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COMING EVENTS

				DIST.
Aug. 12-13	Show Fairgrounds	Benton County	Corvallis, Or	6
Aug. 13	Show	Curry County Fairgrounds	Gold Beach, Or	5
Aug. 13	Jam Session	Fort Rock School	Fort Rock, Or	1
Aug. 14	Jam Session & Exhibit	- See below	Roseburg, Or	
Aug. 19	Show	Fairgrounds	Canby, Or	7
Aug. 20	Show	Fairgrounds	Rickreall, Or	8
Aug. 27	Contest	Canyonville School	Canyonville, Or	4
Aug. 27-Sept 5	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Or	4
Sept 1	Jam Session	Jacksonville Museum	Jacksonville, Or	4
Sept 3	State Meeting	Campout	Williams, Or	4
Sept 17	Jam Session		Talent, Or	4
Sept 23-24	Cranberry Festival & Potluck		Bandon, Or	5
Oct. 2	Jam Session	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Or	7
Oct. 2	Rogue Community College			4
Oct. 16	Jam Session		Coquille, Or	5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Thanks to all District Representatives for attending our Board meeting at Roseburg. We are making good progress on several of our committee assignments.

Bylaw Review Committee: Les Tucker, chairman, passed out copies of our Bylaws so all districts can review them. Please respond to Les no later than August 26 if you have ideas or suggestions for updating the bylaws.

Dues Structure Committee: Evelyn Walter was appointed Chairperson to head a committee to review our dues structure and make recommendations at our next Board meeting to be held Saturday at the Warwick Campout.

The time and place for our State Contest is still under review, however, this should be finalized shortly.

Our calendar of events this month is very full with shows and other activities pointing out the good response we are receiving throughout the state. Let's get out and support our organization at these events, and in turn have a great time!

John Melnichuk, President

SECRETARIES MESSAGE:

A number of things were discussed at the Board meeting in Roseburg. First was the State Contest, past and future. John and LeRoy are checking several locations and will make a decision right away so we can reserve a hall. LeRoy Sims asked that anyone with suggestions for the State Contest contact him. John Melnichuk is chairman for our convention, with Wayne Holmes as co-chairman. Contact one of them with suggestions for that.

Les Tucker is working on the by-law update. He asked that District chairmen talk to their members about changes and get their ideas to him by the third week-end in August so he can have them ready to present at the Board meeting, Sept. 3rd held at the Warwick Campout. The rules committees suggestions will be presented for a vote at the convention meeting. Membership was discussed with a possible change of structure. Possibly to have participating and non-participating members. Evelyn Walter is

to look into ways this could be worked out.

The \$1.00 checks are enclosed for those who had paid for the National Newsletter for 1977.
Edna Yohey, Secretary

OOTFA SPECIAL PROJECT:

Dates are confirmed for the Douglas County and Jacksonville Museum openings of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddling Project Exhibition. The show, consisting of photos and instruments, with background tapes of music recorded during the project, will be at the Douglas County Museum at the fairgrounds in Roseburg from August 14 through August 27. The opening will be celebrated with a co-ordinated Old-Time Fiddlers Association jam session at the museum Sunday, Aug. 14, at 1 pm. There will be no potluck that day since the museum has a no food and drink rule and there is no fairgrounds space available. Also, there is a rule against alcohol on the museum grounds.

The Jacksonville Museum opening will happen Sept. 1, a Thursday afternoon, at 1 pm. That is the week of the Warwick Ranch Campout, so we hope as many as possible of the fiddlers at the campout will go to Jacksonville for this jam session.

At each of the events, the fiddlers from within that county who were interviewed for the project will receive special recognition, so we especially hope those people will be there; and we hope that everyone else will be there who can come so we'll have a specially good show.

Linda Danielson

DRAIN CONTEST RESULTS

<u>Open</u>	<u>Intermediates</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
1. Dick Barrett	Jim Morris	Fred Hildebrandt	Jimmy Brown
2. Loretta Brank	Warren Baker	Van Southwood	Valarie Jeffers
3. Carol Ann Wheeler	LeRoy Sims	Clarence Davis	Mike Dukert
4. Guy Kinman	Everett Bennett		Tiffany Wheeler

Accompanists: 1st- June Secor 2nd- Stan Glisan 3rd- Eldon Powell
Mike Dukert won the drawing.

