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2006

Calendar:

July

10-14 Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop Wallowa

29-30 Dorena Campout Cottage Grove

August

3-7 Diamond Lake Jamboree Diamond Lake

5 Willamette Valley Contest Corvallis

9-12 OOTFA Fiddle and Guitar camp Thousand Trails

17-20 Winchester Bay Campout Winchester Bay

26 Canyonville Fiddle Contest Canyonville

District 1

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Johnny Rodgers newsletter

541-591-2004

The schedule for District 1 Old Time Fiddlers for the month of July will be as follows.

July 1 Farmers Market has been canceled this Saturday only Klamath Falls.

July 2 Villa West our regular meeting, 12:00 noon till 4:00 pm Klamath Falls.

July 4 Crystal Terrace starts a 2:30 pm till when ever Klamath Falls.[pay]

July 4 Malin City Park Car Show [pay]

July 8 Farmers Market Ninth and Main street 10:00 am till 12:00 Klamath Falls.

July 9 Shasta Community Hall 12:00 noon till 4:00 pm Klamath Falls.

July 20 Main Street Jewelers 5:30 pm till when ever Klamath Falls.

July 22 Farmers Market Ninth and Main street 10:00 am till 12:00 Klamath Falls.

July 29 ESI [Electrical Scientific Industries Weird Park Picnic between Hope and Weird St.

11:00 to 12:30 Klamath Falls.

July / 29 Schooler Boy Benefit 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm Bonanza, Oregon.

On a sad note, Janice Lancaster has passed away May 18th 2006. Several members of the Oregon Old TIME FIDDLERS attended the beautiful service held in the Fire Hall, Chemult, Oregon on May 27 2006.

Also May 27 the old time fiddlers helped George Fernland celebrate his birthday at Lorella Hall a good time was had by all.

Here is something I wished more fiddlers would use. When you get up to the microphone, it would sure help us to find out what key you are going to play in. Jerry Ruddock has showed me the system, and I will try to explain it. If you are going to play in the

Key of C just hold up your fist

Key of G hold up 1 finger.

Key of D hold up 2 fingers.

Key of A hold up 3 fingers.

Key of F point 1 finger down.

The rest of the keys may come at a later date, soon as I learn them, thanks Jerry.

Sat. June 3 we played for Saturday Market down on Pine Street, then it was on to the fair grounds to play for the Master Gardeners. Thank you all for showing up and supporting the clubs efforts to promote old time fiddle music.

At our regular meeting at Villa West June 4 we made plans for our September state meeting in Merrill Or. The date has been set for Sept. 14-16. After our meeting and potluck we got down to some serious jamming. We had guests from Mt. Shasta Gin and Howard Priddy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to John Northcraft, Fran Coker, Jim Lancaster, Les Tucker, June Sanduskey. July anniversary's Mike and Lynn Foster

Our prayers go out to Dick Harris, who will be starting cancer treatments this next week.
District 1 Reporter Johnny Rodgers

District 1E

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Reporter: Eileen McLain

Business Meeting: July 10

Jam: No jam in July

New Pine Creek Firemen's BBQ: July 16

Mosquito Festival in Paisley, OR: July 29

Dear fiddle friends,

First off I'd like to thank you for your encouraging phone calls and emails during my recent illness. You all have a special place in my heart.

Not much to report this month. We play for the New Pine Creek Firemen's Barbeque on Sunday, July 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All y'all (that's redneck plural form) from other districts are welcome to join us. It's a great time, with great food in a pretty, shady little nook on the shores of Goose Lake.

Next month also is our Annual Paisley Mosquito Festival. performance. We share the stage again with the "Fiddlesticks", but we'd love to share it with other districts as well. The time and place: July 29th ,11:30 to 3:30. You know, you don't really need directions to either of these affairs. They re the only game in town, so just look for the SRO crowd. Haha.

Welcome new members to District 1E, Lewis and Mona Cain from Cedarville, CA. They've been big fans a long time and we're now glad you're one of us! Doug McLain, my better half, has his birthday on July 12, Perry Forga's is on July 9, and Donna Lynch's is on July 29.

Here's the lineup for community service gigs: On July 7,14,21, and 28, we'll play from 10:30 until noon at the Lake County Senior Center, and then again on July 4 (tentative) and 18, from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. at the Lake District Long Term Care Facility. The next ol' boring business meeting should take place on the 10th if we can coral enough members.

