

# THE HOEDOWNER

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION  
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ISSUED 25th OF EVERY MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 1977

PRESIDENT-----	JOHN MELNICHUK	2944 Comice Dr.	Medford, Ore.	97501
VICE-PRESIDENT----	LEROY SIMS	1036 Main	Philomath, Ore.	97370
SEC. TREAS.-----	EDNA YOHEY	934 N. Davis	McMinnville, Ore.	97128
EDITOR-----	EVELYN WALTER	2735 S.E. 18th	236-0628 Portland, Ore.	97202

## COMING EVENTS

				Dist.
Sept. 17	Jam Session		Talent, Or	4
Sept. 18	Jam Session	Grange Hall	Buell, Or	8
Sept. 24-25	Cranberry Festival/Potluck		Bandon, Or	5
Oct. 2	Jam Session	Sunnyside Grange	Sunnyside, Or	7
Oct. 2	Jam Session	Rogue Comm. College	Roseburg, Or	4
Oct. 16	Jam Session		Coquille, Or	5

Lane County Pioneer Museum, at the Fairgrounds in Eugene, will host the last of three special jam sessions to celebrate openings of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddling Project exhibition. The exhibition, consisting of photos, tape recordings of music from the collecting project, and several interesting fiddles, will open at the Pioneer Museum on Sunday, Sept. 25th with a jam session at 1:00PM. There are no facilities for a potluck. The exhibition will remain open to the public during regular museum hours through Oct. 22. The Lane County fiddlers who participated in the project will receive special recognition at the jam session.

The exhibit opened with a jam session at Roseburg, in the Douglas County Museum, on Aug. 14th, and by the time the Hoedowner reaches us, it will have moved to Jacksonville, with a Thursday afternoon jam session on Sept. 1, during campout week. Hope to see you all there.

Linda Danielson

There will be a fiddler show in Grandview, Wa. at the Jr. High School end of west 2nd street. Afternoon show at 2:00 PM, evening show begins at 7:30. A.A.R.P. is the sponsor. There will be a dinner served to the fiddlers and families between shows. Dick Bain is the MC and Lou Herd the Co-ordinator. The show date is Sept. 17.

Hope to see all of you then. Any questions, please contact Betty Herd, Rt. 1 Box 1689, Grandview, WA. 98930 Telephone 509-882-2345.

## DISTRICT #1

August was a very busy month for District #1. We played for the Bonanza Parade, Bonanza Big Springs Park celebration, The Chiloquin trail ride and Chiloquin Parade, where we won First Place trophy. We also played for the Bly Mountain Volunteer Fire Department benefit "Chicken Chew", a trailer sales promotion and our usual four Nursing Homes.

Our jam session at Fort Rock was well received. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to our Fort Rock members for a job well done.

Tulelake Butte Valley Fair sponsoring a Fiddlers Contest, Sept. 11th. Judged by public acclaim at Tulelake, California. Time 1:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be at Malin Park, Sept. 18th for a FIDDLERS PICNIC at 1:30 PM. Lois Tucker for Irene Rudduck, Reporter

DISTRICT #4

We have not received a report from the Southern Oregon Fiddlers this month, so next month's report should be a whopper. We will have the winners of the Canyonville contest for you then if someone will just mail them to us.

DISTRICT #5

The Cranberry Festival will be held in Bandon on Sept. 24th & 25th. The VFW hall will be available for jamming Saturday night. Potluck will be at noon on Sunday the 25th with a jam session to follow at 1PM. This will be held at the Ocean Crest Grade School. Parking available at both the VFW hall and the grade school.

Oct. 16th will be our jam session and meeting to plan our annual Christmas Party.

We didn't have too big a turnout for the Curry County Fair but we had a lot of fun. Les McLeod, Clell Mason, Dave Pinkerton and Fred Virtue were the local fiddlers. Pat Kerr from North Fork, Idaho joined us and did a beautiful job. Joe and Martha Schielbaur from Gold Hill, Ore did a Banjo number. Everyone who came rode and played on the Fiddler's float. A grand time was had by all.

