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COMING EVENTS

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Mar 5	Contest	Ballad Town U.S.A.	Forest Grove, Or	
Mar 6	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Cottage Grove, Or	4&6
Mar 18 & 19	State Convention	Lane Co. Fairgrounds	Eugene, Oregon	
Mar 18 & 19	Fiddle Show	Show & Workshop	Tonino, Wash.	
Mar 26	Jam Session	Old Siuslaw School	Florence, Or	6
Apr 8 & 9	Northwest Regional Contest	Trent Grade School	Spokane, Wn	
Apr 9	Jam Session	Community Building	Reedsport, Or	5
Apr 17	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Talent, Or	4
Apr 23	Jam Session	Henley High School	Klamath Falls, Or	1
May 8	Jam Session		Central Point, Or	4
May 22	Jam Session		Gold Beach, Or	5
May 28	State Contest	High School	Bend, Oregon	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GOODBYE - AU REVOIR - SO LONG - AH VEDERZANE

This is the last message that I will be writing as President of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Assn. I want you all to know that it has been a real pleasure to serve you. I am sure that I have made some mistakes, but hopefully I have helped in some small way and I will in the future if I can. I have met many fine people and have had all the help and co-operation that anyone could ask for.

I would like to thank all of the people that worked with me and I would like to thank all of you for letting me be your President. I wish the very best to all of you.

Jim Secor

SPECIAL MESSAGES ON COMING EVENTS

Please note the change of date of our State Contest. The school was unable to change their events around so we could have our contest at the usual time but this may work out better for the people that have further to come. Possibly someone living in the Bend - Redmond area could find a large campsite where we could all congregate and could have a nice jam on Sunday after the contest. It is something to think about.

This week-end, March 6th is the Fiddle Contest in Forest Grove, Or. Hope to see you all there. Sign up at Floyd's Music Store from 10:00 until 12:00.

N.W. Regional Contest *****
Apr. 8 & 9

Any contestants residing in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, N & S Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and the area lying west of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba borders in Canada may enter. Limited to one category only. Junior- Juniors must be under 13 years of age, Juniors must be under 18 years of age. Seniors must be at least 65 years of age and

ladies must be at least 18 years of age. General Contest must be at least 18 years of age and may be of either sex. Entrance fee for the general is \$10.00, junior-juniors-\$4.00 and all others are \$5.00. Accompanist fee is \$3.00 for best-liked accompanist and there will be a prize trophy. Anyone wishing to register in advance make checks payable to Old Time Fiddlers, District #2 and send to Midge Johnson, E. 1405 Central, Spokane, Wa 99207.

Junior-juniors, juniors, seniors and ladies will play on Friday, April 8th beginning with the junior-juniors at 8:00 AM. Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM will be the General Div.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM MRS. LILLIAN MACK & FAMILY

To members and friends of the Hoedowner: My family and I would like to express our thanks to all, for the get well cards, sympathy cards, flowers, phone calls, money, and your prayers during the illness and death of my husband, also the kind expressions and that beautiful tribute by Minnie Bennett.

Thank you all, Lillian Mack & Family

DISTRICT #1

Saturday night, Feb. 5th we had our monthly meeting and dinner, a good turnout and good music. We had our election of Officers: Chairman - Les Tucker, Co-Chairman- Irene Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer - Loyd Jenson. Irene Ruddock was appointed reporter. I'm sure they will all do a fine job.

Homer McLain, a very popular fiddler from Lakeview, did a great job as chairman and had lots of help from Les Tucker, co-chairman. Keith Wells was a real fine secretary for 2 years. They all deserve a vote of thanks from the district for a job well done.

We had some district awards by ballot vote. Most improved fiddler award went to Jack Pollick, Merrill. Most improved accompanist to Anne Johnson, Merrill. Most enthused associate, Louise Pollick, Merrill.

Feb. 13th our fiddlers and accompanists entertained at 2 nursing homes. Special note - We are having a State Jam Session here at Klamath Falls on April 23rd, Saturday night, potluck and jam session, Details in the April Hoedowner. Plan to come! There will be overnight camper parking available to anyone with self-contained trailers.

Next meeting and potluck at Villa West Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 2241 Green Springs Drive, Klamath Falls, Or. This will be Saturday night March 12th. Potluck at 6:30 PM. Bring table service. See you there!

Lee Eddy, reporter

DISTRICT #4

We had our monthly jam session at Umpqua High School Auditorium on the 13th of Feb. The election of officers went very smoothly. Al Tester - Chairman; Phil Simmons-co-chairman; Doreen Wickelman - sec-treas; Stolla Neathammer - Historian and publicity; June Gardner - Kitchen chairman; Fred Samples - sound system custodian and operator; Martha Warwick - emcee, program chairman and reporter. All were elected un-animously.

District 4 wants to thank the past officers and all their willing helpers for a job well done. The turnout for this election jam session was very special. All of our familiar faces were there except a few who are vacationing away from here and there were representatives from districts 5, 6 & 7. We had 33 fiddlers and 26 seconds. Certainly oldtime fiddling will never die with turnouts like this! After the show there was dancing for about an hour and a half.

There is no scheduled jam session for March for district 4. We voted to attend the other scheduled jam sessions in our neighboring districts and to turn out for the

convention. The next scheduled jam session is at Talent on April 17th with the usual potluck, bring your own service. Doors open to the public at 1:00 PM. May 8th jam session-potluck will be at Central Point. See you at the convention!

