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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 14	Contest	Clark College	Vancouver, Washington
Feb. 21	Jam Session	Merrill Rec Hall	Merrill, Oregon
Feb. 22	Jam Session	Buell Grange	Buell, Oregon
Feb. 22	Jam Session	Community Center	Coquille, Oregon
Feb. 22	Jam Session - Tentative	Sunnydale Grange	Drain, Oregon
Feb. 29	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Sweet Home, Oregon
Mar. 6	Contest	High School	Forest Grove, Oregon
Mar. 14-	Jam Session	Wymer Grange	Wymer, Oregon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Six couples of us were fortunate enough to be invited to the Lyle Powell's of Mountain Home, Idaho for a couple of days of jamming and good old Idaho hospitality. Lloyd Wanzer, Idaho State Fiddle Champion, was there as was Kirt Doolin, an excellent guitar player. We had the pleasure of listening to some good music by them. Many thanks to those nice people over there.

June and I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of sympathy due to the recent passing of her father.

Keep in mind the convention is close at hand and be sure and plan on attending. More on this in the March Hoedowner. Jim Secor.

CONTESTS

Clark College Contest - February 14, 1976

Just a reminder that the first annual Northwest Fiddle Contest and Exhibition will be held at Clark College, Vancouver, Wn. on Friday and Saturday, February 13 & 14. The contest will be on Saturday, Feb. 14 and will begin at noon. Sign up time will probably start at 10:00 AM. This will be held in Gaiser Hall, Clark College Campus.

Gay Nineties Festival, Ballad Town, USA, Forest Grove, Ore. March 6th

Dear Fiddlin Friends;

We wish to extend to you again this year an invitation to participate in the 9th annual Ballad-town Old Time Fiddling Contest, to be held Sat. March 6th at 1:30 PM at the Forest Grove High School, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Open Fiddlin Prizes will be:

1st place, \$100.00 plus Trophic
2nd place, \$ 75.00 plus Trophic
3rd place, \$ 50.00 plus Trophic
4th place, \$ 25.00 plus Trophic
5th place, \$ 10.00 plus Trophic

Senior Fiddling Prizes will be;

\$50.00, \$30.00 and \$10.00 plus Trophys

Junior Fiddling Prizes will be;

\$50.00, \$30.00 and \$10.00 plus Trophys

There will be a \$5.00 entrance fee for open fiddling, \$2.00 entrance fee for senior fiddling and \$2.00 entrance fee for junior fiddling.

Many festivities will be going on thru-out the day so come early and enjoy them.

Food and coffee and sign-up's as usual at Floyd's Music Center.

This contest is sponsored by the Forest Grove Elks Lodge No. 2440 and all receipts go to charity.

We, the people of Forest Grove deeply appreciate the time and effort you all have given to help make our Gay 90's Festival, Ballad-town Fiddlers Contest and Barber Shop Quartet singing contest as popular as it is, and shall always be.

See you all March 6th.
Floyd Parsons, Chairman
Ballad-town Fiddling Contest
Ballad-town USA

Cottage Grove, Ore. Contest Results:

Juniors 1st place - Loretta Brank - Winlock, Wn.
2nd place - Gathi Gardova - Bremerton, Wn.
3rd place - Steve Bennett - Springfield, Ore.

Seniors 1st place - Earl Willis - Springfield, Ore.
2nd place - Jim Rose - Roseburg, Ore.
3rd place - Julian Christiani - Grants Pass, Ore.

Open 1st place - John Melnichuk - Lobanon, Ore.-plus Travelling Larry Stratton Trophy.
2nd place - Barbara Lamp - Seattle, Wn.
3rd place - Bill Warwick - Williams, Ore.
4th place - Anna Hanson - Bremerton, Wn.
5th place - Dave Moffett - Springfield, Ore.
6th place - Linda Danielson - Eugene, Ore.
7th place - Mike Schway - Seattle, Wn.

Most popular back up -- Larry Edwards - Tacoma, Wn.

We had a very good turnout at this contest from Oregon and Washington. Let's do as good at the contest in Vancouver at Clark College. Maybe it will be an annual affair if they get a good response from all of us.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT #1

A good time was had by all who attended the New Year's Eve Party at the Merrill Rec Hall at Merrill, Ore. Some renewed memberships and several new members joined. After the supper of Ham, Turkey and lots of good food was an evening of good fiddle music.

