heart attack recently. We are praying for you, Irven. His address is: Rt. 1 Box 656, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Congratulations to Dan, Donna & Cody Clifford on the arrival of baby sister, Leah.

On July 8 we played for the OIT's Governor's Appreciation BBQ. Present were Governor Neil Goldschmidt, OIT President, Larry Blake and other dignitaries, also some of the Blue Angel pilots.

Dates to remember:

July 29--Chiloquin Parade--9 AM

July 29--Bonanza Parade--11 AM We will be playing in the park in the afternoon during the carnival and BBQ.

Aug. 20--Our regular Sunday jam will be at the Merrill Park at 1 PM. There will be a potluck picnic at the same location as the Merrill Rec. Hall.

A note from Lois: "I really appreciate all the fiddlers and their cooperation and response to last minute events. We have missed our visitors from Medford and Lakeview. As always, remember the Clairmont House and nursing homes.

"An unfailing mark of a blockhead is the chip on his shoulder."

Naomi Voss, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

Dates to remember:

Aug. 13--Sunday Jam at Bend Senior Center--1:30-4:30 PM

Sept. 22, 23--State Quarterly Meeting, Bend Senior Center

Come on over and enjoy our warm sunshine in Central Oregon. We have plenty to share.

Tony Spatz won 4th place in the Junior Div. in Burns, and 4th place in the Junior Div. out of 29 contestants in the Spokane NW Regional Contest. Congratulations, Tony, on a good job!

Our Sunday Jam was a rewarding one, bringing out 84 visitors including our musicians. We had visitors from Rainier, Springfield, White City, Portland, Eugene and Salem, OR, Goldfield, Nev. and Washogul, WA. June and John Johnston of Washogul have enjoyed our jams so much over the past 2 years that they have joined our OOTFA so they can enjoy the Hoedowner wherever they travel.

We spent a very enjoyable evening at Thousand Trails July 15 playing to a full house. Received lots of good comments.

Birthdays in July were celebrated by Dave Gutcher, Winona Spatz and Orlo Flock. Many more happy ones.

Our next jam is Aug. 13.

Don't forget the State Quarterly Meeting in Bend Sept. 22 & 23. Those wishing to park their RV's in our yard are welcome. Come early if you wish.

Check with your chairman, as we are sending maps to them. Friday is 5-9:30 PM at Bend Sr. Center jamming (at our house after 9:30, if anyone would like). Saturday--Sr. Center open at 9:00, business meeting, 10 AM, potluck, 12:00. Jam is 1:30-5:30 PM. If anyone would like they can park at our house on Sat. night, too. More info in the Sept. Hoedowner.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Don Luker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bill Chunn; SEC/TREAS-Doris Barkley

After a standing ovation as a show of love and appreciation for outgoing chairman Zelma Foote, our new chairman, Don Luker, took over the reins of District 4 at our July 2 jam at Talent and exceeded an afternoon of fun and music for 20 specials and an audience of nearly 100.

Our deepest sympathy to Mona Givens for the recent death of her mother.

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

Mona, with her bass, has been an important part of our musical group, and has been greatly missed during the many months of her absence while caring for her mother.

July 4 many of our musicians helped Central Point celebrate their Centennial. Besides Cedar Links, we played music for a birthday party, Pomona Grange BBQ, and a Volunteers' Picnic in Grants Pass, as well as the usual nursing homes and Sr. Centers.

Dates to remember:

Aug 6--picnic at Stanton Park, Canyonville (potluck)

Sept 3--jam at Vitality Center, Grants Pass--early jamming, potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00 PM.

August will be a vacation of sorts--no volunteering at nursing homes or senior centers. I hope they need a rest as much as we do!

Pauline Winslow, reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN--Russ Hall; CO-CHAIRMAN--Shorty Dow; SEC/TREAS--Linda Carver

Whee! Whoopee! Our new float won 1st Place in the Port Orford 4th of July Jubilee Parade! Lots of backups, and two fiddlers rode on it. Dan Schaeffer really put us on the map, folks. Thanks, Dan. This float belongs to every member of Dist. 5, so "y'all come" and participate. Our next parade is Ocean Festival in Reedsport--hope we do well.

Fiddlers need to be twins sometimes during the summer months.

Dates to remember:

Aug. 12--Senior picnic in North Bend Simpson Park. Potluck at noon. Even though this engagement conflicts with Greenacres, we hope some of our fiddlers and backup can make it, for we have played for the seniors for many years. I told you, we needed to be twins!

Aug. 13--jam at Port Orford, Community Building--1-4 PM--sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and American Legion. FUN!

