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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1979

DISTRICT

8/26-9/3	CAMP OUT	Warwick Ranch	Williams	4
Sept. 3	Parade	Labor Day	Lakeview	1
8 & 9	Douglas Co. Folklife Festival		Roseburg	4
9	*Fiddle Contest	Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair	Tulelake Ca.	
9	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Sweet Home	6
15	Cranberry Festival	Parade & Barbecue	Bandon	5
16	Jam Session	Ocean Crest School	Bandon	5
16	Jam Session	McMinville Grange	McMinville	8
16	Jam Session	Fair Grounds	Klamath Falls	1
23	Jam Session	Senior Citizens	????	8
OCT. 12 & 13	Jam Session	SAM BROWNS DAY	Gervais	8
12 & 13	BANA BELT FIDDLE CONTEST	Clarkston Hi Sch.	Clarkston, Wn.	
14	STATE JAM	Elks Lodge	Cottage Grove	

*The Fiddle Contest at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair is sponsored by the Fair Board and no official judges. This will be done by audience participation.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

I want to thank everyone who turned out to play at the FAIRS. We had good shows at all of them.

We will have a State Jam with a quarterly business meeting with the Executive Board on October 14th at Elks Lodge, Cottage Grove. Hope to see you there.

God Bless and Keep Fiddlin
Les

DISTRICT 1

Despite the fact we had no meeting this month our fiddlers have been keeping very busy.

Had a great time in Alturas August 5th. Sat in the shade and relaxed while we played for the Senior Citizens. Meanwhile, in Klamath Falls the rest of our fiddlers were entertaining a large crowd of Senior Citizens. We were fed a barbecue in both places.

Irven Johnson is recuperating from heart surgery and looking good. Hope he and Anne can rejoin us soon.

The Jefferson Day parade went over well. Had a full load in the wagon and the people received us well as we went down the street.

Earlier in the month we took part in a parade at Chiloquin on a beautiful day to a nice crowd of people. (We wone a trophy too!)

At this writing the Elks picnic is still ahead and the Labor Day parade in Lakeview. Also, making our regular appearances in the nursing homes.

September 8th & 9th is the Tulelake-Bute Valley Fair for those interested in entering the fiddle contest. This is Sunday afternoon at 2:00 to 3 30 P. M.

Our next Jam session is at the Fair Grounds September 16th. Business meeting at 1:00 P.M., Pot Luck 1:30 and open to the public at 2:30.

Your reporter, Bob Coleman

DISTRICT 4

No report - See schedule of events on front page!

A NOTE FROM LINDA

Fiddlers and accompanists from Douglas County are being asked to play at the Umpqua Folklife Festival, Saturday and Sunday September 8th and 9th at the Umpqua Park in Roseburg, on the main stage from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. both days. The show will be just like our regular jam sessions. The district will receive a small amount of money for the performance.

I have contacted all the Douglas County OOTFA people I could think of or find at home on my work days in Roseburg. But if I've missed you, fiddler or accompanist, we still need you and please come. If you're interested in playing and want to know more, call Dorothy Houston, 673-6952. (Any of you musicians from outside Douglas County, if you're planning to attend the Festival anyhow, bring along your instrument, stop by the main stage around performance time, and we'll make you an honorary Douglas County resident and put you in the show).

Many HOEDOWNER readers might be interested in attending the Festival, which celebrates the survival of old-time arts, crafts and music in the modern age. Old time craftsman from all over the county will demonstrate their crafts and give away food samples for days. Meanwhile, musicians and square dancers will perform on two stages throughout both days. There will be quilters, soap makers, fly tiers, campfire cooks, rug makers, gun smiths, spinners and weavers, and of course, fiddlers.

Linda Danielson

DISTRICT 5

We had a wonderful time at our camp out on the Sixes River and want to thank all who came to participate.

Our next activity will be the Cranberry Festival on September 14, 15 & 16th. There will be a float for the fiddlers in the parade on Saturday morning about 10:00 o'clock. We have been invited to play in the park on 11th Street for the beef barbecue following the parade.

There will be a potluck Saturday evening at 6:30, a short business meeting to follow and then a music party for everyone, at the V.F.W. Hall.

Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock there will be a jam session held at the Ocean Crest school. Hope to see y'all there for a good time.

Reporter, Mary Lowe

DISTRICT 6

No report - see schedule of events on front page.