Geri Virtue, Reporter

DISTRICT #6

Dear Friends;

Thank you for helping to make 1977 North Douglas County Fair such a success.

The entertainment you furnished at the Fairgrounds was appreciated and added to the festive atmosphere.

The Fiddler's Contest was enjoyed by the local people as well as out of state guests.

We are looking forward to more of the same next year. Sincerely,  
John Kilburn, Chairman

It is really nice to get a letter of appreciation, so we thought we would pass it along to all of you who make this type of thing happen.

\*\*\*\*\*

We are the proud possessors of a new P.A. system. Thanks to the expertise of George Stout and his son who spent many hours assembling it from "scratch." Their dedication and the donation of their talents saved the district a large amount of money.

The 15 fiddlers and accompanists who used it for the first time at the Thurston jam session would agree it is one of the finest in the association.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Stan & Addie Gonshoroski and their group for pulling the fat out of the fire for us on a playing engagement promised for the same night as the Thurston jam. This unfortunate incident emphasizes the need for members to check with their chairman or co-chairman before making a commitment on playing dates. This will avoid embarrassment and possible ill will towards the OOTFA. Very few musicians showed up for the fair at Corvallis. This is regrettable. In as much as we are paid for such occasions, we should make an extra effort to fulfill our part of the contract. The opportunity and privilege, if we abuse it, could be withheld another time.

**SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!** There will be a jam session, Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Albany Senior Citizens Center from 1 to 4PM. Door will be open at 11AM. A potluck will be at noon. The center is located at 489 N.W. Waters St. which is 1½ blocks west and 1 block north of the downtown J.C. Penney Store.

Let's rally around and make this a good one. Poco Boyd, Reporter

This jam session was not called in and District 8 has another jam planned for this

(3)

sunday. Everyone should try and check with me before setting up a jam session. Especially when it is two districts so close together. We need each other to make each and every jam a good one.

#### DISTRICT #7

Here it is the end of August already and most of our summer shows are over. Washington Park was a huge success, everything co-operated this year. The weather was beautiful and the crowd was the biggest we have ever seen and the music was good. Canby Fair was also very good and a lot of fun. Governor Straub joined us and played fiddle with us in the afternoon show, which was shown on Channel 2. We had about 16 fiddlers and 7 accompanists. Ed Mead did a fine job as Emcee. Thanks to each and every one of you for a performance well done. I'd like to welcome back a member who has been quite ill, but making a remarkable recovery. Ray Sissons joined us at Canby and it was nice to have him with us again.

We will see you all at Sunnyside Oct. 2nd. For new members the hall opens at 10 AM, Potluck at 12 and show starts at 1 PM which is open to the public.

Penny Mead, Reporter

An Anniversary Party was held, Saturday, August 27th for one of our fiddlers and his wife. CHARLIE and ROSE JOHNSON celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. We think this is really wonderful and our hats are off to two great people. Charlie played several tunes for the group of friends and family and a lot of old familiar songs were sung.

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE & ROSE

We thought several of you might be interested in knowing that Valdemar Nelson is staying at the Hillhaven Nursing Home at present, and the address is 745 N.E. 122nd Ave., Portland, Ore. 97230. We hope you are soon feeling better, Valdemar.

#### DISTRICT #8

Our local fiddlers and accompanists have been quite busy this month with picnics, Kiwanis, Firemen and a benefit for Sheridan City Park, also a benefit breakfast for the Senior Citizens at Lafayette. Believe me, all these picnics are hard on the waistline, fun tho. One of our fiddlers, Gus Pearson spent 5 days in McMinnville Hospital, Aug. 5th - 10th. We're glad he's feeling better now and able to join us again, though still not up to par yet. The Polk County Fair was a real success, had a really good show and a very appreciative audience.

Our next jam session will be at Buell Grange Sept. 18th. Doors open at 10 AM, potluck lunch at 12:00. Program will begin at 1:00 PM.

Bea Smith, Reporter

Many thanks to all the Fiddlers and Accompanists who helped put on a wonderful show at Rickreal. The Fair Board requested that we come back again next year.

I appreciate all your help.

Carlton Smith, Chairman