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## COMING EVENTS

July 4	Picnic	Jetty Jubilee	Port Orford, Oregon
July 12	CONTEST CANCELLED		The Dalles, Oregon
July 19	CONTEST POSTPONED	November ?????	Cottage Grove, Oregon
July 26	Contest	High School	Drain, Oregon
Aug. 2	Saturday Afternoon	Eugene Mall	Eugene, Oregon
Aug. 8 & 9	Fair	Benton County Fair	Corvallis, Oregon
Aug. 15	Fair	Clackamas Fairgrounds	Canby, Oregon
Aug. 16	Fair	Polk County Fair	Rickreall, Oregon
Aug. 20	6:30 - 7:45	Main Mall - Lloyd Center	Portland, Oregon
Aug. 23	Contest	High School	Canyonville, Oregon
Aug. 24-Sept 4	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Oregon
Sept 21	Jam Session	Ocean Crest Grade School	Bandon, Oregon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fiddlers and accompanists for making our part of the Weiser Contest a complete success. As you know, Oregon was the host state this year. The performances were the best and the participants were on and off the stage as they were requested. The Oregon membership was very well represented.

I want to thank Don Gish and Joyce Grissom for their excellent planning of the Oregon float decorations. The parades and performances at the Weiser Old Folks Home, the Museum and the Barbeque were also a high success.

Last, but not least, our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ted "Just Josh" Miller, our hosts. I am sure all who were there will agree, two of the finest people we have ever met. Thanks again to all.

Jim Secor

## DISTRICT #1 DOINGS

Lakeview held a jam session, June 1st at Memorial Hall. Fiddlers attending were Rocky Dudley, LD Daniel, Lee Eddy and Jack Pollock from Klamath Falls. Melvin "Doc" Bowman, Irvin Johnson and Carl Novotney from Merrill, Don Kitterman from Dunsmuir, Cal., Bill Noble from Bonanza, Dan DeVeny, Homer and Terry McLain from Lakeview. Accompanists were Richard and Marie Jameson, Cliff Tunnell, Doris Clark, Lee Eddy from Klamath Falls, Ann Johnson, Merrill and from Lakeview Larry McLain, Mary DeVeny, Sam Watts and Clyde Lynch. A Potluck was enjoyed afterwards at the home of Homer McLain.  
Clyde Lynch

May 22nd the Fiddlers played at the Lost River High School F.F.A. Banquet. Fiddlers and accompanists were Bill Noble, Irvin Johnson, LD Daniel, Lee Eddy, Cliff Tunnell and Ann Johnson. All Fiddlers and Accompanists who attended the jam session in Lakeview June 1st wish to thank Rosalee & Homer McClain for the nice turkey din-

ner after the jam session at their home.

June 16th at Mazama School the fiddlers played during the program and for dancing afterwards at the State Grange Convention. Fiddlers and accompanists were Willard & Wilfred Noble, Charles Sandusky, Lee Eddy, Cliff Tunnell and Lu Wells. Keith Wells MC'd for the dance.

The Jam Session at Burns June 15th was a huge success. A large crowd attended to listen to the fiddlers and accompanists from Burns and the fiddlers and accompanists that stopped to play on their way to Weiser.

#### DISTRICT #4 HAPPENINGS

We had a very nice jam session June 8th in Central Point. Fiddlers from K. Falls, Bend, Eugene, Roseburg, Bandon and Ray Krogstad from Castro Valley, Cal and also fiddlers from Yreka and Crescent City, 23 in all. We had a nice receptive audience and an excellent potluck thanks to Clemmie McCaslan and her elves. During June, various groups played for the Senior Citizens in Medford, Grants Pass and Rogue Valley Rest Homes, Hospitals and private Mobile Home potluck gatherings.

July 5th - Ashland City festival at Rogue River town and Jacksonville has a 4th of July celebration at Bard Shell, Lithia Park. July 13th Fiddlers are asked to play in the afternoon for the Oklahoma picnic at Grants Pass City Park. July 20th - Indian Mary Park, out of Grants Pass on Rogue River, Fiddlers picnic, Keg and watermelon feed put on by the Bow Bells. July 26th - Shady Cove. Parade at 10:00 AM Fiddlers to be there at 9:30 to line up. The fiddlers will also play at 1:00 PM for the Water Festival. August 2 & 3 will be Campout Clean Up Week End with a potluck both days. Everybody welcome. Bring your work duds. See you there.

Martha Warwick

#### DISTRICT #5 EVENTS

The Chamber of Commerce of Yachats will have their annual Smelt Dinner on July 12 and have invited all fiddlers to come to a jam session in the school auditorium. The fiddlers will get their smelt dinner and the use of the auditorium. There will also be a parade of Antique cars from Eugene besides other attractions. Yachats is on the ocean front about 8 miles south of Waldport.

