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COMING EVENTS

				Dist.
May 1	Jam Session	Elmira Grange	Elmira, Ore	6
May 6 & 7	Contest	Vert Auditorium	Pendleton, Ore.	
May 8	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Central Point, Ore.	4
May 14	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Bay City, Ore.	7
May 22	Jam Session	VFW Hall	Gold Beach, Ore.	5
May 22	Jam Session	Buell Grange	Buell, Ore.	8
May 28	State Contest	High School	Bend, Ore.	
June 12	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Wimer, Ore.	4
June 21-25	National Contest	High School	Weiser, Idaho	
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR NATIONAL CONTEST				
July 29	Jam Session	Wooden Nickel Days	Myrtle Creek, Ore	5
July 30	Contest	High School	Drain, Ore.	4
Aug. 27	Contest	High School	Canyonville, Ore.	
Aug. 28 thru Labor Day	- Campout -	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Ore.	4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

First, a warm welcome to all our new recent member additions! I know you will enjoy being a part of the OOTFA.

As you all know, the summer shows will soon be upon us and in line with this, and the excellent leadership which was provided for this activity last year, I have appointed Wayne Holmes to again be the Director of Summer Show Activities.

At Convention this year, it was decided that each District Chairman be responsible for notifying and assuring a good musician turnout at the Fairs and Shows being held in their respective districts. Wayne will be in contact with the various Chairman to coordinate their shows.

Also, it is urged that the District Chairmen take part in MCing the shows - Wayne says he needs a break and the help!

Our Vice-President, LeRoy Sims and I will be getting together very soon to review our proposed activities for the coming year, and since we will need a lot of help and advice, you will soon hear from both of us.

John Melnichuk

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT: Greetings,

Would like to let all know who are going to Bend for the State Contest, that friends of ours run a motel in Bend and they would like to accomodate as many as they have room for. They have said we can jam all night if we want to. Also they have some parking for self-contained campers. Tell them the Sims Family sent you and get a 10% discount. The Place: Len Blank's Plaza Motel, 1430 Hill St., Bend, Or 97701 Phone No. 382-1621 Proprietors are Frank & Betty Kelly. See you all at the State Contest.

LeRoy Sims

MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY:

No memberships will be taken after May 15th for free contestant entry for the State Contest. Only people who are actively working and contestants are admitted to the show. All others are general admission.

I've had a lot of inquiries about our district boundaries, so here is a list. You might save it for future reference.

- Dist. 1 - Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur Counties
- Dist. 2 - Grant, Baker, Wallowa, Union, Morrow and Umatilla Counties
- Dist. 3 - Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Jefferson, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco Counties. District 1 & 2 are inactive.
- Dist. 4 - Jackson, Josephine and Douglas Counties
- Dist. 5 - Curry, Coos and west of the Coast range of Douglas and Lane Counties
- Dist. 6 - Lane, Linn and Benton Counties
- Dist. 7 - Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Columbia, Clatsop & Washington Co.
- Dist. 8 - Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Lincoln and Tillamook Counties

Also please when sending in events, please include the address and if possible brief directions to the hall.

Edna Yohey

CONTEST NEWS AND REVIEWS

SPOKANE NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONTEST RESULTS

Junior-Juniors

- 1 Randy Sloan
- 2 Mitchell O'connor
- 3 Don Hodge
- 4 Brad Hall
- 5 Viki Schudel

Open

- 1 John Frances
- 2 Paul Anastasio
- 3 Sam Sloan
- 4 Willard Firch
- 5 Sheila Wright
- 6 Patsy Mercer
- 7 Harry Johnson
- 8 Ed Sweigert
- 9 Dale Lake
- 10 Arvid Lundin

Juniors

- 1 Doug Thomas
- 2 Mike Parsons
- 3 Brian Gaude
- 4 Donna Johnson
- 5 Wayne Wagner
- 6 James Mason
- 7 Tony Ludiker
- 8 Mark Bowen

Seniors

- 1 Clarence Norberg
- 2 Hank Bell
- 3 Fred Hildebrandt
- 4 Howard Gipe
- 5 Archie Cleven
- 6 Don Maahs
- 7 Montie Stephens
- 8 Lyman Rogers

Ladies

- 1 Carol Ann Wheeler
- 2 Doretta Picavet
- 3 Patty Goude
- 4 Nancy Lehmen
- 5 Cindy Grundy

Best Liked Accompanist
Dottie Brown

Average Fiddler
Clare Lundin

FIDDLE CONTEST - ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

The best in the Northwest. Folks come, see and hear the champions defend their titles in the Ellensburg Fiddle Contest. To be held in the Morgan Jr. High School, Saturday the 14th day of May at 1:00 and 7:00 PM. Donation \$2.50 for adults. Students & Sr. Citizens \$1.50.

