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COMING EVENTS

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July 2	Contest	Grade School	Clatskanie, Oregon	
July 4	Jam Session	Lithea Fairgrounds	Ashland, Oregon	4
July 10	Picnic & Jam	Blue Lake Park	Troutdale, Oregon	7
July 17	Jam Session	Buell Grange	Buell, Oregon	8
July 22-23	Contest	High School Gym	Jóseph, Oregon	
July 23	Jam Session	Thurston Grange	Eugene, Oregon	6
July 24	Jam & State Mtg	Elks Lodge	Roseburg, Oregon	4
July 29	Jam Session	Wooden Nickel Days	Myrtle Creek, Oregon	5
July 29	Show	Downtown Mall	Eugene, Oregon	6
July 29-30	Contest	Community Center	Baker, Oregon	
July 30	Contest	High School	Drain, Oregon	4
Aug. 12-13	Show	Fairgrounds	Corvallis, Oregon	6
Aug. 19	Show	Fairgrounds	Canby, Oregon	7
Aug. 20	Show	Fairgrounds	Rickreall, Oregon	8
Aug. 27	Contest	High School	Canyonville, Oregon	4
Aug. 28-Sept 5	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Oregon	4

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUMMER SHOW DIRECTOR

Calling all fiddlers and accompanists: It's time again to mark your calendar for the Shows our Association puts on every summer. These shows bring in over a thousand dollars to our treasury. If you haven't yet participated in this worthwhile project, take time to do it this year. District Chairmen, take note of the district in which a show is being held. If it is in your district, it is your responsibility to see to it that enough fiddlers and accompanists turn out to insure a good show. This will prevent the unequal distribution of musicians which has sometimes happened in the past. At some shows we've had too few, and at others more than we could handle.

Any fiddlers who plan to attend the Drain Contest July 30, who plan to be in the area the day before, please consider coming to the Eugene Mall Friday, July 29 from 6 to 8 pm.

Wayne Holmes

Here's the list of summer shows:

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Eugene Mall Show	Downtown Mall, Eugene	Friday, July 29 6-8 p.m.
Benton County Fair Show	Fairgrounds, Corvallis	Friday, August 12 Eve show (about 5-7) and Sat., August 13, afternoon (about 2:30 or 3 to 4:30 or 5)
Clackamas County Fair Show	Fairgrounds, Canby	Friday, August 19 An afternoon show at about 3 and an evening show at about 7:30
Polk County Fair Show	Fairgrounds, Rickreall	Saturday, August 20 One evening show about 7:30 or 8 p.m.

Please remember that the chairman in each of the above districts is responsible for seeing there are enough fiddlers and accompanists at each show to provide entertainment for approximately 2 hours.

Dear Association Members:

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At long last the Oregon Old-Time Fiddling Project is about to produce some results. A photographic exhibit is about to start touring the state of Oregon, through the Statewide Services agency of the University of Oregon Art Museum. The exhibit will include about 70 photographs, and all participants in the project, as well as many other members of OCTFA will find their pictures there. Travelling with the exhibit will be several interesting and unusual fiddles, mostly from Lane County, Douglas County and Jacksonville museum collections. The exhibit will be accompanied by tapes of fiddle music from the project collection.

Right now, the exhibit is scheduled tentatively to open in Roseburg on Sunday, Aug 14, and in Jacksonville Thursday Sept 1. I am working with the museum directors and Martha Warwick to plan some specially scheduled jam sessions to celebrate the openings of the exhibit at those two museums, which have given much support to the project, and to make sure the fiddlers get a chance to see the exhibit.

The Roseburg session will be pretty much like Roseburg jam sessions always are: a good time at the fairgrounds on a Sunday afternoon. George Abdill, director of the Douglas County museum will be a special guest, and will formally open the exhibit at the jam session. The exhibit will stay at Roseburg for two weeks. After that it will move on to Jacksonville for another two-week period. The Jacksonville opening will take place the Thursday of campout week, if all goes as planned. So we're hoping a good crowd of fiddlers can go over from Warwick's to help celebrate this event. Bill Burk, director of the Jacksonville Museum, will be with us to open the exhibit.

