



The Hoedowner

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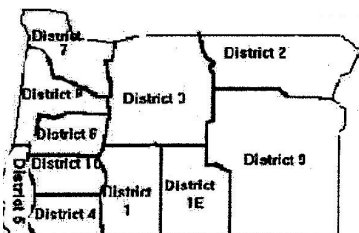
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August 1, 2005

From the Prez: I The High Desert Jamboree has come and gone. What a fantastic weekend that was. Those people really know how to throw a party. Every year they welcome our organization to Burns and go out of their way to make us feel right at home. We all appreciate it very much and from all our members I just want to say a big thank you, thank you, thank you.

Not only did we have a good time there but as you all know this is where we have our fourth "Executive Board" meeting of the year and I was very pleased with the out come. In the July issue of the Hoedowner I promised you we would soon have the details on the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Hall Of Fame" worked out. The committee working on this has finished their work and made their recommendations to the Board. Now, it is up to the Board to do their job. Hopefully they can do this at the meeting in Merrill. Or.

Speaking of Merrill this is a very important time for us. We will not only have our first "Executive Board" meeting of the year with the new members of the board attending, we also have our second "Business Meeting" of the year which will require 55 members to be present to conduct business. So please plan to attend. Also, during the board meeting at Burns they overwhelmingly approved the principal of having an operational budget approved by July one, the beginning of our fiscal year. Something I think is very much needed. So in our Business meeting I will be asking the members to vote to add the "Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Hall of

Fame" and the Budget requirements to the By-Laws.

I was very saddened to learn of the passing of Helen Tracy. She was a grand lady and a very dedicated member of the OOTFA. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our condolence go out to her family and friends. Because of Helens passing it left a vacancy that needed to be filled immediately. As everyone knows Helen always took care of the name tags for the state. Until further notice Earlene Ervin will be doing this. Please send your checks to Earlene Ervin made out to her -- 6189 NE Wainwright Road Prineville, OR 97754 for your name tag.

On June 25th Earlene and I journeyed to Coburg. We had a very nice visit with District 6 members. Took care of some business, had a very nice potluck dinner, played a lot of good music. My thanks to District 6 people for being such good hosts.

Before I sign off I just want to remind everyone to attend the meeting at Merrill, Or. We will be voting to add the, "Hall of Fame " and the Budget programs to our By-Laws and Standing Rules.

There will be adequate room for parking, motels near by, also restaurants close. For more information contact Faye Patterson or Irene Ruddock.

Hope to see you all there.

Bob Ervin. President, OOTFA

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Happy Hot August Nights everyone ! As I write this, we are enjoying almost 100-degree weather! By the time it cools down enough to be pleasant, the mosquitoes are out. Makes for some cranky musicians - at least at our house. At least the watermelons have been good this year.

July was packed full of music events for us, some more fun than others. The 4th of July in Malin was very pleasant, except for trying to compete against the park-wide PA announcements. After our official session, we went to a shady spot and just kept on a-jammin'. When ya got a good thing going, why stop? The car show on the 16th was a totally different matter. We barely had space on stage for us to stand, couldn't be heard past ten feet out, then got booted off the stage after only 20 minutes for some amplified, yelly-screamy rock band. That was a disappointment to say the least. Takes all kinds I guess!

At our July Jam and Dance, guests Judy McGarvey on fiddle joined us from Medford, and Peggy Houston from Grants Pass brought her guitar and sang some songs. Welcome ladies - hope you'll come back again some time.

Our August schedule continues the frantic pace we've had lately. Aug 6th (Sat) we play at Farmers Market from 10am to noon, and our monthly meeting will be at Villa West at noon on the 7th. On Saturday Aug 13th, we perform our first Merrill Jam at 6pm at the community center (to test the sound system for the State meeting in September). The next day, we have our Jam & Dance session at the Shasta View Community Hall from 1pm to 4pm. On Aug. 18th, we perform in front of Main Street Jewelers for

3rd Thursday. On Saturday the 20th, we are invited to John and Patti Northcraft's for a barbeque (yum, yum!) Thursday the 25th at 5:30pm, we play at Clairmont (upper level), then on the 27th, it's back to the Farmers Market from 10am to noon.