FIDDLERS CONTEST DELOWNA, B.C.

The Okanagan Valley Championship Oldtime Fiddlers Contest, sponsored by the B.B.O. Elks Lodge #52, Kelowna, B.C. will be held in the Centennial Hall, Rutland on May 21 and 22. Playdowns on Saturday May 21 at 1:00 PM sharp. Everyone is asked to please be there on time. Finals starting at 2:00 PM sharp on Sunday May 22. There will be a pre-contest dance on Friday May 20th at 8:30 PM in the Centennial Hall, Rutland. Any fiddler arriving in time for the dance, if he is willing to play a few numbers, will be admitted to the dance free. There will also be some free bar tickets for the fiddlers. Fiddlers fees will admit the fiddler and one other person to the contest. Deadline for entry form and fees Thursday May 19 at 6:00 PM. If further information is required, please contact our co-ordinator Mr. Frank Kochie, 467 Municipal Ave. Penticton, B.C. V2A 2RS Phone 492-8407.

INTERNATIONAL OLDTIME FIDDLERS CONTEST, BOTTINEAU, NO. DAKOTA

The 2nd annual International Oldtime Fiddlers Contest will be held June 10th and 11th at the International Peace Garden located on the border between the United States and Canada, 10 miles north of Dunseith, N. Dakota on US Hwy 281 and 15 miles

south of Boissevain, Manitoba on Manitoba Hwy 10. Judges will be Joe Pancerczewski, Enumclaw, Wn, Bob Steinborn, Swift Current, Sask. Canada and Willard Ferch, Melstone, Mon. There will be an open, senior, ladies and junior division. Applications have to be in by May 15th to International Oldtime Fiddlers Contest, Box 328, Bottineau, N. Dakota 58318.

CENTRUM, FOR WORDEN STATE PARK, PORT TOWNSEND, WA 98368

Centrum presents a full summer season of arts workshops, festivals and special events. For it's fourth and most ambitious summer arts season, Centrum has scheduled a series of arts workshops and festivals. Particularly interesting to the OOTFA will be a Fiddle Tunes Festival July 4th to July 10th, this will include an old timey fiddle, banjo and band contest and concert on July 8 & 9, 1977. Anyone interested please contact Edna Yohey as she has several brochures, showing campsites, motels, and location of the park and contest application.

The second annual Heritage Days Old Time Fiddlers Contest will be held in Clatskanie, Oregon on July 2, 1977. Complete information will be in the June Hoedowner.

DISTRICT 4 NEWS:

District #4 has been especially busy this April. The fiddlers have played at their usual nursing homes, for the senior citizens center, several clubs, a trailer park, at private get-togethers and at a very special party on April 2nd. Hank and Beulah Wobbe were married 50 years. District #4 fiddlers plus many of Wobbes' friends, some from the midwest who were at their wedding, and some from California and elsewhere. All in all there were about 250 people there. Hank and Beulah were surprised right up until they got close to the hall at Talent and saw all the fiddlers' cats there. Certainly no one could have eaten another bite nor danced another step when the party ended. Fun! Fun!

Please correct the place of the May jam session. It will be held in Central Point not Talent on May 8th. Potluck at 11:30 with a short business meeting. Doors open to the public at 1:00 PM.

Our regular monthly jam session was held in Talent on April 17th. We had many fiddlers and seconds. A packed house and lots of good music. On April 24th our fiddlers along with many others from other districts, traveled to Yreka. Ralph Dias hosted this one with his usual graciousness. A good time was had by all.