DISTRICT 7

Our Jam at Oregon City turned out very well, with 24 fiddlers showing up to participate. We had several visitors from other districts and from out of state. It is always nice to have some new faces come around. Do come back again and bring a friend with you. Also, a special thanks to you accompanist. Without you, we fiddlers would be in a bit of trouble.

I have nothing to report on our special jam February 16th. Your reporter caught a flu bug (or vice versa) and was unable to attend.

District 7 officers for the coming year....Rusty Knight - Chairman, Bob Strelow - Co-Chairman, Helen Hankanson - Secretary-Treasurer.

In light of the above, this will be my last report as my duties are to be assumed by some lucky person as yet un-named. Its been a pleasure serving you.

Bob Strelow, Reporter

DISTRICT VIII

Had a good turnout of Fiddlers at McMinnville Grange on Feb 17th. A good time was had by all.

We had election of officers, which put Minnie Bennett----Chairman, Dave Robinson as Co-Chairman, Joyce Crump-Secretary-Treasurer. Faith Maahs was apointed head of Kitchen. Ruth Jones was appointed Reporter.

Next Jam Session will be held at the Salem Senior Citizen Center, 1055 Erixon N. E. Salem, Oregon, April 20th. Doors open at 10:00 o'clock to 5:30 PM. Potluck at 12:00 o'clock for fiddlers, show for public at 1:00 PM. There is a warming oven only. No stoves. Bring own service.

There will be no Jam in March, so will see you at the Convention.

Dave & Jeanette wishes to thank everyone for their help thru out their 2 years as Chairman and Reporter. Without your help District 8 could not be successful. Don't forget Convention.

District #8 wishes to extend our sympathy to the Donald Thomas Leith family of the passing of their loved one who died Feb. 12th.

Reporter, Jeannette Robinson

INVITATIONS TO.....

Ralph and Kathy Dias invites all to the Annual Jam Session in Yreka, Calif. Sunday April 13th at the fairgrounds in Winema Hall. This is the one time of the year that the people there get to hear various fiddlers, singers and other preformers - so lets give them a good show - we're looking forward to seeing you there. Potluck at 11:30, music at 1:00 PM.

Ralph & Kathy

Jim & Jesse McReynolds and the Virginia Boys with Joe Meadows on fiddle, Tuesday April 22nd, Medford Mid-High School, Oakdale Street, Medford 8:00 PM. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Folklore Society. For more information phone Cripple Creek Music 1 - 664-3265

DORSEY'S NOTE.....

I can supply 90-minute cassett tapes of Sony high quality covering the broadcast of last year's parking lot and camp trailer jamming at Weiser, during the "Joy of Fiddling" shows on KBOO-fm, on January 30th and February 27th, for \$5.00 including postage.

There are some good times, here, good tunes, laughs and comments by the good fiddlers Bernie Rasmusson, May Kirsch, Ben Setran, Stan Guersey, Archie Cleven and Marshal Jackson....all friends of ours. Dorsey Griffin, 907 N. E. 47th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97213. Phone 231-8287.

SYMPHTIES.....

Donald Leith past president of the OOTFA was stricken with a heart attack February 1st and passed away February 12th. Mrs. Leith wishes to extend her "thanks" to all those that extended their symphities to her, expecially to Willis "Shorty" Allen and Leonard Maahs who played twin fiddles at his funeral.

We would like to extend our sympathies, concern and prayers to her and her family even though it is late.

CONVALESCENCE.....

Martin Arnold from District #1 is now from the hospital after surgery and is doing fine.

There are so many that has the "flu bug" and has been very ill. I trust you are all up and "fiddlin a liddle".

OUR COMPUTERS NOTE.....

As of April HOEDOWNER any renewals that have not been received will be deleted from the files. So if you do not receive an April issue please contact the Secretary-Treasurer to see if your renewals have been turn in. Also, I am receiving some of our new members HOEDOWNERS back as the result of incorrect addresses. In filling out the Membership Application, PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE THE CORRECT ADDRESS AND ZIP! Thank you.

EDITORS THOT

Reputation is what men think you are; character is what God knows you are.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a "heartly thank you" to all of the past Officers and Reporters for doing a good job and to say a "Congratulations" to the new. Its work but the reward is great, isn't it?

