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COMING EVENTS

Aug. 7	8:30 PM-Summer Festival	Washington Park	Portland, Oregon
Aug. 7	7:00-9:00 PM	Curry County Fair	Gold Beach, Oregon
Aug. 8	Jam Session	N. Howell Grange-D #8	Near Woodburn, Ore.
Aug. 13 & 14	6-8pm Fri.-2:30-5:00 Sat.	Benton County Fair	Corvallis, Oregon
Aug. 14	Jam Session	Community Bldg. D #5	Reedsport, Oregon
Aug. 20	2-4 PM & 7-9 PM	Clackamas County Fair	Canby, Oregon
Aug. 20 & 21	Contest	Community Club	Baker, Oregon
Aug. 20-Sep 6	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Oregon
Aug. 21	7-9 PM	Polk County Fair	Rickreall, Oregon
Aug. 28	Contest	Jr. High School Gym	Canyonville, Oreg.
Sept 9	Jam Session	New Sr Citizens Bldg	Salem, Oregon
Sept 25	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Naselle, Wash.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had another good trip to Weiser last month and a good time was had by all. We stayed at Miller's again, wonderful hosts and very fine people. Thanks to all of the people that helped with the Oregon float. Special thanks to Joyce Grissom for making the signs.

Once again I want to remind everyone of the Fairs. I hope we will have a good turnout.
 Thankyou, Jim Secor

CLATSKANIE CONTEST July 3, 1976

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Intermediates</u>	<u>Open</u>
1. Mike McClellan	Clarence Norberg	Jim Morris	Boyce Stucky
2. Cynthia Bartlett	Clarence Davis	Penny Mead	Anna Hanson
3. Johnny Stucky	Henry Mitchell	Fred Shulz	Johny McDonald
4. Richard Cordova	Joe Muise	Kenny Brank	Dale Johnson
5.	Arthur Kelley	Larry Edwards	Jim Hurd
6.		Del Anderson	Larry Stucky

YREKA CONTEST July 4, 1976

1. Fred Virtue 2. Alta Bance 3. Jonas Cox
 Yreka has only one division and selection is done by applause.

CANYONVILLE CONTEST August 28th

Where: Canyonville Junior High Gym Registration: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
 M.C. Wayne Holmes Judges: John Melnichuk, Jim Hoots, Bud Ryan
 Preliminaries begin at 1:30 PM Finals will be at 7:00 PM Weiser Rules
 Trophies will be awarded each place in addition to the prize money. \$75.00 more prize money is offered this year. A total of \$450.00. Only one division may be entered.
 Entry Fee: \$2.00 Juniors \$3.00 Seniors \$4.00 Intermediates \$5.00 Open

<u>Jrs-18 & under</u>	<u>Srs-60 & older</u>	<u>Intermediates-Any Age & any Fiddler who has not been in the top 20 at Weiser or top 5 of State or Regional.</u>	<u>Open-Any Age Any Fiddler may enter</u>
1st \$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
15.00	25.00	30.00	40.00
10.00	20.00	25.00	30.00
5.00	15.00	20.00	25.00
5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00
<u>\$55.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$165.00</u>

The Pioneer Days Committee has requested that a group of fiddlers entertain on the stage in Pioneer Park between 4:30 and 5:30 PM. This will be a good opportunity to advertise the evening show. I have asked Fred Hildebrandt to be in charge of this.

Additional parking for trailers and campers will be available on the school grounds this year. Come to the school ground as usual and follow the arrow which will point the way to the upper level school grounds which have never been open to us before.

This will be Canyonville's tenth annual fiddle contest. Let's make it the best ever!!
Gynn Deaton

There will be a contest in Baker, Oregon sponsored by the Baker County Rotary on Aug. 20 & 21st. Registration on Friday from 3:00 to 6:30 PM for Baker County and Senior Divisions. Show time 7:00 PM. Saturday registration is between 10:00 & 12:30 PM for the Junior contest - Intermediates & Open division. Preliminaries will begin 1:00 PM Finals will be 7:00 PM with a dance to follow. Music by the fiddlers. Judges will be Fay Sneed, Weiser, Idaho - Charles Trump, Wallowa and Pete Haynes of Baker.

Oregon Fiddlers have been asked to join the Washington Fiddlers at a jam session in Naselle, Wn. This event is a "Fiddlers Jamboree" and will be held Sept. 25th at the Naselle Grange Hall, Naselle, Wn. The program will start at 7:00 PM. Naselle is approximately 10 miles east of the Astoria Bridge or you can go west out of Longview along the Columbia River.

Art Westphal
Star Rt. Box 401, Naselle, Wn. 98638

OREGON OLD-TIME FIDDLING PROJECT

The first phase of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddling Project is now underway, thanks to some organizations like the National Endowment for the Arts, the Library of Congress, the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission, the Oregon Arts Commission and the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association. The project, designed to collect and preserve Fiddling music and interviews with fiddlers in Oregon (currently I am working on Lane, Douglas and Jackson Counties) has received support from these and other groups and agencies.