Happy Birthday wishes to all the District 1 August birthday people, and Happy Anniversary congratulations to our August wedding couples. (*Sorry for the generic greetings lately - I really must get my lists updated so I can be specific! - fc*)

Bye for now - and know that no matter what you were taught in school, the most powerful force in the universe is gossip!

From your friendly field reporter
for District #1 - Fran Coker

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Hello again, fiddle folk. Hot enough for ya? It's been in the nineties here in Lakeview (Fahrenheit, that is) for the past few days, and we didn't get a break in the heat for our New Pine Creek Barbeque fiddling show. But, brave troopers that we are, we played four hours in the scorching sun on Sunday. Are we mad dogs or Englishmen ?

For those of you who get the Hoedowner online, here's a reminder that District 1E will play for the Paisley Mosquito Festival crowd on Saturday, the 30th of this month from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The stage will be set up at the Paisley schoolyard. No parade entry this year.

I hope it's not too early to remind you all that we are again playing on the small stage out front at the Lake County Fair and Rodeo. The day is Sunday, September 4th, and we'll play from noon until 6:00 p.m. We're hoping that some of the fiddlers from the neighboring districts can help us out as in years gone by. We sure do

appreciate the help and love the chance to visit with you as well.

Our next jam is Aug. 6th at the Fairgrounds in Lakeview, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and going until the last person says uncle. The next business meeting is the following Monday, the 8th of August. We meet at the Lake County Senior Center at 7:30 p.m.

We're still playing for the Seniors each and every Friday at the Lake County Senior Center from 10:30 'til noon and our Lake District Long Term Care gigs are on Aug. 2, 16, and 30.

August birthdays are: Norma Gumpser on the 29th, and I guess that's all.

I have a few words of wisdom to pass along this month, something that I've found works great for me - the sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up! Oh yeah, something I've been wondering about, too. We've got plenty of youth. How about a fountain of smart? Talk to you later,

Eileen McLain, reporter,
District 1E

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Summer is here and the weather is warmer. And, music is in the air. Hope everyone had a good July 4th. Ed Nelson has a cool new haircut for the summer. Thank you District 9 for the great time at the High Desert Jam in Burns. There were 30 members from our District. Those who didn't go missed out on a good time. We might have had bad weather but, still a lot of fun. Good playing from Hollis Real, Jack Smith, Jack Kerr, LeRoy Newport and Ed Nelson.

Next Campout is Winchester Bay, District 5 Aug 18-21.

District 3 played for the Crooked River Roundup Parade June 25th. There was some great playing from those who were there. Our float received a 2nd place ribbon, thank you everyone.

Dates to Remember:

Aug 7th VFW Show
Redmond 1-4p.m
Aug 18-21 Winchester Bay
Campout
Aug 27th Barbeque at Bob Ervin
Sep 4th VFW Show
Redmond 1-4p.m
Sep 13th Redmond Library Jam
7-9p.m

May God be with those who lost love ones. May God bless those who are sick. Our prayers are with you and we wish for a fast recovery. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries to all with lots of love and Old Time Music in your soul. Keep your days full of life, love and on the sunny side.

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Saturday, July 2, 2005 It was a hot day, but we had it "made in the shade" at Walch Park just outside of Lake Creek. Many thanks to Lloyd & Margaret Walch for creating this wonderful park and sharing it with us. Our new Chairman Judy McGarvey held a short business meeting, and introduced the other new officers. She handled her first meeting with aplomb, and wisely refrained from commenting about Grumpy's harmonica.

Outgoing District 4 chairman Lee Ferguson asked me to write up a special "thank you" to everyone

who helped make her term a success. Recognized for their hard work are: Scott Phillips, Judy Lyons, Marcia & Bob Zellman, Mildred Kelsey, Jerry Van Foeken, Rich Ferguson, Artie Hammonds, Grumpy & Ruth Kimmel, & Monica, our cook. THANK YOU!

Judy handed out a copy of District 4 upcoming gigs for July. (Also available on-line at <http://halfspeedmusic.hypermart.net/>) Also, don't forget about the District 7 Diamond Lake campout, which is coming up on July 28 - Aug 1. We are playing a lot of music! District 4 reported a whopping 152 hours of community service in June.