Aug. 18--Coos County Fair--3:30 PM in the grove--fairgrounds, Myrtle Point. Musicians will be admitted free at the gates with their instruments and/or "Old-time Fiddler" vests. There will be some parking in the grove for those unable to walk. Your chairman cannot attend, due to work schedule, so "carry on", fiddlers!

Aug 27--Smith River Grange Country Fair. We play for the flag raising ceremony at 10 AM, and at intervals during the day.

Don't forget care centers and nursing homes in all areas. Let's keep these little people happy, folks!

Congratulations to all contest winners, and to our new chief, Mark, and Ila Mae on their wedding from all of us in Dist. 5.

Clue to trivia question: The little fiddler was created by a Dist. 5 member of OOTFA! WHO?

Elnora Jorren, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN--Jim Lockard; CO-CHAIRMAN--Allison Roberts; SEC/TREAS--Lucille Childers

Our Bohemia Mining Days show was cancelled on the 16th due to rain, but has been rescheduled for Aug. 6th from 1-6 PM in Coiner Park, Cottage Grove. Everyone please come and help put on a good show.

We had great fun playing for Coburg Golden Days. An overcast sky kept the hot sun off, and we played all afternoon under the giant oak tree by the grange Hall. The rented sound equipment gave a few squawks from shorts, and a couple of mikes were either dead or some too loud, but we gave all our efforts to the show. After the show everyone was invited to a potluck and barbecue at Lockards. Great Day!

With the fair summer weather many fiddlers have been playing (as usual) for the various rest homes which have been having summer BBQs and picnics. One group played for the Walterville 100 year Celebration, some played for the Springfield Broiler Festival and for the Fern Ridge Fun Daze.

Looking ahead to August, we will have our annual Dist. 6 Picnic Aug. 13th at Island Park in Springfield. This time it will be at the South Shelter, not the usual one. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs and coffee will be furnished by the district, so please bring pot-luck salads and desserts

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

to go with, and also bring your own table service. We will need to borrow several outdoor BBQ grills, so if you have one please notify Jim Lockard.

We will also be playing for the Lane County Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 16th, from 10 AM-4 PM, in the usual area in front of the museum.

Our Sept. jam and potluck will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield on the 17th.

On June 25th Andy and Neva Menkens celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a gala event at Celeste Campbell Senior Center in Eugene. Family and friends from other states came to help all the rest celebrate the happy occasion. Congratulations!

I believe that belated congratulations also go to John and Lucille Childers for their 50th anniversary LAST year! I just heard about it recently, so please accept late best wishes.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Myrtle McCoy over the loss of her sister recently.

Vilas Sansom underwent cataract surgery July 21st. He'll be back to playing at all the events shortly.

See you all at the picnic.

Thelma Shephard, reporter

P.S. CORRECTION--Instead of 3 years, Allison and Curly Roberts were married 30 years. As Thelma says, their 27 year old son will sleep easier, knowing this fact! (my mistake--Dolores)

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Carl Helgerson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Joe Hamm; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

Since we had no jam in July, there isn't a lot to report. I know Russ Phillips, Wayne Holmes, Esther Snider and probably others have been playing at a lot of rest homes.

We have the Canby Fair to look forward to on Wed., Aug. 16th. This is a paid performance and District 7 is responsible for the fiddle music, so we hope all you nice musicians will be there. I mentioned Dist. 7, but musicians from all districts are most welcome. The first show is from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, and the last show from 7-8 PM. Your instruments will get you into the fairgrounds.

Our next jam will be Sept. 10 at the Gladstone Senior Center. The address is 1050 Portland Ave. We need someone to take care of the coffee pot and kitchen supplies and make the coffee. Anyone interested or willing, please contact Carl Helgerson--phone 286-4394: we will appreciate the offer.

See you at the Canby Fair and at Gladstone jam.

Dulcie Fast, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Dave Robinson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Leonard Maahs; SEC/TREAS-Donna Oldham

We had a very good turnout at the Smelt Fry at Yachats, and a big turnout at the Waldport Senior Center. Thank you, Waldport, for letting us camp there at the Center--we all enjoyed it very much, and the weather was great.

Dist. 8 OTF will be at the Yamhill County Fair on Aug. 2--1-3 PM. Musicians and spouses will get in with instruments.

Aug. 5th is the Antique Powerland at Brooks. Time--10:30 AM-1:30 PM. Come to the west gate. Musicians and spouses admitted with instrument. We are also supposed to ride in the Parade at 1:30.

Aug. 12 is the Rickreal Fair at Rickreal. Starting time is 7 PM. Admission free for musicians and spouses with instrument. Bring your own chairs.

Sept. 17 we'll be playing at the Woodburn Grange Hall.