NEWS OF COMING CONTESTS HERE AND THERE

Canyonville Contest- Aug. 27, 1977

Contest Site- Canyonville Junior High Gym. Registration- 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

M.C.- Wayne Holmes Judges- Hugh Samples, LeRoy Sims, Bob Fast.

Preliminaries- 1:30 PM Finals- 7:00 PM

There will be a Junior-Junior Division, 12 years & younger, Entry fee- \$1.00

Junior Division, 13 to 18 years of age, Entry fee- \$2.00

Senior Division, 60 years and older, Entry fee- \$3.00

Intermediate Division, No Age Restriction, Any fiddler who has not placed in the top Twenty at Weiser and has not placed in the top Five of any State or Regional Contest. Entry fee- \$4.00

Men's Open Contest, No Age Restriction, Any male fiddler may enter. Entry fee- \$5.00.

Ladies Open Contest, No Age Restriction. Any female fiddler may enter. Entry fee is \$5.00.

Trophies will be awarded each place in addition to the prize money. A total of \$510.00 prize money is offered this year. Only one division may be entered.

The fiddlers have been asked to entertain on the stage in Pioneer Park between 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Saturday. I hope we can work this out because it is a good opportunity to advertise the evening show.

The CB Coffee Break will be held in Tri-City this year instead of Canyonville, so we should have plenty of parking space around the school. Bring your trailers and campers and come on down Friday evening. See you all then.

Jim and Cynn Deaton

OMAHA OPEN CONTEST:

August 26 thru 28, 1977 at the Civic Auditorium, Omaha, Neb. The contest will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hours of the contest will be from noon

until 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday and from 1:00 PM until evening on Sunday. The Civic Auditorium is located on 18th and Capitol Streets. The judges will be: Gene Wilhite from Brazil, Indiana, Mannie Shaw, Corral, Idaho and Reg Bouvette from Winnepeg, Canada. There is no cost to register and a registration form may be had by writing to Vic Gutman, 1615 Howard St. #1, Omaha, Neb. 68102. Camping is available. There is \$10,000.00 worth of prizes being offered. If anyone wants the brochure it is available here, just give me a call. Evelyn, 236-0628

For anyone wanting to go back to the Omaha Open there is an additional three-day event in Council Bluffs, Iowa Labor Day Weekend, Sept 2-3-4. There is a contest for just about anything you want to enter. Bluegrass Band Championship, Nat'l Gandy Dancer Championship, Mid-America Country Singer Championship, Country Combo Championship, Folk Singer Championship, Mid-America Fiddler Championship and many, many more. Anyone interested, the brochure is here. There is also free camping available.

DISTRICT 1:

August 13, 1977 District 1 will hold a regular jam session at Fort Rock at the Erwin Esklinn Building, Fort Rock School Campus. Meeting at 6:30, Potluck 7:00PM, Jam 8:00PM. Parking facilities for trailers and campers.

Another busy month for us. We received a nice trophy for First Place in the Musical Division float in the 4th of July parade. We played at the Sunshine Festival at the Fairgrounds the afternoon on the 4th and had a great turnout.

We wish to thank our Lakeview members for hosting a great jam session, July 9th. also, thanks to all the musicians from the other districts who helped make it a great success. Looking forward to seeing you at Fort Rock. Be sure and bring your table service.

Lois Tucker for Irene Ruddock, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

District 4 continues to have a busy summer. Every weekend and many week-days have been fiddling days. The fiddlers continue to play for rest homes, senior citizens, hospitals, etc. August promises to be just as busy. August 14th will be a jam session at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds in Roseburg. Dorothy Houston will be emcee. This will be a presentation of the material Linda Danielson has been collecting the past 3 years.

August 27th will be the Canyonville Contest. The usual workers will again do the duty. On Sunday we will all caravan to the campout. On Thursday, Sept. 1, there will be another presentation in Jacksonville of the material Linda has been collecting for Jackson County. Be sure to bring chairs to campout. See you in Canyonville.