We brought back our meeting raffle this month. In the spirit of the holiday, the prizes included U.S. flag antlers (VERY attractive), red, white & blue plastic ice cubes, a colorful popcorn bowl, a clamp-on U.S. car flag, and a hinged cardboard cutout of Uncle Sam! However, the favorite prizes were three "Holiday Mum" flower plants in red, white & blue.

Visitors this month included John & Grace Adams of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Arnie Jorgensen passed away in June. He is remembered as an active dancer, and he recorded many tapes of OOTFA fiddlers. A \$50 donation will be made to one of our funds in his honor.

"Music is well said to be the speech of the angels."
Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)

Rick Reichert, District 4 reporter

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Wow, what a busy month this has been already. We played to a standing room only crowd at NACO on July 2nd. We had 12 musicians from District 5 and

Bob & Marie Bailey, Joan Long and Oral Robbins from Districts 8 & 6 who helped to make this a great performance! It was so nice to have a bass player as well - Joan's friend Gerald from Gold Beach. Gerald and Joan as joined us at the Yachats Smelt fry on July 9th. We played for four solid hours to an enthusiastic audience who had eaten their fill of fish or sausage.

We had a fun jam at Winchester Bay with lots of hand clapping and people dancing. Fred Young and Carroll Lakin came from District 10 and guest John Temples, who is the Utah banjo champion, joined in and played awesome banjo.

It is time for our 2nd Annual Fiddle at the Beach Campout in Winchester Bay from August 18-21. We will have dry camping spots available starting on August 17th. For more information see our web site, www.winfinity.com/~weiners/jamboree

We play at Bullard Beach on July 22nd and again on August 12th.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those members whose special celebration day falls in August.

Hal Weiner, Reporter District 5

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Although we didn't have regular monthly jams scheduled for last month or this, there's been no shortage of musical events to enjoy. Some of them adding to our district 6 bank account, including the Coburg Save Our Valley Celebration and the July 1st gig at the Eugene Library.

The June 25th District 6 Quarterly meeting, ably hosted by the Coburg Grange was Chairman Joe Moyle's last one before officially handing the reins to new chairman Bob Strelow at the

beginning of July. Joe's efforts on our behalf will continue as vice-chairman this next year. The meeting produced a lively discussion about future jams, followed by Pizza from the Grange ladies and ending with a lot of good old fashioned music.

The highlight of the meeting was a surprise visit by OOTFA state president Bob Ervin and his gracious wife Earlene, from Prineville. Bob updated the members on what's happening at state level and shared some operational tips from District 3. And isn't it nice to know our state president considered it important to attend our quarterly get together? Speaking of state officers, our own Mark Ratzlaff has been appointed as state membership chairman. Congratulations Mark !

July also brought musical opportunities at Oakridges's Pioneer Days on the tenth and Coburg Golden Years on July 16. Fine weather, a good turnout and an afternoon of fine music marked this year's Coburg Jam. Our annual visit to Marcola for Mary Cole Days will be July thirtieth. That jam will be at the firehouse from 2 to 4 pm. So grab your fiddle or whatever (in my case, tambourine and wooden spoons) and go!

August means it's time for the Lane County Fair on the 17th.. Joe says the fair jam will start at 4 p.m. and we'll play until 6:30. Regular monthly jams will begin again in September. We'll be at the Crow Grange on Saturday, September 24th. On October 15th, the jam will be at the Coburg Grange. Plans are afoot for a big Thanksgiving jam in November.

Long-time District 6 member Helen Tracy recently passed away at Sacred Heart after heart surgery. Helen was our "Badge Lady." She'll be missed. A memorial for Helen was held on 19th. Her name would have been on our August birthday list.

Couple of regular jams to remind you about. The Central Grange has an open jam on the first Friday of each month. For more info contact Jeannie Hartman,

935-2235. And the second Friday evening of each month you can kick up your heels at the Crow Grange. I've heard they like to dance there. Joe Canaday, 344-3966 is the contact person for Crow.