Dist 8 is very proud of their trophy winners at Burns, Weiser, & Lebanon. Bunky McFee also won a contest trophy at Provo, Utah.

Leonard Maahs, Bunky McFee and Russ Phillips were judges for the Marion County Fair KYKN Fiddle Contest.

Jeanette Robinson, reporter

ATTENTION: COWLITZ VALLEY OLD TIME MUSIC ASSOCIATION JUBILEE
Longview, Washington. Aug. 18, 19, 20 Friday, Aug. 18, Lexington Jam,
7 PM. Saturday, Aug. 19, Fairgrounds, 10 AM--Horseshoes, Musical Workshops
Break for lunch, then Showmanship, 1-2 PM: Music, 2-4:30 & 7-9:30 PM
Sunday, Aug. 20, Fairgrounds--Potluck at noon--donation & food dish--Dancing
1-5 PM--Admission: musicians \$1; gen. public, \$3, Sen. Cit., \$1.50; kids
12 & over, \$1

ANNOUNCING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th _ CANYONVILLE'S 23rd ANNUAL FIDDLE CONTEST

The 23rd annual Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest will get underway at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 26th in the Canyonville Junior High Gym. This will be right after the big parade. So, come on down early, get registered, enjoy the parade, and then the contest.

Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Five trophies and money prizes in each category as follows:

<u>Junior/Junior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>
1. \$20.00	1. \$25.00	1. \$45.00	1. \$50.00
2. 15.00	2. 20.00	2. 35.00	2. 40.00
3. 10.00	3. 15.00	3. 25.00	3. 30.00
4. 10.00	4. 10.00	4. 20.00	4. 25.00
5. 5.00	5. 5.00	5. 15.00	5. 20.00
<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$165.00</u>

<u>OPEN</u>	<u>ACCOMPANISTS</u>
1. \$75.00	1. Trophy
2. 65.00	2. Trophy
3. 50.00	3. Trophy
4. 40.00	4. Trophy
5. 30.00	5. Trophy
<u>\$260.00</u>	

You have probably noticed a little increase in the prize money. This is made possible by individuals purchasing memorial trophies. I have raised the prize money this year from \$595.00 to \$700.00. I can still use some more donations of memorial trophies. Thanks much for your response.

Self-contained rigs are allowed to camp on the school grounds and can come as early as Wednesday. Pioneer Days activities begin with a chicken barbecue in Pioneer Park on Thursday evening. Then there is Bingo, various booths, and games on the Midway.

Jack Walker is going to emcee again this year. Remember, if you want to do a special number or two, let me know early on Saturday so I can get the program together.

Jim and I hope that you will join us once again for a great contest and good time in CANYONVILLE before you head on down to Warwick's Campout!

Gynn Deaton, Director
CANYONVILLE FIDDLE CONTEST

FROM YOUR EDITOR--

On the back pages of the May & June issues of the Hoedowner I printed some music ("Mother's Day," and "What God Hath Promised") sent to me by Jonathan Summers of Clackamas, OR. He wrote this letter in April, and I haven't had room to print it until now. Though you'd all enjoy it.

Dear Editor;

My wife and I have been happy members of the OOTFA for at least a dozen years, and in recent times we have been quite pleased with the music and poems offered.

I started playing violin about 1929 for pleasure at home with father and mother, who both played music, and to entertain others at Coos River School. In 1936 my younger brother and I joined the Oregon National Guard Band in Marshfield, OR. At that time I took up the trombone, which I still play.

Over the years, making a living and raising a family did not leave much time for music, but I did manage to stay with it and made quite a collection

"Dear Editor" cont.:

of music, mostly the more harmonic and melodious type which I prefer. Some of the music I made up myself. When I saw a beautiful poem without a tune, I thought, "What a shame!", and made up a tune for it.

Some time ago the poem "What God Hath Promised" appeared in the "Hoedown-er" without a tune. Now we have a tune for it which I am sending on to you, along with one of my own compositions named "Mother's Day." I hope that you like them and would appreciate it if you would let me know how you feel about them.

My wife and I are not in very good health, so we don't get out to all the jams in our Dist. 7, but we go as much as we can. We very much enjoy the "Hoedowner"--I think you are doing a good job.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

If anyone is interested in writing to Jonathan Summers, his address is 11807 SE Summers Lane, Clackamas, OR 97015. He also has several other songs that he has composed over the years that he would love to share.