Cliff Buker

Jam Session at Bandon, Sept. 21st at the Ocean Crest Grade School. This is their Cranberry Festival and there will be a parade on Saturday Sept. 20th.

#### DISTRICT #6 NEWS

We had a very good turnout at the jam session, May 31st at Veneta, Ore. Several Fiddlers and Accompanists were in attendance. There were many specials and we had several singers to round out our day. Dancing went on all afternoon and after the 6:00 PM potluck supper. All of the ladies helped in the kitchen and the men helped setting up chairs and tables. Everyone had a good time. We started at noon and didn't end until 10:30 PM.

June 6th, David and Poco Boyd, Paul and Delores Lakey drove to Jim and Marjorie O'Bryants for a jam session. Visitors were Del Ackerly of Alaska, Tim Wilkinson, Willie Rodgers from Eugene and Willie's brother Dave from Texas. A good time was had by all. Lots of good food and dancing.

Wally Bloom is now home from his vacation in Canada. He and his parents spent about a month visiting friends and family.

June 14th Everett, Steve and Cheryl Bennett, Earl Willis, Marsha and Rod Ledbetter played for the Emerald Dairy Goat Association at the Eugene Fairgrounds. Jim O'Bryant auctioned off many donated items for the club and while there played a couple of numbers on his fiddle with the above group.

Our best to Earl Willis who we hear will soon be going in the hospital for major surgery.

Saturday, August 2nd the fiddlers will enter a float in the Applegate Trail Days

parade. Help, suggestions, fiddlers and accompanists are needed. A meeting will be held at the O'Bryants July 27th. Call Marj. at 935-1560 for more information. The parade will be over by noon. Fiddlers and families can camp on the Applegate Trail Days festival grounds. Watch for signs.

Sunday, August 3rd, District 6 will have a potluck and jam session at Elmira Grange in Elmira. Hall will open at 11:00 AM. Potluck at noon. Jam to follow. The grange is about a mile from the grounds. Go west on Hwy 126, turn right on Territorial Road. Follow the Old Time Fiddlers signs. See you there, This jam is not sponsored by the Applegate Trail Days Committee.

Marjorie O'Bryant.

#### DISTRICT #7 GOINS ON

Our district along with the help of Guy Kyler, his wife and many others of district 8 sponsored a jam session at the Warner Grange, June 15th. Altho a lot of our fiddlers were on their way to Weiser, Idaho for the National contest, we had a pretty good turnout. 15 fiddlers and about 5 accompanists. Princess Ramona and Husband entertained us with several numbers and them Remained and jammed with us for awhile afterwards. Thank you both; we really enjoyed it.

Penny Mead

The Lloyd Center Association has asked us to play in the Mall, Aug. 20th on a Wednesday evening. We are to play in the main mall from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and then we will separate into 3 groups and play from 7:15 to 7:45 PM. Our district will get \$100.00 for this event so lets try and make it a real good show.

Bob Fast, Reporter

Several fiddlers and accompanists are playing at rest homes each month. 1st Wednesday at Edan Care Center, 2nd Wednesday at Camlu Apartments and 3rd Wednesday at Rest Harbor. Anyone wanting to help call Clarence Davis for particulars.

Clarence Davis.

#### FIDDLING AT EUGENE MALL

There will be fiddling in the Mall in downtown Eugene Saturday afternoon, August 2nd. Since this is the first show of this kind in Eugene, I would especially like for all fiddlers and accompanists to make a special effort to play at this event. We will get \$250 for this performance; so let's make it a real good show.

Your Show Director,  
Wayne Holmes.

We will play at the Canby Fair on Friday afternoon and night, August 15th. Fiddlers and Accompanists and wives will be admitted without tickets.

#### GAY 90's CONTEST

The Gay 90's contest at Coquille, May 31 proved to be a very nice contest. The Sawdust Theater was packed and our fiddlers and seconds put on a fine show. Our judges, Don Gish, Rusty Modrell, and Bill Yohey were kept very busy. Besides judging, they did lots of very nice specials and our audience really appreciated this. Bud Ryan was our capable M.C. and Candy Church overseed the contest. Winners of the intermediate were; Jack McCasland, 1st; Bob Fast, 2nd; Cathy Calvert, 3rd; Julius Christiani, 4th; and Clarence Greenlund, 5th. In the Open, Jim Morris was 1st; Bud Ryan 2nd; Fred Virtue 3rd; Fred Hildebrandt 4th and Leonard Maahs, 5th.

We'do like to thank Bud and Wilma Ryan for furnishing the hall for a nice Friday night's jam session and on Saturday night several had fun jamming at the home of Fred and Geroldine Virtue.

Dulcie Fast.

HELP!

Would the fellow who gave me a dollar at the State Convention for the fiddler's decals, please contact me? I have lost the paper where I wrote his name. Also, be sure and let me know any changes of addresses so we can mail you Hoedowners.