Happy Birthday to: Frank Chandler 8/1; Louise Hamilton 8/8; Norma Frazier 8/9; Joe Canaday and Del Fackler 8/11. Also Paul Nielsen 8/18 and Bernie Roberts 8/31.

Happy Anniversary to: Ken and Della White 8/4; Del and Evelyn Fackler 8/10/47; Rick and Sherry Dobson 8/26/90; and John and Lucille Childers 8/27/38.

Judie Eads District 6 Reporter

PS: I just received word that John Grammer, District 6 member of OOTFA, had passed away. He died the 17th. A memorial will be held August 29th at the Albany Senior Center, 489 Water Ave. from 2:00 to 4:00.

District 7

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Saturday August 6 at Blue Lake Park in Troutdale from 2 - 4 during the Lewis and Clark Festivities. We'll be under cover. There will be the "Encounter with Nichaqli" and the dedication of the new Jefferson/Lewis and Clark 5¢ coin.

FYI - In keeping with the Lewis and Clark Festivities, on Sunday August 7 beginning at 7:30 p.m., there will be an informal jam session for all comers at the Agnes Flanagan Chapel on the Lewis and Clark College Campus. Everyone is invited.

Wednesday August 10 from 2:30 - 3:30 at Miramont Pointe at 11520 SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas. The phone number of the residence is 503-698-1600. Going east on Sunnyside Road from I-205, the building is "down right" off the road and it comes up fast. Turn in front of their big sign. Or turn right at the new light and right again into the

top of their parking lot.

Saturday, August 13 before the Bawb Bash: The Sunnyside Foursquare Church at 13231 SE Sunnyside Road needs fiddlers to entertain at their Church Picnic at 11:00 a.m. Then, after playing at the church, we'll head up to Andy and Terry Jorgensen's new place for the sixth annual Bawb Bash on Saturday August 13 from 12 noon until it ends! This is another Happy Birthday Bob Huffman celebration potluck jam. He'll be 85! Andy & Terry are hosting it again, this time at their new home on eleven acres at 50995 SE Baty Road out of Sandy. Their new phone number is 503-668-3917. Take Hwy 26 east of Sandy OR 6 miles past the last stop light. Pass The Candy Farm on the right and get ready to turn left. There is a left turn lane to turn left onto Cherryville Road, drive one mile and turn left onto SE Baty Road, drive one mile and turn right at 50995 SE Baty Road into their driveway. There is a gate. Leave it the way you find it. Bring food to share, chairs to sit on and all the instruments you want to play.

Wednesday August 17 from 2 - 4 we get to play at the Clackamas County Fair!! They want us on the same stage as last year. More to follow.

Sunday September 4, we'll start our regular jam season at King City Town Hall at 15245 SW 116th in Portland (or King City out 99W past Tigard). Doors will open for us about 11:00 and we'll jam for the public from 1 to 4. Public invited.

DATE CHANGE Friday September 9 from 11:30 - 1:30 we're needed at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center. September 24 Phillip Foster Farm October 8 Oregon City Farmer's Market October 15 Manzanita in the Pine Grove Community House from 1 - 4 October 19 pencil in the Marquis Wilsonville at 3:30.

Gail Foster, Reporter

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Fiddlers played at the Aurora Museum for the annual Strawberry Festival. Thanks so much to Darlene Bryant for organizing the event, and of course to Jack for being her right hand man and carrying and setting up the sound system! And thanks to our visitors from District 7.

We played for 2 days at Silver Falls State Park. It's a beautiful place and the park people give us royal treatment--coffee in the morning and a nice lunch. It was great to have Paula and Jerry Sanders and Paige, their granddaughter. Paige is becoming a very good fiddler and she loves playing! Dale's 3 fiddle students played with us on Saturday. They are coming along very well too. Way to go kids! Jerry and Linda Parks also from District 6 were there too. Bob Huffman came from District 7. Thanks everyone! And of course, thank you to our own faithful members of District 8!

We've played for many years at 1000 Trails in Pacific City. It's always a good one, and this year was no exception. The audience of over 100 campers sang along and seemed to enjoy the program. Afterward people commented on hearing tunes they hadn't heard for many years. One person thought it was great how we all were so spontaneous. It was great to have Don and Ruth Loring from District 6 there. And Don McLaren from district 7.