Th, th, th, that's all folks. You know, eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines !

Eileen McLain, reporter, District 1E

District 3

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Dates to Remember:

July 2nd VFW SHOW Redmond 1-4p.m
July 7-15th Grass Valley Jam Session City Park 1-4p.m
Aug 6th VFW SHOW Redmond 1-4p.m
Aug 6th Fair Show Redmond Fairgrounds 1:00p.m
Aug 9-12th Thousand Trails Fiddle/ Guitar Camp
Aug 8-19th Grass Valley Jam Session 1-4p.m
Sep 3rd VFW SHOW Redmond 1-4p.m
Sep 9-16th Grass Valley Jam Session

Howdy from District #3: Looks like a busy summer for playing music. Our last show was June 4th. On stage was 22 members playing great music. There were 70 watching the show. Guest performers were Otto Christiansen and Betty Chapman. As we say good bye to Dale Anderson, Chairmen 2004-2006. We say hello to Dennis Jakab, Chairmen 2006-2008. Thanks to Dale Anderson for all his hard work. And thank you to all the board members as well. Board members: Chairmen: Dale Anderson, Co-Chairmen: Art Bigelow, Treasure / Secretary: Earlene Ervin, Membership: Earlene Ervin, Reporter: Rhea Bigelow, Kitchen / Sound: Betty and Chester Fullerton, Publicity: JR / Joyce Wallace, Show: Jack Kerr / Mike Hymen, Activity: Bob Ervin, Announcer: Norma Jean. Jobs well done!

District 3 will be trying something new at our next show. There will be 3 groups on stage. Each member of the group will play one song only! Then; the next group will go on stage. Please remember to play danceable songs on stage.
New Members: Dick and Lorena Cahill

District 3 will not be having jam session at the Pine Forest Grange due to the cost of the rent.

Grass Valley has offered us to play at their jam session each month. They will be playing at the City Park Pavilion. Time: 1-4p.m

Don't forget Fiddle/Guitar Camp at Thousand Trails. Dates: Aug 9, 10, 11, 12th. We are still taking applications. For more information contact: Bob Ervin 541-447-5451.

Congratulations to our member Carolyn Marstall. She placed 7th playing her fiddle at the State Contest.

Closing Thoughts: May old time music be in your soul. We send our best wishes out to those who have lost love ones. Happy Birthday and Anniversaries this month. Best wishes to those who have love ones serving in our military. We hope they all return home safe.

Rhea Bigelow / Reporter

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June 3, 2006

What a nice spring day for our monthly meeting at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. The "finger foods" lunch was just right, and will be continued thru the summer. Bob Reeves says the pig for our roast at Walch Park on July 1 is growing like, well..... a pig! Bob needs help on June 10 to dig the pit, and on June 30 to put the pig to roast. (It will already be butchered.) He also needs help on the morning of July 1 to remove the roast and prepare it for serving. Please call Bob if you can lend a hand. (664-4199) There's going to be lots of roast, so please bring your family & friends! There will be no charge for roast pig or turkey eaten at Walch Park, although a donation would be appreciated. The whole roast will probably not get eaten, and take-out will be available for \$2.00 per pound.

The western shirt exchange WILL be held at Walch Park, so please bring your good, used western shirts to the meeting!

Judy McGarvey took First Place and Don Maddox placed Fifth in the Senior/Senior division at the OOTFA state fiddle contest in Salem, while Scott Phillips and Donna Reuter took Third Place in Twin Fiddle. Congratulations to you all! Scott Phillips also won the raffle for the beautiful Gene Stephenson mandolin! (Yes, tickets purchased at Rickreall were also in the drawing.)

Several \$50 scholarships are available to the upcoming Fiddle & Guitar Camp at Thousand Trails, August 9-12. Please contact Judy McGarvey for details if you would like to attend. Also, when you have a chance, check out the new OOTFA state web site put together by Hal Weiner. Visit www.ootfa.org.

Musicians: To help alleviate some of the ongoing issues at our jams and gigs, a new page has been added to our District 4 web site. Please visit: www.ootfa4.org and click on "Etiquette" for details. Also, for a list of future events visit: www.ootfa4.org/Ootfa4Cal-Future.htm.

The ever-creative Lee Ferguson once again outdid even herself by providing "summer fun" prizes for our meeting drawing. There were hula hoops, a wiffle ball game with paddles, kites, sidewalk chalk, a blow-up exercise ball, an inflatable "water taxi" raft, water goggles, water balloons, a sand castle set, and another copy of Uncle Sam's diet book! (Which she herself won!!!)