All this is still a bit tentative, so look for confirmation of these plans in the August Hoedowner. Lane County Pioneer Museum will also hold an opening celebration, probably on a Sunday afternoon in late September. That will take care of all the special openings at museum involved in the project. But one other possibility remains: Michael Whitenack, director of Statewide Services, is trying to schedule the exhibit at the state capitol in Salem. If that happens, we'll probably be invited to give a special performance there (fiddling in the Rotunda!). Then the exhibit will continue to travel all over Oregon, to large and small towns, libraries, museums, schools, community centers, etc., for the next two years.

See you at the jam sessions --

Linda Danielson

YOUR ALL WELCOME!

Rosin up your bows and tune your fiddles for the 5th annual Old-Time Fiddlers Contest of the North Douglas County Fair at Drain, Oregon, July 28-30 will be the weekend that you can plan to take home your share of prize money. We are anxious for your return and expect the fiddling contest to be a high-light event of the fair.

John Kilburn

P.S. Quit Fiddlin'-around and come to the fair!

Fair-Board Chairman

CONTEST - Sat. July 30th - Drain, Ore. - High School Gym. Registration: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.-Draw for place. Emcee: Wayne Holmes. Judges: Don Loring, John Melnichuk and Wayne Walter. Entry Fees: Jr.-\$1.00, Sr.-\$2.00, Inter.-\$3.00, Open-\$4.00. Preliminaries: 1:30 pm -- Finals: 7:00 pm.

Junior Contest (18 and under) 1st - \$15.00; 2nd - \$10.00; 3rd - \$5.00. Plus trophies.

Senior Contest (65 and over) 1st - \$20.00; 2nd - \$15.00; 3rd - \$10.00. Plus trophies.

Intermediate (Any fiddler not placed in top five of any State or Regional contest)
1st - \$35.00; 2nd - \$30.00; 3rd - \$25.00; 4th - \$20.00. Plus trophies.

Open Contest (Any fiddler-Any age) 1st-\$50.00; 2nd-\$45.00; 3rd-\$40.00; 4th-\$35.00 plus trophies.

Only one division may be entered.

Weekend camping and jamming at the Eldon Powell residence. Looking forward to seeing you.
Etta Powell - Contest Chairman

BAKER COUNTY CONTEST:

Sponsored by the Bakery & Baker Rotary Club, Community Center, Grove and Campbell Street, Baker, Or. July 29-30 1977. Registration Friday 29th, 3PM to 6:30 PM. Contest starts at 7 PM. Senior and Baker County division eliminations and Senior and Baker county divisions finals. Presentation of prizes and trophies for these two divisions. Saturday registration 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM July 30th. Contest starts at 1:00 PM.

Juniors, Intermediate and open division eliminations. Finals for Junior division. Presentation of prizes and trophies for the junior division. Saturday evening beginning at 7 PM will be the finals for the intermediate and open divisions. Dance will follow, with music by the fiddlers and accompanists.

Also on Sept. 3rd at 7 PM we will have a fiddlers show at Halfway, Or. in the High School in conjunction with the Baker County Fair. Everyone welcome.

OMAHA OPEN CONTEST:

August 26 thru 28th 1977 at the Civic Auditorium, Omaha, Neb. with Vic Gutman as event coordinator and Laurier Birginal as contest chairman. All fiddlers and accompanying musicians will be eligible to participate in the Omaha Open, according to the following divisions: Senior division, for musicians 65 years of age and older; Junior division, for under 18 years of age, Ladies division, Open division and Back-up division for all accompanists. You may enter only one division.