The Steam Up at Antique Powerland at Brooks, July 30, has become one of our annual gigs. We will have been there again by the time you read this. Thanks to Phil Ringle for arranging for us to play at the Caterpillar tractor display.

Harriet Modrell, a charter member, with turn 90 on August

13. There will be an open house at the Garibaldi City Hall on that day from 1 to 4. No presents but lots of food, music, and visiting. Plan to attend if you can. Harriet is one classy lady. She'd love to see you all!

Stan Kilbourn had back surgery July 14th. It will take time to heal, but we hope he's up and around soon. Marlene Hart had some surgery recently. She's back playing and joined the group at Aurora.

Upcoming play dates: August 11 - Polk County Fair in Rickreall. 11:30 am to 1 pm. That is Thursday, Senior Day at the fair. We hope to have an easier way to get musicians through the gate.

August 23 - Mt. Angel. We gather on the lawn of Benedictine Nursing Home at six o'clock where we play for at least an hour. When we are through, we go across the street to eat - we have done that for years. Why don't you come and join us. Coming into town from the west, turn right on Main St - you can't miss us out on the lawn.

October 1 - Whaler's Rest Campground south of Newport.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

Alice Holt, District 8 reporter

District 9

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Everyone was so busy with 4th of July activities that no regular jam was scheduled Friday the 1st, but do let Dorothy(Dottie) Coon know if you would like to host a jam on any upcoming Friday except the second Friday when we play Aspens.

We have added two more families Tom and Sally King and Gene Thomas/ Babe Hawk who signed up during the Jamboree. Welcome!!

We will not be doing the Grant

County Fair this year as the Blue Mountain Fiddlers will be providing the music for them. Our own Harney County Fair will be September 7-11 and we will soon be receiving our playing times for those days so let Dottie know if you will be available for playing.

Our assisted living center play dates for August will be the Aspens on the 12th at 7:00 and Ashley Manor on the following Monday August 15th from 6:30 to 7:30. On July 24th the Aspens put on a delicious rib and chicken barbecue for their patients and their families as well as the players. We entertained for about two hours after the dinner. Very nice event. Keep playing those cool tunes.

Julia Milleson. Reporter Dist. 9

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Quite a few people were on vacation this month, so we didn't have a meeting July 9th, but we had a nice potluck and a great jam. Thanks to the people who prepared the food for the potluck.

Happy Birthdays and Anniversary's to all those in the month of August.

Our visitor's were Lloyd and Esther Shriber from Eugene, Dan Clifford, and it was nice to see Whitely Kelm back with us.

Also it was good to see Don and Doris Dilbeck, Doris is getting around pretty good now. Chuck and Jenny Hanson are back again, Jenny is feeling great now after her heart attack and surgery in June. Glad to see everyone.

We'll be playing at the Douglas County Fair August 9th-12th on the Pepsi stage. We also play at two Nursing Homes, and a few other places every month.

Our next meeting will be August 13th at the Community Building in

Winston with a meeting at 11 a.m., potluck at noon, and jam at 1:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From the editor:

District 7 has photo albums left for any who didn't get theirs for whatever reason. If you want one please send \$7 dollars to Barb Petrin. 9105 SW Mtn View Ln, Tigard, Or 97224 and she will mail you a copy post haste. Jim Kuether

Maybe ten years ago District 8 went to Pacific City to play as we did recently. I'll always remember when a shy young man walked up and asked if he might play along with us. I remember helping him with his tune. He was hooked. In just a few months he became one of the best fiddlers in the state - non other than Norman Nash.

New Members for August Hoedowner:

Doug & Susie Cameron, Clackamas
Paul & Colleen Osebowski, Scottsburg
Bud & Dawn Maupin, Merrill
Darlene Austin, Burns
Shamy & Valeda Johnson, Vale
Tom & Sally King, Burns
Bud & Phyllis Salzer, Mapleton
Gene & Babe Thomas, Burns
Truman Boyd & Peggy Kernon, Gresham
Herschel Brown & Lori Brennan, Gresham
Paul & Lorene Heavirland, Bend
Jeannie Hartman, Veneta
Ruth Gray & Wes Sullivan, Salem
Bob & Patricia Saxton, Veneta
Jacqueline Hudson, Estacada

On the 19th Alice and I went to Eugene to attend the memorial for Helen Tracy. It was a great tribute to Helen with many of her friends attending. As we ate, we told of many memories of Helen and told of our appreciation for all she did for the OOTFA. She left her mark.