We were very happy to see Don Lindsey, Mary and Frank Armstrong, Ruth and Grumpy Kimmel, and Donna Frazier all feeling better after recent illness. Ruth and Grumpy recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary! In very sad news, Rochelle Davis recently passed away after a long illness. She was a longtime OOTFA member, banjo player, and niece to Gene Williams. A \$50 donation will be made by our District to the family's charity of choice. It has also been reported that Jan Lancaster (District 1, Chemult) also recently passed away.

"Without music, life is a journey through a desert." (Pat Conroy)
Rick Reichert, reporter, district 4

District 5

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July 1 - Sunset Beach, Coos Bay 6 - 8pm
July 4 - Sturdivant Park, Coquille, 1-2 pm
July 8 - Yachats 11am - 3 or 4pm
July 15 - Jam Winchester Bay Grange noon
July 28 - Bullards Beach 6 - 8pm
August 12 - Bullards Beach 6 - 8pm
August 16 - 20 WINCHESTER BAY CAMPOUT
August 25 - Hauser Church - Time TBD (Larry G. to arrange)
August 26 - Sunset Beach 6 - 8pm
September 9 - Sunset Beach 6 - 8pm
September 23 - location TBD - meeting and jam?
October 21 - location TBD - jam & potluck

At our jam in Bandon in May we had a full house of people who really enjoyed the music, even though we only had 9 musicians who signed up to play!!

At our meeting on June 10th it was decided that any district member who gets a request for musicians should make the arrangements for the musicians who will be playing and notify the Chairperson and Hoedowner reporter of the event. Jolly Hibbits has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer and Kathy Nash was elected by a unanimous vote.

We would like to welcome new members Ray Sylvia and Pat Weyer, both of whom are harmonica players!

On the July 4th we will play at Sturdivant Park in Coquille from 1 to 2. Bring the family and a picnic lunch. Other groups will be playing throughout the day

All fiddlers are invited to come and play at the Yachats Smelt Fry on July 8th from 11am to 3:00pm at the Yachat Commons. Both the fish and the music should be hot!!

Our next jam will be on July 15th at the Winchester Bay Grange Potluck at noon and sign-up performances starting at 1:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the clean ocean air!!

There is still RV space available with full hook-ups at the Salmon Harbor RV resort in Winchester and plenty of dry camping, so plan to come on down August 16-20 to fiddle on the beach!! Start practicing your train songs! Details can be found at www.ootfa.org District 5 will be serving Baked Potatos, Chili and Salad for dinner on Thursday, August 17th. District 5 members please bring homemade cookies to share with everyone and sign up to help in the kitchen during the campout.

Happy Cake and Candles day to all "July'ards". And many more days of wedded bliss to those who tied the knot in the seventh month.

Hal Weiner District 5 Reporter

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July 9, Oakridge

July 22, Lake Creek Grange

Aug. 5, WOE Fair, Cottage Grove

Aug. 16, Lane County Fair

This is a special month for me because it's my last Hoedowner report. I've (except when deadline looms large) enjoyed visiting with you each month this past year and hope you've enjoyed it as well.

Last month's jam was June 10 at the Jasper Grange, where a fine barbecued chicken dinner was served. Bob Strelow chaired a lively discussion which generated lots of differing opinions from the crowd. A vote was taken and it was decided to continue using the first sign in, first up sheet at the jams. Several people also spoke about the need for courteous behavior from all. Good job, Bob!

Update on Peggy Stratton, Tootie William's mom. I finally got to meet the lovely lady so many of you have been asking about. Peggy and her husband Laurence were instrumental in organizing fiddle contests in Cottage Grove in the early sixties, before OOTFA was formed. Peggy fell in January and has had a long rehab. She's now back home with Tootie and doing much better. She plans to enter an assisted living facility in Cottage Grove soon. Tootie's number is 942-3562 and her email address is mailboxdepoe@aol.com. Peggy would love to hear from her old friends

Upcoming OOTFA happenings you might be interested in : July 9th, Oakridge Pioneer Days from 11 a.m. until Noon. The July jam is at the Lake Creek Grange, 6 miles north of Harrisburg on Peoria Road. Directions from I-5, take Brownsville exit to Halsey. turn

south at the light , 1.7 miles to Lake Creek Road. Follow that road 4.2 miles to the grange, corner of Lake Creek and Peoria. No August jam.