The purpose of the contest is to offer a national forum in which musicians of various backgrounds can compete and to provide the musicians and general public with a stomping good time! The Omaha Open will award \$10,000 in cash and trophies to the winning musicians. Three experienced judges will be hired from different parts of the country to jury the contest. No registration fee will be required to enter. There is also a reserved campground for contestants. Anyone wanting further information, please contact me, as there is a map available showing location of the campground.

NEWS RE: BENNY THOMASSON CONCERT:

Greenpeace, Oregon and Euphoria are proud to have in concert, Benny Thomasson. Also scheduled to perform at this time are Bob Force and Al d'Ossche, two fine dulcimer players. The benefit concert will be Sunday, July 10th at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$3.50, available at the door. Euphoria is located at 315 S.E. 3rd Ave. Over 21, please. All proceeds to Greenpeace. This is an organization to "Save the Whales."

WEISER NATIONAL CONTEST RESULTS

<u>Open</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
1. Herman Johnson	Fraser Moss	Sheila Wright	Mark O'Connor
2. Dick Barrett	Jim Pinkston	Patsy Mercer	Loretta Brank
3. John Francis	Hank Bell	Carol Ann Wheeler	Jana Jacoby
4. Jeff Pritchard	Cecil Johnson	Roberta Whiting	
5. Jr. Dougherty	Ed Graham	Francis Anderson	
6. Dwayne Youngblood			
7. Sam Sloan	<u>Best Fiddler</u>	<u>Fanciest Fiddler</u>	
8. Midker Davis	Rick Youngblood	Shelley Clark	
	<u>Fanciest Dressed Fiddler - Carol Ann Wheeler</u>		
	<u>Accompanists</u>		
<u>Jr -Jrs</u>	Elmer Satterfield		
1. Amy Kenny	Marshall Jackson		
2. Randy Sloan			
3. Michelle O'Connor			

DISTRICT #1 REPORTS

Our schedule has been full again this month. We played for the four nursing homes, the Youth Activities Barbecue, a benefit dance at Lorella, Oregon and The Church of God fund raising dinner.

The next big event is to play for the Klamath Sunshine Festival - July 4th - from 1 - 4 pm. Hope to see as many old time fiddlers there as possible to give the public a real jam session. Admission free, donations accepted. It is to be held in the indoor arena at the Klamath County Fair Grounds.

Our next regular meeting will be held in Lakeview, Oregon, July 9th in the Memorial Hall - Court House. Business meeting at 6:30, Pot luck 7 pm. Bring own table service. See you there.

Irene Ruddock, Reporter

DISTRICT #4 REPORTS

There will be a jam session at Roseburg on Sunday July 24. Chairman, Al Tester and Bud Bishop have made arrangements for the Elks Ballroom. It's air-conditioned. Doors

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will open at 10 AM. Potluck at 11:30 AM. Jam begins at 1 PM. Proceeds of this jam will help pay off the new P.A. system for district 4. Dorothy O. Houston

John Melnichuk has asked that this will also be a state board of directors meeting. Meeting will be held at 10:30 AM in the Elks Lodge. Location will be announced there. Committee Chairmen, chair ladies or assistants, please bring your reports with you. Evelyn Walter, Editor.

We all had a fun day at our jam session on June 12th at Wimer. Laura and John Hoerster were to have hosted it, but John is in the hospital with a little heart problem. He is doing OK at this writing.

Our program of fiddlers, seconds and specials read almost the same as last month. We were honored to have our chairman and his wife stop by on his journey to Calif., for another medical exam. He played the base for a while and then just before he left he played his fiddle for us. We all wish Al Tester a happy and successful trip. Phil Simmons has called on some help since his health hasn't been just right of late. Hugh Samples has agreed to share the vice-chairmans chair with Phil. Thanks Hugh! July 17th will be cleaning up the campground. All are welcome who can help. Some are coming friday eve so they'll wake up here on saturday. We'll potluck sat. night. July 24 is a State Jam Session at Elks Ballroom in Roseburg. July 29, 7 PM is Wooden Nickle days at Myrtle Creek. Aug. 14 is a jam session again at Roseburg. This will be the dedication of all the hard work Linda Danielson has been doing the past two years. It will be at the Fairgrounds.