Martha Warwick

Dear Friends, Fiddlers and Accompanists:

A great big THANK YOU each and everyone for all your support and help on the Cottage Grove Mining Days Celebration last weekend. It is people like you that help make these shows a HUGE success and from all the remarks and phone calls I have received it was one of the best. Your Performance all day was superb. A special thank you to the Sims Family and Guy Kinman for all your help and support. Each fiddler and accompanist in his, or her way helped to make a wonderful show. Our M.C.'s Wayne Holmes and Dorothy Houston did an outstanding job as usual. The Potluck supper was delicious and plenty of it (away went our diets). We have been asked to come back again next year. Hope all of you can make it then too. Those of you who missed it, missed a lot of fun.

Cottage Grove Program Directors,
Louise Sabin and Deloris Lakey

DISTRICT 5:

District 5 held their first July 4th picnic and was hosted by Frank and Margaret Makolandra, owners of Blue Jay Campground in Bandon. Turned out to be a beautiful day, with approximately 104 turning out to enjoy the music and food. Would like to thank Joe and Martha Schielbaur of Gold Hill for helping us out during the weekend. We hope to make this a yearly event.

CURRY COUNTY FAIR

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District 5 will appear in the parade at the Curry County Fair in Gold Beach on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 AM. Jam session at Exhibit Hall, Fairgrounds at 7pm. Sunday August 14, Free Barbecued Lamb Lunch at 12 noon. Jam session to follow at exhibit hall. These jams are set up for 2 hr sessions, but can continue longer. All participants will receive free admission to the fair.

Will be plenty of free camping places at the V.F.W. hall in Gold Beach from Fri to Sun., with the hall available for our own use for potlucks or whatever. Would like as many as possible to turn out to put on a good show for them.

Sept 24-25. Cranberry Festival in Bandon. The V.F.W. hall will be available for jamming on Sat. nite. Sept. 25(Sun) Potluck at noon, with jam session to follow at 1pm at Ocean Crest Grade School. Parking available at VFW hall and grade school. Hope to see you at these activities.

Gerri Virtue, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Deloris Lakey is a fireball! That's not news to those who know her - and most in the Association do. How lucky we are to "borrow" her on occasion from District 4. For the Bohemia Mining Days celebration at Cottage Grove she and her dedicated cohorts arranged for us an hour-long radio show, two performances at the High School, plus a float in the parade. The radio show kept the 4 telephones in the studio busy with requests, compliments and queries. The evening performances at the school was to a near capacity crowd of lively and appreciative fans. Both shows were well planned and professionally smooth thanks to the unified efforts of emcees, accompanists, fiddlers, specials and Deloris Lakey.

Some of us attended the Yachats Smelt Fry which is always fun. We enjoyed a good show and yummy food. We are looking forward to a productive summer. A sincere "Thank You" is in order from all the members for the tireless endeavors of those who make the association tick.

Poco Boyd

DISTRICT 7:

Our Fiddlers Picnic was a very enjoyable affair and the turnout was great. Thank you all for coming and a big thank you to the people who helped Ed and I put it together. Maybe we will do it again next year. It was great to see Valdimar Nelson and Carrie Sees out to the picnic. It is the first time they have joined us since he has been ill. Also along to join us and fiddle a liddle was our great old time fiddler and wife Bill and Berneda Weber. Really made the day worth while.

I would like to remind everyone about the Fair at Canby and Rickreall. We want everyone who can to be there to make it a good show. The time is 7pm. After the August rush is over we will get back to playing for a few nursing homes.

Penny Mead, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

July has been a busy month for our local fiddler group, with playing at the Rest Homes and house parties - keeps us busy. There was six of us who rode in the parade at Willamina on July 2nd. Cliff Robertson, Gus Pearson, Allen Smith, Bea & Carlton Smith, also Scott and Darlene Jones home on leave from the Air Force. We were very proud to receive the 1st place trophy - our hats are all a little tight these days. Our July 17th jam session was a success as usual with 17 fiddlers and many good accompanists, also had a special treat of hearing young Randy Sloan from Wn. favor us with several numbers, looks so easy to see him play. We won't have a jam session in August with the fairs and campout we'll be busy. See you at the Fair.

Bea Smith, Reporter

ATTENTION ALL FIDDLERS AND ACCOMPANISTS!

Would like to have as many of you as can possibly come to the Polk County Fair in Rickreall on August 20th at 7:30pm Fiddle Show. This is a paid show, so let's turn out and give them a good show. This is the way we raise our money for the State Association, so please come and participate.

Carlton Smith, Chairman Dist. #8

* There will also be an afternoon show at Canby on Friday at 2pm.