The Oregon and Washington Chapters of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation are jointly hosting this year's annual meeting, August 6-10, 2005 at Lewis and Clark College in Lake Oswego, OR.

The LCTHF cordially invites members of the OOTFA to participate in some of the events associated with this meeting:

1. Saturday, August 6th at Blue Lake Park in Troutdale, Oregon We need fiddlers from 2PM to 4PM

This is a public event called "Encounter at Nichaqwli". The "Encounter" will highlight the local Native American perspective with dancers, musicians, food, games and stories. The new US nickel, commemorating the arrival of the Lewis and Clark expedition at the Pacific Ocean, will be officially released to the public. Members of the Oregon Old Time Fiddler Association will be playing from 2-4 PM. Phil and Vivian Williams from Seattle will be performing a couple of times between noon and dusk.

** Notice that there is a \$4 fee for parking **

2. Sunday August 7 at Lewis and Clark College beginning at 7:30 p.m. We are inviting OOTFA members and LCTHF members to bring musical instruments for an open jam session for all comers. This will be in the Agnes Flanagan chapel on the Lewis and Clark College campus. Come and share your talents.

Contact Mark Johnson at markbarb2@comcast.net with questions.

Daniel Forster in Gaston is now giving fiddle lessons. dforster@gabrielsbanner.com

Eileen Wiltler reports that if you or anyone you know are interested in fiddle lessons, give her a call at 503-701-1578 and get started.

The Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest will be held August 6, 2005 at the Benton County Fair in Corvallis, OR. Registration is at 9am and the contest starts shortly thereafter---Finals at 3:30 and the whole thing is over by about 6pm. It is a lot of fun---outdoors (under a canopy) and a great audience!

This year the judges will be: Clara Murphy, Battleground, WA former National Senior Fiddle Champion and many times

Washington State and NW Regional Senior Champion -- Aaron Fewkes, Boise, ID and 2004 Willamette Valley Adult Fiddle Champion -- Isaac Calendar, Spokane, WA and 2005 Washington State Fiddle Champion

Hope to see you all there---don't forget, we have a novice division for those who have never played in a contest before as well as PeeWee (8 and under), Jr-Jr (9-12), Junior (13-17), Adult (18-59), Senior (60+), and Championship (anyone) Divisions.

Fiddlers and accompanists get into the fair free with their instrument- although it costs \$3 to park. Enter the south gate and the contest will be on the Courtyard stage.

Prizes up to five places in all divisions:
PeeWee: \$50-35-20-15-10 (entry fee \$5)
Novice: \$50-35-20-15-10 (entry fee \$5)
Jr-Jr: \$75-50-30-20-10 (entry fee \$5)
Junior, Senior, and Adult: \$100-75-50-25-15 (entry fee \$7)
Championship: \$300-250-200-150-100 (entry fee \$15)
Accompanist: \$100-75-50-25-15 (no entry fee)

Nancy Rohn Fiddle Shop has donated a fiddle that will be raffled away during the finals. Dave Kerr Violin Shop has donated bow repairs that will also be raffled off! Come one, come all --- it's a hoot! For information, call Starr McMullen at 541-745-5130 or email at mcmulles@hotmail.com

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:
Registration from 9:00 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, August 27th for a Preliminary Contest to begin at 12:30 p.m. Finals at 7:00 p.m. Contest to be held in the Canyonville Gym behind the Middle School on Main Street. Free camping in self-contained RV's allowed on the school grounds above and behind the gym. For motel information, give me a call at 541-839-4501 or e-mail gynn@mcsi.net