Dulcie Fast, Sec'y

To All My Fine Fiddling Friends:

Thanks so much for the nice flowers, cards, telephone calls and the visits while I was in the hospital. It's real encouraging to know that there is still a lot of good friendly people left. I'll be grounded for some time but I'll be raring to make music before too long. Sure missed going to Weiser this year!

Sincerely,  
Jim Hoets

To schedule contest and jam session dates, please call or write Delores Lakey, your co-ordinator. If we work to schedule our events, and especially our state jam sessions, we can have less confliction of dates, we hope.

Delores Lakey,  
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Drain, Ore. 97435  
836-2551

WINNERS FROM WEISER

Jr. Jr.Div.		Jr. Div.		Open Div.	
1st	Jess Cooper	1st	Mark O'Conner	1st	Dick Barrett
2nd	Amy Kenny	2nd	Loretta Brank	2nd	John Francis
3rd	Doug Thomas	3rd	Jeff Prichard	3rd	Bennie Thomasson
4th	Michelle O'Conner	4th	Ron Walbower	4th	Jr. Dougherty
5th	Brian Goode	5th	Ken Smith	5th	Bob Saddler
				6th	Roy Lee Cowen
				7th	Gary Moore
				8th	Loyd Wanzer
Ladies Div.		Sr. Div.			
1st	Vivian Skeans	1st	Bennie Thomasson		
2nd	Carol Ann Wheeler	2nd	Fraser Moss		
3rd	Mabel Boats	3rd	Steve Crawford		
4th	Shelley Clark	4th	Hank Bell		
5th	Laurie Lewis	5th	Jim Calvert		

Jim Calvert was voted Best Liked Fiddler.

Best Liked Accompanists were Fred Smith and Christie Barrett.

NORTH DOUGLAS FIDDLE CONTEST \*\*\* JULY 26, 1975 Drain High School Gym.  
Doors open at 9:00 AM. Registration from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.  
Preliminarys at 1:00 PM Finals at 7:00 PM Prize awards and Trophyeys as follows;

Open Pro - Entry Fee \$5.00	Open - Entry Fee \$4.00	Senior - Entry Fee \$3.00
1st \$50.00	1st \$40.00	1st \$30.00
2nd 30.00	2nd 25.00	2nd 20.00
3rd 25.00	3rd 15.00	3rd 15.00
4th 15.00	4th 10.00	

Juniors - Entry Fee \$2.00 1st \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00, 3rd \$5.00.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES

1. Entry blank must be completed and entry fee paid by entry deadline.
2. Order of contestant appearance for each division will be assigned by drawing.
3. Finalists will be chosen from the afternoon competition and will play in the evening.
4. Order of play. 1st a Hoedown. 2nd Waltz and 3rd tune of choice.
5. A contestant can enter one division only. WEISER RULES PREVAILING.

Chief Joseph Days 6th annual oldtime fiddling contest Civic Center  
Joseph, Oregon July 18th and July 19th.

Friday evening - 7:00 PM - Wallowa County and Senior Contests  
Registration will be from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Wallowa County Contest: Entry Fee \$3.00  
1st place---\$25.00 + Buckle  
2nd place---\$15.00 + Certificate  
3rd place---\$10.00 + Certificate

Senior Contest: Age Limit - 65 years and older - No entry fee.  
1st place---\$25.00 + Buckle  
2nd place---\$15.00 + Certificate  
3rd place---\$10.00 + Certificate

Saturday: Registration from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Free sandwiches and coffee  
for contestants and accompanists. There will be a meeting of fiddlers, judges  
and Blue Mt. officers at 12:15 PM.

Junior Contest - No entry fee - Age limit Under 18 years.

- 1 - \$20.00 + Buckle
- 2 - \$15.00 + Certificate
- 3 - \$10.00 + Certificate

Intermediate Contest: Entry fee \$3.00

- 1 - \$25.00 + Buckle
- 2 - \$20.00 + Certificate
- 3 - \$15.00 + Certificate
- 4 - \$10.00 + Certificate
- 5 - \$10.00 + Certificate

Second Open: Entry fee \$3.00

- 1 - \$35.00 + Buckle
- 2 - \$25.00 + Certificate
- 3 - \$20.00 + Certificate
- 4 - \$15.00 + Certificate

First Open: Entry fee \$5.00

- 1 - \$75.00 + Buckle
- 2 - \$50.00 + Certificate
- 3 - \$30.00 + Certificate
- 4 - \$20.00 + Certificate

There will be a potluck dinner, Saturday, July 19th after the afternoon show.  
This dinner is for the fiddlers, accompanists, Blue Mountain Association Members  
and their immediate families. Meat will be furnished by the Blue Mt. Association.  
Bring salad, dessert, main dish and bring Table Service.

Saturday Evening: Finals for Juniors, Intermediate, Second and First Open Divisions.