August 27th Canyonville Contest.

August 28 thru Sept 5th Campout. Sept 17th Grants Pass Fairground - playing for the Tops Convention. Sept 18th jam session at Rogue Comm. College - No potluck this month. Program starts at 1pm. Please come about 12:30. Hope you all had fun at Weiser, I'll make it one year. Martha Warwick, Reporter

We have again been asked to play at the Yreka Fairgrounds on Aug. 14 at 3PM on the Fairgrounds Mall for Senior Citizens Day. This is an annual event and I hope all of you can come and participate. Howard Jones, Reporter for Calif. section of District #4.

DISTRICT #6 REPORTS

You are invited to play at the Cottage Grove Bohemia Mining Days Celebration, July 16, 1977. There will be a jam session after the parade beginning around 2pm, also a fiddlers' show at 7:30pm. Please call or write to Deloris Lakey, Rt. 1 Box 288, Drain, Or. 97435, phone 836-2551, or Louise Sabin, 1030 Taylor Ave., Cottage Grove, Or 97424, phone 942-5635 after 5pm. before July 9 as they will need to know who is coming and will participate. Place of the jam and show will be given when you contact them. Free parking for campers & trailers will be provided at the new VFW Hall located on Hillside Drive. Also a potluck supper will be held for the fiddlers and families at 6pm at the VFW grounds. A meat dish & coffee, etc., will be furnished, bring own eating utensils. If coming to Cottage Grove from the north on freeway, take the London exit, turn left onto London Road, go over freeway, turn left onto Second road to left, VFW is located approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on Hillside Dr. If coming from south, take 1st Cottage Grove exit, continue on old highway 99 to Weyerhaeuser Mill - turn right off highway 99 at the mill onto Latham Rd, go to London Rd - turn left onto London Rd - go approx. 1 mile, turn right onto Hillside Dr just before going over freeway.

The OOTFA will receive a donation for this so it is urgent that as many as can show up. We want to put on a good show for these people. It is important to our organization to have these functions available to us each year. D. Lakey

There will be a jam session at Thurston Grange Hall on July 23rd starting at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7pm. Ladies from the grange hall will have coffee and food available. Let's make this a big one. Poco Boyd, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

Don't forget our picnic on July 10th at Blue Lake Park. The district will furnish the ham or chicken or whatever is available at the time plus watermelon. Bring deserts, salad and what have you, don't forget your instruments and let's make this a fun day. "DO YOUR THING" as they say. Penny Mead, Reporter

Mona Luczycki and the Canby-Molalla Gang have had a busy fiddling schedule in June enjoyed by all concerned. We have been playing at 3 nursing homes in Canby, Molalla

and West Linn. Also for a barn dance preview at the Senior Citizens Center in Oregon City and every week at the Butteville Community Center, also the Loaves & Fishes in Canby, plus jamming at our respective houses. Hope that everyone has a happy musical summer.

Mona Luczycki

DISTRICT 8:

Lots of activities going on these next three months. Hope our District 8 fiddlers and accompanists will turn out well for the upcoming fairs. Our local group rode in the Phil Sheridan Day's Parade, June 18th, plus two fiddlers from District 7. Thanks for helping us out. The large crowd seemed to enjoy the music. Our District 8 members that attended the State Contest at Bend, wish to thank the Chuck Daffern's for their hospitality and jam session on Friday night. The contest was great as usual. Our congratulations to our new state champion. Keep up the good work. We will have a jam session, July 17th at Buell Grange, doors open at 10 am, potluck at noon, program at 1 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Bea Smith, Reporter

FROM THE SECRETARY

Everyone who has paid their \$1.00 to me for the National Newsletter will receive it back in the August Hoedowner.

Edna Yohey