Entry Fees: PeeWee (0-8 years of age) \$1.00; Junior/Junior (Age 9-

12) \$1.00; Junior (Age 13-17) \$2.00; Senior (Age 60-69) \$3.00; Senior/Senior (Age 70 and older) \$3.00; Intermediate (No age restriction. Any fiddler who has not placed in top 20 at Weiser and who has NOT placed in top 5 in any State or Regional Contest) \$4.00; Open (No age restriction. Any fiddler may enter this division) \$5.00. Judges will meet with contestants at 12:00 Noon before the contest begins. All those placing in the top 5 of each division will receive a trophy plus a cash prize as shown below:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
PeeWee	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
Junior/Junior	30	25	20	15
Junior	60	50	40	30
Senior	80	70	60	50
Senior/Senior	80	70	60	50
Intermediate	100	80	70	60
Open	125	100	80	70
Accompanist	50	40	35	30

In addition to the prizes above, Rosa Lee McLain will award the second annual Homer McLain award.

Our judges are Evelyn Horner of Weed, CA, Bob Strelow of Oakridge, OR, and Don Hanna of Powell Butte, OR. Irene Ruddock and Jack Walker will do the score

tabulation. OOTFA District #10 is providing the sound system this year. Thanks!

If you are here early, please remember that Thursday, August 25th kicks off Pioneer Days with a barbecue dinner in Pioneer Park at 5:30. The fiddlers are invited to make music while everyone else eats and then have a free dinner afterwards. See Lew Holt to join in this Jam. On Friday, Alice Holt will be contacting those of you who want to play at Forest Glen Senior Residence at 4:30. And Lew Holt will be signing up those who want to participate in a Jam on the stage at Pioneer Park Friday evening at 7:00. Saturday is the contest and also the day that the Methodist Church across First Street from the School is holding an ice cream social. When fiddlers are not busy with the contest, they are invited to wander over to the church and play for the folks there and then enjoy some ice cream. Thanks to all of you fiddlers, accompanists, and listeners who will be here for the 39th annual Canyonville Pioneer Days Oldtime Fiddle Contest.

Gynn Deaton

Alex Phillips from Grants Pass sent me a reel to reel tape of the top 20 contestants at Weiser in 1972. I should have it on CDs in the not too distant future if anybody is interested. I want to publicly thank Alex for making this contribution to the archives.

Bill Gandy sent me a reel to reel tape with Ray Krogstad playing -- another excellent tape. Judy McGarvey gave me the tapes that Arnie Jorgensen recorded -- some very good ones. (See district 4 news.) These are setting beside the CD burner -- another project. Thanks to Bill and Judy.

I have DVDs of the convention -- one DVD for Friday and one for Saturday nights. They are \$5.00 each -- one \$7.50 with postage -- two \$12.50 with postage. I should have all day Wednesday and the Thursday night show ready soon.

I have one DVD for Friday at the contest and one DVD for Saturday at the contest. Same price as above.

CALENDAR

(Be sure to read the district news for the specific times, places and activities.)

Aug

6	Fairgrounds	Lakeview	1E
6	Willamette Valley Contest	Corvallis	
7	VFW	Redmond	3
9-12	Douglas Co. Fair	Roseburg	10
11	Polk Co. Fair	Rickreall	8
12	Bullards Beach	Bandon	5
13	Riverside Park	Grants Pass	4
13	Bob Bash	Sandy	6
13	Community Building	Winston	10
14	Shasta View Com. Hall	Klamath Falls	1
17	Lane Co. Fair	Eugene	6
17	Clackamas Co. Fair	Canby	7
18 - 21	Winchester Bay Campout		5
23	Jam	Mt. Angel	8
27	Canyonville Contest	Canyonville	

Sept.

3	Roxy Anne Grange	Medford	4
4	Lake Co. Fair	Lakeview	1E
4	VFW	Redmond	3
4	Town Hall	King City	7
7 - 11	Harney Co. Fair	Burns	9
9	Bullards Beach	Bandon	5
9	Elsie Stuhr	Beaverton	7
14-15-16-17	Camp Out	Merrill	OOTFA
24	Grange	Crow	6
24	Fiddle Contest - John Day		BMOTFA

Oct.

1	Grange	Eagle Point	4
15	Grange	Coburg	6
15	Community House	Manzanita	7/8
20-22	Western Open Fiddle Contest	Red Bluff, Cal.	