June 12th our jam session will be at Wimer. Ralph and Laura Hoester will host this one. There will be a potluck, a short business meeting with doors open to the public at 1:00 PM. July 29th is Wooden Nickel Days at Myrtle Creek. There will be a program very similar to a jam session only it will be in the evening. Money earned to apply to our P.A. system. Saturday, July 30th will be the Drain Contest. August 27th Canyonville Contest. August 28th thru Labor Day, Campout.

Martha Warwick

DISTRICT 5 REPORTS

District 5 invites all fiddlers to Florence for the Lions Benefit on May 7th. The Lady Lions will serve coffee and finger food for the fiddlers at 6:00 PM. Fiddlers will start playing for the dance at 7:00 PM. This will be held at the Florence Jr. High. The fiddlers will donate their music for the dance. There will be a \$1.00 donation for adults and \$.50 for children. The proceeds will go to the Lions Sight Program.

There will be a jam session at Gold Beach VFW hall on May 22nd. Doors open at 10am potluck at 12 noon with a short business meeting before doors open at 1pm to the public. Camping will be available for self-contained campers and trailers only.

Reedsport had a pretty good turnout with 11 fiddlers and almost that many accompanists. There was a special with Tom Scott, who is an 80 year young pianist from Sunnyville, Ca. He brought the house down with his playing. A grand time was had by everyone.

Geri Virtue

DISTRICT 6 NEWS:

The jam session at Sweet Home in the lovely Elks' Club, with it's spectacular view of the snow-packed Cascades, was a great success. A large enthusiastic and generous

audience listened to twenty fiddlers and a few hard working accompanists during the afternoon plus an added treat of 5 special acts.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to belong to such a friendly, fun loving, and dedicated group as the OOTFA is. Sincerely, Poco Boyd

DISTRICT 7 NEWS:

A small group of fiddlers and accompanists played Saturday evening, April 23rd at the Warner Grange for a CB Radio club. They served a spaghetti dinner for all who played and their spouses. We played all together for dancing instead of individual playing. Thanks to all of you who came and helped out.

The Washington Fiddlers again invited the Oregon fiddlers to their next jam session on May 14th. Potluck at 6:00 PM. Music starting at 8:00 PM. This will be held at the Yacolt Grange hall. Take Battleground exit to Battleground. Follow the Yacolt signs. Grange is located approximately 2 miles south of Yacolt. They will try to have signs out.

This is a newly formed group that is not part of the WOTFA. They have been performing once a month in and around the Vancouver area and have had an excellent turnout.

Penny Mead

There will be a jam session at the Grange Hall in Bay City on May 14th. This is between Garibaldi and Rockaway on the Oregon Coast. To get there from the south, turn right at the blinking light in Bay City, go one block turn left, go one block and turn left on B street, which is by the fire hall. The community hall is green and the library is on one side and the city hall on the other. Coming from the north turn left at the blinking light. The rest of the turns are the same as from the south. If anyone gets lost call Vi or Rusty Modrell. The potluck will be in the evening at 6:00 PM with doors open to the public at 7:30. Hall will open at 3:00 PM for anyone that would like to jam in the afternoon. Dancing to follow after individual playing. Please bring own table service. Their phone number is 355-2587.

DISTRICT 8 NEWS

Our own local group have been busy with get-togethers at our homes. That's lots of fun, do love to have them come. Nell Turner, Gus Pearson, Allen Smith, Lee Jones and Carlton Smith played March 27th in Sheridan for the patients at the rest home. They were well received and want them to come again soon, good therapy on both sides, both enjoyed it very much.

We will have a jam session, May 22nd at Buell Grange. Hall opens at 10:00 AM, noon potluck and program at 1:00 PM. Hope to see all of you there or at the State Contest at Bend.

Bea Smith

DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

District #1 fiddlers group has had a very busy schedule this month. Our regular meeting was held at Lorella, Ore. There was a very good turnout of fiddlers and visitors. We played for 4 nursing homes and 2 lodges this month.

Our next regular meeting will be held at Keno, Oregon in the Keno School - Potluck at 6:30 - Bring own table service. Public invited at 8:00. The date is May 14th.

Our State jam was a real success with about 500 people attending. We wish to thank all the fiddlers and accompanists from the other district who came to help us make this jam a success.

Irene Ruddock-Reporter
Klamath Falls, Oregon