The next get-together will be Feb. 21 at 7:00 at the Merrill Rec Hall at Merrill, Ore.

Members of District #1 should be thinking of nominees for new officers. An election meeting will be announced at a later date.

Doris Clark

DISTRICT #4 EVENTS

1976 started off with a bang for District 4 at Roseburg. We had 27 fiddlers and 15 seconds. The specials were excellent.

Our potluck would tempt any and all to discard diet resolution, such as cakes and pastry that haven't been seen since the price increase in sugar.

A short business meeting was held. Up coming events were discussed, especially the election to be held February 15th at the Grange Hall in Central Point. Doors open at 10:00 AM. Potluck at 11:30 with business meeting during the potluck downstairs. Doors open to the public at 1:00 PM. See you all at Central Point.

Martha Warwick

DISTRICT #5 ORGANIZES

Feb. 22nd will be our first election of officers for our district. We have enough members now to have our own chairman, co-chairman, sec-treasurer and reporter. Let's everyone turn out to make this a huge success. The meeting and jam session will be held at the community center in Coquille, Ore. Business meeting for election of officers will start at 11:30. There will be a concession available for food purchase such as hamburgers or everyone can bring a sack lunch. Coffee and dessert will be furnished. Jam session will start at 1:00 PM and will be open to the public. Lets everyone

turn out.

To get to the community center turn right on 2nd St. from Coos Bay, coming from Myrtle Point turn left on 2nd St. If you get lost call Geri Virtue, 396-3051.

FROM DISTRICT #6

District 6's February 29 jam session is to follow a bicentennial theme, according to George Stout, who has made the arrangements. Don't know just what that will entail, so let me guess--it couldn't hurt to wear early American costume, or prepare traditional or antique recipes for the potluck. The jam will take place at the Sweet Home Elks Lodge, the scene of the Sept. jam session. Doors open at 10:30, potluck at noon and show at 1:00 pm as usual. George always puts out signs on highways 20 and 228, so we'll depend on them rather than on my shaky memory of how to get there.

Election of District 6 officers for the next year will occur at the Sweet Home jam session, so we all need to give that problem some thought.

District 4 issues a special invitation to District 6 musicians, since we're neighbors, to participate in a jam session at Drain on February 22. The session is to be a special benefit to help north District 4 get it's own sound system. Seems like a good idea since the district is so big and so active. The session will be held at the Sunnydale Grange, which is about five (?) miles out of Drain on Route 38, toward Reedsport, hall to open at 10:00 AM, potluck at noon, show at 1 PM.

Thurston Grange dances are now happening the third Friday, as well as the first Friday, of each month. Word comes from the folks out at Lowell Grange that this month's first-Saturday dance will be special -- a Valentine party. Fiddlers are invited to play for the dance on February 7, and asked to dress Valentinish -- wear red, etc.

Linda Danielson
District 6 Reporter

We understand that the jam session to be held at Sunnydale Grange is still of a tentative nature. The final decision will be made at the District 4 meeting in Central Point. Please check with Fred Samples.

DISTRICT #7 EVENTS

We had a very nice jam session January 11th. We had 26 fiddlers and a lot of good accompanists who made very fine music. Also, we had some nice specials. Dody Murray, a newcomer, sang some very pretty songs, and John Summers did a song special also.

We had election of officers. Bob Fast was elected chairman for the coming year. Wayne Walter is our co-chairman and Penny Mead was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Fred Hildebrandt was appointed as our new reporter.

After the jam some of us were invited to Wayne Walters' where he played us with dinner so we would play for a senior citizens group at the Mountain Moving Cafe. KBOO was also their recording.

Flash!!!!!!! Our youngest member of District 7 just arrived January 20th at St. Vincent Hospital. A little girl, Erin Healy was born to Katy and Dave Altman. Dave said he is already planning to teach her to fiddle.

DISTRICT #8

A jam session will be held at the Buell Grange Hall, Sunday, February 22nd. The doors will be opened at 10:00 AM and a potluck at 12:00.

All members of District 8 please be on hand for a business meeting and election of officers at 11:00.

Guy Kyler, Chairman