BE SURE AND TAKE YOUR CONVENTION NOTES AND SCHEDULE TO EUGENE WITH YOU! SEE YOU THERE!

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION

Northwest Regional will be held in the Central Valley High School, South 821 Sullivan Road, Spokane, Washington April 11-12, 1980. Mens division has been added and scoresheet reads as follows; Old time fiddling ability 25 points, danceability 25 points, time 25 points, tone, 25 points. There are six divisions as follows; Open-- Must be at least 18 years of age of either sex, Mens--Any age for ment--Senior--Must be at least 65 yrs of age either sex, Juniors--Musb less than 18 yrs of either ses, Junior-Junior--must be less than 13 years of age either sex, Ladies-any age.

Entry fees; Open \$10.00, Men's-Ladies-Seniors-Juniors \$5.00, Junior-Junior \$4.00, Accompanist fee \$3.00. All contestants must check in one hour before their divisions playing time.

Time: Friday, 9:00 AM Senior Division, 1:00 PM Jr.-Jr. and Junior Division, 7:00 PM Finals and Awards. Saturday: 9:00 AM Open and Mens Division, 1:00 PM Ladies and second round of Open Division, 7:00 PM, Finals and Awards.

Camping will be available for self-contained Rv's and campers on site.

See next page for more information

Our next Jam is in Gresham at the Gresham Community Center--corner of Powell Blvd. and Kelly. The date--SATURDAY September 8th. Festivities will start at 10:00 A.M., break for a pot luck lunch with the public invited to come and listen at 1:00 P.M.

Reporter, Bob Strelow

DISTRICT 8

We had beautiful weather for our picnic at Sheridan. Good music and lots to eat. Keep fiddlin!

Our next Jam Session will be at the Senior Citizens Center September 23rd. NO POTLUCK! Coffee only. Doors will open at 11:30 A.M. and will be closed at 5:30 P.M. Watch for the SAM BROWN DAYS! More details next month.

Reporter Jeannette Robinson

A NOTE FROM DORSEY

If you are in the listening range of KBOO 90.7 FM here in Portland on the last Wednesday of each month, at 8:30 P.M., you can hear the "Joys of Fiddling" and during the months of September, October, November and December, I am planning during the first half of each evening show to air one side each of the two record album of J. P. Christenson's OLD-TIME FIDDLERS REPETORY - HISTORIC FIELD RECORDINGS OF FORTY-ONE TRADITIONAL TUNES, MISSOURI. The players here are "Uncle" Bob Walter, Cyril Stinnett, Bill Driver, Tony Gilmore and George Helton, with 41 "Classical" very old and important fiddle tunes--breakdowns, waltzes, jigs, schottisches, quadrills, minuets, and two-steps. A lot of listners might like to hear and tape these records, as they are played with intersting commentary by their collector and recorder, Mr. J. P. Christensen. The recordings was done in 1948, 49, 50 and 51. The album made in 1976 is available from the University of Missouri Press, Columbia, Missouri 66201. More and more these tunes are being rediscovered and played at Fiddle Contests.

The last portion of each of these monthly fiddle tune shows at KBOO will be devoted to airing the works of ather fiddlers and fiddling styles--Canadian, New England, Texas, etc. The only thing that might pre-empt one of these shows would be live fiddlers, if we can get up a few fiddlers at the station....KBOO 90.7 F.M. Portland.

Dorsey Griffin

IN SYMPATHY

We have received a card of appreciation and acknowledgement for the floral contribution from Mrs. Verdaz Descombaz. Tony passed away a few weeks ago.

We were told at the Canyonville Contest that George Jenkerson passed away the previous Mondy.

We tryly extend our symphities to these families and are sorry for the loss of good fiddlers and friends.

ON THE MENDING SIDE

Irven Johnson from Klamath Falls had heart surgery and is doing fine. He wishes to thank everyone for cards, visits, flowers and prayers for his recovery.

Ray Krogstad is doing fine after ey surgery and was at the Canyonville Contest.

CONTEST REPORTS

ENTERPRISE CONTEST July 20th & 21st.