Martha Warwick, reporter

DISTRICT 5

We had a good jam at Coquille Community Bldg on Feb. 20th. A good turnout with 20 fiddlers and about 10 accompanists. Many districts were present and the fiddling was enjoyed by all. We had our business meeting and all officers were re-elected, Chairman - Paul Williams, Co-chairman - Les McCloud, Sec-Treas - Barbara McCloud, Emcee - Al Lively, Kitchen Chairman - Jane Dallisonand, Ruth Storm. Geri Virtue is reporter.

Many things going on in our district, on March 26th at the VFW Hall in Bandon, the fiddlers are asked to play starting at 6:00 PM for the Bandon Breakers C.B. Club, coffee will be served. On April 1st the fiddlers have been asked to play at the Lyons Club in Langlois, 7:00 PM located in the Fire Hall. There will be a jam session on April 9th at the Reedsport Community Building. May 22nd we will have a jam session in Gold Beach, more in the April Hoedowner.

DISTRICT 6

We had an extra good jam session at the Moose Hall in Lebanon, January 23rd. The place was packed wall to wall with musicians and those who came to listen. A good get-together like this makes one appreciate belonging to the Old Time Fiddlers Assn.

David Boyd, reporter

On March 26th District 6 has been asked to have a jam session in Florence, Oregon. There will be a Box Lunch Social (Auction to all you young folks) to raise money for the local GB Club. This is a voluntary group that have been patrolling the Florence area checking on beach and lake summer homes. There has been so much vandalism in the area that this group volunteered to patrol. They are putting this on, trying to raise money for gas only. This will be held in the old school building (Siuslaw Grade School) behind the Savings and Loan off the main highway. It is on the left side going south. School will be open at 12:00, Auction at 1:00 PM. Jam Session to follow.

Jim O'Bryant, Chairman
District 6

DISTRICT 7

Feb. 6th was a nice day for our jam session at Warner Grange. Our thanks to all the fiddlers and accompanists who came to make up a nice program and we had several nice specials.

We had our annual election of officers and Ed Moad is our new chairman, Fred Hildebrandt is co-chairman. Mona Luczycki was re-elected secretary. Reporter has not been appointed as yet.

Thanks to all of you for your help and support this past year. It has been a lot of fun and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Bob East, Chairman

Attention all Fiddlers:

The conductor of the "Salem Pops Orchestra", a 55 piece ensemble, Russ Wittmer, would very much like for the OOTFA to perform as a group during their concert in the Gymnasium of the new high school in Woodburn, scheduled for Monday, April 11th at 8 PM. Duration of the Fiddlers' appearance is set for 15 minutes and Mr. Wittmer will fit us in during the program. All fiddlers who are free and able to come, please plan on being there at 7:30 PM and use side entrance to the gym. The new Woodburn high school is located on the left-hand side going east, one block past the old Woodburn High, on the Woodburn/Molalla Hwy #211.

Also a repeat performance is being requested for Friday, May 6th at the Armory, Salem Fairgrounds, time 8:00 PM. All fiddlers who plan to attend, please be at the

Armory at 7:30 PM and use side entrance. We're sincerely hoping for a good turnout of the fiddlers. There will be a piano at both locations.

Mona Luczycki, Sec-Treas.

DISTRICT 8

We had a capacity crowd at our January jam session at Buell Grange. We had a great potluck dinner and a really good program with 19 fiddlers and many accompanists. All enjoyed an hour of dancing. Seventeen of our members attended a potluck lunch Birthday party Feb. 5th for Dave Robinson, lots of good music and singing was enjoyed by all. Several of our members entertain at rest homes every weekend.

We're looking forward to the convention at Eugene, see you all there.

Bea Smith, Reporter

OUR FIDDLER OF THE MONTH

FRED HILDEBRANDT

Fred Hildebrandt was born on October 1, 1908 in Rosalia, Washington, which is a little south of Spokane. Fred started violin lessons at the age of 7 in Spokane and played in the grade school orchestra. Fred moved to Portland at the age of 12 where he continued with his music playing in the high school orchestra and with different groups at dances and other types of entertainment. He continued playing after he got out of school.

Fred married Ellen on September 27, 1928 in Vancouver, Washington. They lived in Portland a few years, then moved to Olympia, Washington, where he worked in a veneer plant. The depression came and he came back to Portland where he worked as a blacksmith for the Union Pacific for 10 years and then for Multnomah County for 25 years until his retirement in 1973. He and Ellen have two daughters, Maxine who lives in Portland and Norene who lives in Washington, D.C.

Fred took up fiddlin when he attended his first jam session back in 1966 or 1967. The first jam session he can remember attending was at the old Lents Grange Hall, where he and Bill Wilson signed up. Since he has been an active member, he has played for several senior citizens groups, the veterans hospital, retired citizens homes and for anyone that will ask his "Fred's Fiddlin Gang." Fred is the proud owner of several trophies which he has won in contests in and around the state. He has placed 5th in the Senior Division at Weiser and 2nd in the Oregon State contest. Fred enjoys fiddlin and will do so whenever asked.

***** Minnie Bennett, Historian

Following are the winners of the Clark College Contest on February 19, 1977.

	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
1-	James Mason	Clarence Norberg	Bob Fast	Paul Anastasia
2-	Randy Sloan	Fred Hildebrandt	LeRoy Sin	John Francis
3-	Cynthia Bartlett	Jim Calvert	Wayne Walter	Loretta Brank
4-				Carol Wheeler
5-				Vivian Williams
6-				Barbara Lamb
7-				Sam Sloan