Back in March, at the annual OOTFA convention, the organization voted to contribute \$750 to the project. We are now recording interviews and music and taking photographs of many--hopefully, we will eventually make that most--of the fiddlers in the three-county area. This is a long process, but by now OOTFA members who are listed as fiddlers living in the three-county area on either the 1974 or 1975 membership rosters should have received letters about the project. Also, I have found a number of fiddlers who are not association members. By the way, if you are a resident of Lane, Douglas or Jackson counties and have not received such a letter, please get in touch with me at 655 E. 32nd, Eugene 97405--this project was designed to take in as many of the area's fiddlers as possible, including people I don't know about or might have overlooked.

Working with me on the project are Gary Neustadter, sound engineer; John Baugess, photographer and Karen Sieradski, transcriber and field assistant. Eventually we will produce material that will be added to the collections of the Lane County Pioneer Museum, Douglas County Museum, Jacksonville Museum and Library of Congress; a touring photographic exhibit to be accompanied by a sound tape; radio shows and fiddling shows sponsored by the museums. Already the project has been getting newspaper and television coverage throughout the state.

A lot more people are going to hear about fiddling, thanks to the support of the Old-Time Fiddlers Association.
Linda Danielson

SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL DELEGATION RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

One of the big challenges for a reporter is writing about an event the likes of which they've never attended, before the event happens. I was going to try to fake it, but that's no use. By the time the Hoodownor comes out, we'll all be back, but right now I can only guess what's coming next week when fifteen fiddlers and accompanists plus several family members from Washington and Oregon fly to Washington, D.C., to participate in the bicentennial edition of the Festival of American Folklife, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Parks Service.

The Festival has invited the musicians to participate in a five-day section of the event devoted to the Pacific Northwest and its traditional culture. They will present Sunday-jam-session-style entertainment on the Festival grounds each day from July 28 through August 1. Invited as Festival participants from Oregon were Steve Bennett, Stan Gonshorowski, Jim Hoots, Marshall Jackson, Rusty Modrell, Hugh Samples, Earl Willis and Bill Yohey. John and Laura Hoerstor will attend to demonstrate fiddle-building. From Washington are Chuck and Pauline Griffin, Harry Johnson and Joe Panczerwski. Everett Bennett and Addie Gonshorowski are attending as volunteer accompanists and a number of other family members will attend as guests. I'll be there as a sort of combination M.C. and "mother hen"--what a flock to keep up with!

Other guests from the Pacific Northwest will be performers for a timber carnival, horse loggers, old-time fence and boat builders, Latvian dancers and a koekle player (it's a sort of zither), singers from Woodburn's Russian Community, basket makers, etc.
Linda Danielson

DISTRICT #1

Saturday night, July 17 we had our potluck, business meeting and get-together. A good dinner and a nice evening. We had guests from District 4 that were fine musicians and enjoyed having them very much.

We presented a card to one of our couples, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Noble who were moving out of our district. They will be missed and we hope they will visit us often. Our fiddlers played July 18 at two convalescent Homes. They enjoy the music and keep asking us to come back. Our next meeting and potluck is Aug. 14, Merrill Recreation Center, Merrill, Oregon. Start eating 7:00 PM. See you there.

Lee Eddy, Reporter- 3811 Grenada Way
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

DISTRICT #4

The southern fiddlers have had fun this summer. Those who followed the wagon train over the mountain from Yreka to Talont and joined in on the bonfires reported real old fashioned fun. There have been so many things going that we've had to split the fiddlers and 2nds so we could accomodate the requests.

The proceeds of the Canyonville jam session were donated to their library fund. All the fiddlers were happy to do this since we have all had much fun in years past at the Canyonville contest and will again this year on August 28th.

August 6 & 7, were going to be clean-up weekend but we have been asked to play for the Curry County Fair in Gold Beach on Saturday the 7th of August. So everyone in the area that can, please turn out. This is for the OOTFA and the proceeds from the fairs go to the State treasury. They are planning an evening show with dancing to follow. The playing will be inside and a piano and a PA system will be furnished. Program to start at 7:00 PM.

Any of the ladies who want to make soap at the campout this year, please save fat and bring as much with you as possible. Pearl Cloud will be leading this fun activity. We will be doing some macrame again this year if anyone wants to bring some cord. Anyone else who has a fun activity for campout time feel free to bring it.

Don't forget to bring chairs to campout. Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT #5

Aug. 14, Saturday evening there will be a potluck and jam for members and a dance later that will be open to the public in Reedsport in the Community Bldg. Doors will be open at 3 PM, potluck at 5 PM, dance to begin at 9:00.

The Cranberry Festival will be on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the VFW hall in Bandon, Ore.

for members only. On Sunday the 26th there will be a jam session and potluck. More on this in the September issue.