VERNONIA CAMPOUT REPORT--

We had another fine campout at Harold and Beulah Maikens' from July 19-23. Many OOTFA friends gathered during this time to play music, eat food, and to sit around the camp fire. The weather cooperated and was neither too hot nor too cold. Thursday evening we had a weiner roast, Friday evening a potluck and another potluck Saturday afternoon. Each morning we started the day with hotcakes and eggs, cooked by Lew, Lee, and Larry. The kitchen crew, Audrey, Ruth, Alice, Faythe, Jeanette and others took care of the ham, coffee and clean-up. Two afternoons we went up to the house to play for Harold. He telephoned his granddaughter in Florida. We played our fiddles so he could share our music by telephone all the way to Florida. We got their old family fiddle out, tuned it up and played a few tunes. Beulah came down to the campground several times to join us. All of us appreciated the opportunity to be able to camp in such beautiful surroundings. We can never thank Harold and Beulah enough for sharing their place with us. We look forward to being at the Maikens' next year and to be able to hear a couple of Harold's famous stories that he tells us. And we need to thank Red Arnold and Del Anderson for the sound, Dave Robinson as emcee, Larry Modrell for the grill, and others who helped in so many ways.

LEW HOLT

From Sheri (West) Smith's grandma, Vi Brown:

"Sheri lived with us for a couple of years before she went into the Navy. Her mother, Ginger Calderon, has been writing poetry lately. (She has a very bad back and has lots of time on her hands.) She wrote this poem about Sheri and her Grandpa--Bud Brown. It really tells it all when Sheri was little and he was trying to get her interested in the fiddle."

- G'MPA BUD'S LEGACY -



Music is a special gift, meant for us to share,
So G'mpa took his bow out and rosined up the hair.
Then from his fiddle a catchy tune he'd play for us so sweet,
And everyone would clap along to the simple beat.
"Do ya know this'n, Cher?" he'd ask, "bet you could play it, too.
So get yer fiddle outta that case and see what you can do!"
She grabbed her fiddle and with a grin, stepped up by his side,
And as she played it you could see a twinkle in his eye.
He was so proud, he said outloud, "Now play'er one more time,
So you'll get it down and next time round, it'll be just fine."
The legacy he's left her are tunes straight from his heart,
That she will always treasure when they are far apart.

Ginger Calderon

Mike & Cheryl Coder of 86110 Hoya Lane, Eugene, OR 97405 (phone-726-5701), have a 3/4 size metal bass fiddle they want to sell. Please contact them if interested.

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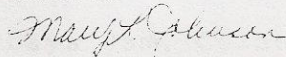
Dear Lew and troops,

We of the National Old Time Fiddlers' Hospitality Center Committee wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to you for your participation in providing music for dancing and entertainment at the Center during Fiddle Week.

We have received a great deal of very favorable comment on your contributions. Your giving of your time and talents made a positive impact on the community of Weiser and their visitors.

Please accept our thanks for your parts in this effort. We look forward to seeing you again next year. You were great hosts this year. Again, thanks from all of us here in Weiser.

Sincerely



Mary L. Johnson
Chairperson
Hospitality Center Activities

P.S. Me too! (Keith)

NATIONAL OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST Weiser, Idaho

OREGON WINNERS:

Open Championship:
Rudi Booher, 10th

Senior:

Bill Yohey, 3rd
Jim Hoots, 5th
Bob Kaiser, 7th
Wayne Holmes, 10th

Mens':

Dan Emert, 10th

Juniors':

Laura Weber, 1st

Junior-Junior:

Luke Bulla, 1st

Small Fry:

Jenny Ann Bulla, 1st

A BIG THANK YOU FROM JUDEE PARSONS
AND THE WEISER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONGRATULATIONS ON A WELL-ORGAN-
IZED JOB OF HOSTING THE CONTEST!

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
WINNERS AND EVERYONE WHO ENTERED
THE CONTEST. IT TAKES A LOT OF
HARD WORK AND COURAGE.

HAPPY FIDDLING TO YOU ALL!



Home of the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest



OREGON WINNERS AT THE HIGH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST--BURNS, OREGON

Championship:

Rudi Booher, 1st

Senior:

Leonard Maahs, 1st
Penny Mead Walters, 2nd
Bob Kaiser, 6th

Old-time:

Bill Yohey, 2nd
James Heard, 4th
Tom Givon, 5th

Junior:

Laura Weber, 1st
Tony Spatz, 4th

Junior-Junior:

Stacey Reynolds, 5th

Intermediate:

Bob Heinitz, 3rd
Bob Bridgman, 4th

Accompanist:

Joey McKenzie (now of Texas), 4th
Bill Yohey, 5th

RUEL & MARGARET TEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE
OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS WHO HAVE BEEN SO FAITHFUL
AND HAVE HELPED THE HI GH DESERT FIDDLE CONTEST SO
MUCH.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU WINNERS!!

RUDI BOOHER NOW HAS A NEW TAPE OUT OF OLD TIME TEXAS FIDDLING. IF ANYONE IS IN-
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