Willowa County

1. Charles Trump
2. Willie White
3. Don Norton
4. Ella Trump

Seniors

1. Leonard Green
2. Les Welch
3. Mel Taylor
4. Vic Halverson

Intermediates-

1. Bob Dunn
2. Ralph Dias
3. Earl Potts
4. Elmer Bowen

Juniors

1. Jess Cooper
2. Doug Thomas
3. Brian Goude
4. Dave Washer
5. Buttons Potts

Open

1. Charles Trump
2. Bob Hunt
3. Don Norton
4. Delmer Goude

Champion

1. Sam Sloan
2. Jim Herd
3. Pattie Kessis
4. Ray Wright

BAKER CONTEST August 3rd & 4th.

Baker County

1. Walt Langlitz
2. Don Haynes
3. Chester Butts
4. Ben Haynes
5. Frank Dean

Seniors

1. Fay Sneed
2. Vic Halverson
3. Leonard Green
4. Walt Langlitz
5. Charles Moore

Intermediates

1. Ralph Dias
2. Darrell Stikes
3. Albert Langlitz
4. Clyde Clymer
5. Scott Summer

Juniors

1. Tina Scheuffele
2. Carmen Tackett
3. Susan Stevens
4. Kendra Reene
5. Bronnie Griffen

Open

1. Sam Sloan
2. Jim Herd
3. Charles Trump
4. Jack Darland
5. Linda Chandler
6. Oren Shaw

CANYONVILLE CONTEST August 25th.

Junior-Junior

1. Grant Wheeler
2. Bronnie Griffin
3. Tiffany Wheeler
4. Jimmy Brown

Seniors

1. Jim Morris
2. Barney Alexander
3. Jack McCasland
4. Hugh Samples
5. Van Soughwood

Intermediates

1. Gene Lowe
2. Bill Stevens
3. Marsh Mitchell
4. Fred Virtue
5. Charles Bruneau

Open

1. Carol Ann Wheeler
2. Bill Yohey
3. Loretta Brank
4. Jim Hoots
5. Johny McDonald

An item of interest - there were fiddlers from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, California as well as Oregon. A real neat contest. You did a beautiful job Gynn & Jim.

Washington Old-Time Fiddlers 2nd Annual Open BANANA BELT FIDDLE CONTEST, Sponsored by the Clarkston High School Band. October 12 and 13, 1979. Contest will be at; Clarkston High School, 4th & Chestnut, Clarkston, Washington.

Two big days of Old time Fiddling Competition. Friday, October 12th Senior Division, 6:30 P.M. Registration 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 13th Junior Division and General Division 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to finish. Registration 9:00 A. M. to 12:30 P.M.

Trophies will be awarded to first five places in all divisions.

Open Division

Entry Fee \$10.00

- 1st Place \$60.00 + trophy
- 2nd Place \$50.00 + trophy
- 3rd Place \$25.00 + trophy
- 4th Place trophy
- 5th Place trophy

Senior Division

Entry Fee \$5.00

- 1st Place \$40.00 + trophy
- 2nd Place \$30.00 + trophy
- 3rd Place \$15.00 + trophy
- 4th Place trophy
- 5th Place trophy

Intermediates

Entry Fee \$6.00

- 1st Place \$40.00 + trophy
- 2nd Place \$30.00 + trophy
- 3rd Place \$15.00 + trophy
- 4th Place trophy
- 5th Place trophy

Juniors Entry Fee \$5.00

- 1st Place \$30.00 + trophy
- 2nd Place \$20.00 + trophy
- 3rd Place \$15.00 + trophy
- 4th Place trophy
- 5th Place trophy

Tickets available at door. Seats \$1.00 daytime. \$2.50 evenings. Children under 12 \$1.00. Parking with showers \$3.00.

Judges will be Monty Stevens, Idaho, Jim Herd, Washington, Charles Trump, Oregon. Emcee Don Norton and Otis Tayler.

Jim & Louetta Herd

CONTEST CHUCKLES:

It seems in the Senior Division that their favorite hobby is chasing slow women. I heard it was Jim Hoot's too. Is that right Jim?

Carol ann's bustin Bramahs.....???????

Clyde Lynch said Chuck Bruneau was batting his eyes like a frog in a hail storm for winning 5th place in Intermediates.

Can you believe....Gene Lowe found out his 5th wheeler could go backwards as well as forward.

Editors that

If you want to recapture you youth, take away his or her allowance!

Les and I have traveled around quite a bit this month and the reception each of you have given us has been tremendous. We sincerely thank you and hope to visit you and your area again. It has bee a fun month.

Lois

Oh goody, THE END