Note to our new members that didn't know when we have a jam session we also have a potluck and you are all invited. Just bring a dish of some sort, salad, casserole or desert and plates, cups and silverware for your own family. The potlucks are not open to the public.

On June 13 a very fine potluck and jam session was held at Reedsport put on by Chairman Paul Williams and his wife Volma. It was a good thing they had a large building, as it was packed and we ran out of chairs. Paul asked Dorothy Houston to M.C. which she did a fine job of. We had many fiddlers and 2nds. We are sorry there just isn't enough room to list all that attended and played. Geri Virtue, Reporter

Fred Virtue has been having quite a time with bursitis, we hope you are feeling better and have that arm in condition by Canyonville time. It isn't so bad when you can't work, but when you can't fiddle. WOW.

DISTRICT #6

There will be a jam session and potluck on Sept. 12 at the new senior citizens building in Salem. To get there from the North or South use Market Street exit West to Capital Street, right on Capital to Erixon. Watch for sign on right.

Art and Elinor Wilson

The potluck and jam session went just fine at the Elk's Lodge in Cottage Grove, July 11. 20 Fiddlers and several accompanists kept things hopping about 3 hours. Delores Lakey and Jim O'Bryant exceed. Delores sang two numbers and Jim played a couple of numbers on the fiddle.

Several local fiddlers and other musicians have been playing at various affairs lately, trying to help finance the O'Bryants horse logging show trip to Washington, D.C. Many of the fiddlers and accompanists have been busy in District 6 entertaining at local functions.

David Boyd, Reporter

Message from our Secretary, Edna Yohey:

A number of things were discussed at the Board meeting in Cottage Grove. We were happy to see representatives from all of the active districts. The shows the Association plays for and the money we make at them is very important and everyone is urged to help if they can.

It was recommended the State Contest be held in Bend again. Motions were passed that the entry fee be dropped for members at the state contest and all sponsors be urged to drop entry fees for junior contestants and encouraged to furnish trophies for all juniors.

Everyone is urged to check with the Coordinator, Evelyn Walter, when planning fiddling events.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Warwick Camp-out.

DISTRICT #7

Monday evening, June 28, our fiddlers and accompanists went to Barnes Veterans Hospital and entertained. Sunday, July 18, our fiddlers were asked to play for an Antique Airplane Club picnic at the Evergreen Airport in Vancouver. Several fiddlers and accompanists came to make music--Thanks to one and all. Later that afternoon we went to a park in downtown Vancouver and played for an Arts & Craft show. Everyone seemed to really enjoy our music.

I'd like to remind everyone to come to the Lloyd Center August 24, on a Tuesday evening where we have been asked to play from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Let's try and make up a real good show for them. Also, on August 21 at 12:00 noon on your way to Polk County fair in Rickreall, if you can find the time, stop and help the fiddlers in Aurora who are playing for Aurora BiCentennial Days.

I had a card from Fred Hildebrandt and he is having a good time and is looking forward to jamming with us again when he gets back.

Bob Fast, Chairman

DISTRICT #8

Several of our fiddlers and accompanists rode in the Willamina Parade on July 3rd and in the McMinnville Parade on July 4th. Some of our members attended the jam ses-

sion and meeting at Cottage Grove. Good turnout of officers. Hope to see you all at the N. Howell Grange Hall on Aug. 8. Doors open at 10:00 AM-Potluck at noon.

Bea Smith, Reporter

OREGON DISTRICTS

1. Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur County
2. Baker, Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow and Grant County
3. Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook and Deschutes County
4. Douglas, Jackson and Josephine County
5. Curry, Coos, Western part of Lane and Benton County
6. Eastern part of Benton and Lane County and Linn County
7. Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Washington, Columbia and Clatsop County
8. Tillamook, Yamhill and Polk County

Letter of Appreciation from the
APPELEGATE PIONEER MUSEUM

(These benefits were held to help Jim
O'Bryant get his logging horse show to
Washington, D.C.)

Oregon Old Time Fiddle Association
Dear Edna Yohey:

Thank you for your letter. We already owe a special "thank you" to members of your association who donated talent, time and money to participate on May 22nd for West Lane Senior Citizens Pot Luck and on June 12th at Elmira Grange Box Supper and Social. They are: David and Poco Boyd, Paul and Delores Lakey, Stan and Addie Gonshoroski, Ben Moore, Bruce Tomlin, Earl and Elsie Willis and Bill Wilt. Of course Jim O'Bryant played too.

Other activities already planned will be a dance June 26th at Crow Grange sponsored by our organization. Rick Miller and band will play. A music benefit show sponsored by Wallace Bloom using dancing bands and some fiddlers he has invited will be held on June 27th at Crow Grange Hall starting at 1:00 PM. It would be a bit too much to sponsor any more benefits in this area as most of the people have contributed at one or more of these events. Thank you for your offer and for the help already recieved from some of the members.

Sincerely,
Virginia Nelson