Coming up in August, the WOE fair in Cottage Grove. We'll be playing from 1 to 3 p.m. The Lane County Fair, Senior Day, Wed. Aug. 16th, 2:30 to 4, in the Museum Courtyard (same as last year).

July birthdays include Floyd Frazier 7/3; Emily Moyle 7/11, and Esther Shriber 7/28. Just a couple of anniversaries, Bernie and Marie Roberts on July 18th, and Ila Mae and Mark Carmickle on July 29th. Congratulations all and thanks for sharing your special day with us.

The list of opportunities to listen, sing, dance or play old time music just keeps getting longer, so you've no excuse to stay home 'cause there's no place to go. The Central Grange has a shindig the first Friday night of the month and Crow does it on the second Friday night. Bernie Charlebois hosts jams at Central on the 2nd Tuesday and Franklin Grange on the 3rd Thursday. Wayne Carpenter's jam at Jasper is always the 4th Thursday.

Details the same for daytime jams. 10 to 4 with a one p.m. potluck. And I think I heard a rumor that another one was in the works for the Lebanon area. So grab your fiddle (or in my case, tambourine) and have some fun !

Judie Eads, District 6 Reporter

District 7

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July 16 Marine Park Cascade Locks

August 9 Rose Linn Care West Linn

12 Bawb Bash East of Sandy

The congratulations of our organization go to members Ella Opdal and Norton Johnson on the occasion of their recent wedding. Best wishes to the happy couple. More good wishes go to our new members: Richard & Joyce Bergeron from Gresham, Sally and Fred Smith, from Colton, and Sally Wheeler from Beaverton. Be sure to give them a friendly welcome when you meet them at our upcoming events below:

Sunday July 16 from 2 - 3 at the Marine Park at Cascade Locks, we're needed to help celebrate Sternwheeler Days. Take the freeway exit into Cascade Locks and drive to the east end of town. Turn left down into the only entrance to the Marine Park and turn

right onto the first street. Follow it to the pavilion on the left. The stage will be under a tent. There is an information booth in the area if needed. Along with the usual booths and entertainments there will be an encampment of Warm Springs Indians here also.

Wednesday August 9 starting at 3:00 p.m. we are hired to play at the Rose Linn Care Center at 2330 Debok Road in West Linn. We'll play from 3 to 3:45 then take the elevator to another floor and play from 3:46 to 4:30. This is for the Center's "Western Days" Celebration so be sure to wear your cowboy hats and be ready with those western tunes. Take the 10th Street Exit off I-205 and go north on 10th to the "T" and turn left onto Blankenship; then right onto Debok and the Care Center is on the left side. Park where you can and go in the Big Front Entrance.

Saturday August 12 starting at noon with be the 7th Annual Bawb Bash. It is a Happy Birthday Potluck Jam at Andy and Terry Jorgensen's place at 50995 SE Baty Road out of Sandy. Take Hwy 26 east of Sandy Oregon and go six miles past the last stop light. Pass The Candy Farm on the right and get ready to turn left onto Cherryville Lane. Drive one mile and turn left onto SE Baty Road. Drive another 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 the instruments you want to play. Bob will celebrate his 86th birthday! Andy and Terry's phone number is 503-668-3917 and their new email is atjorgensen@netzero.net.

District 7 Reporter, Gail Foster

District 8

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Sec/Treas: Chris Lang 503-982-6224

Membership: Jackie Stephenson

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A warm District 8 welcome to our new officers listed above. They will do a fine job of keeping us on track. And thank you to our outgoing officers, Marie Bailey and Ray Cunningham, for their service.

What a great picnic we had at the Hardins! Thank you Fred and Charlotte for your wonderful, warm hospitality. The food was outstanding! And the music! There was a jam in the garage, another on the deck and one in the living room. Sixty folks attended and every one of them had a great time. Two of our newer fiddlers debuted. Dale Smith and John Schafer. Both performed very well. We were pleased to have some folks from neighboring districts as well.

July 1st from 2-4 at the Aurora Museum. Aurora Colony is celebrating its 150th year, and fiddlers are invited to play several times during the summer.

July 8th and 9th: Silver Falls State Park for Al Fawcett Days. We can camp in a group camping area near the North park entrance. Please call Dale Colebank or Lew Holt if you have questions about camping. (web site, too)

July 15th 7PM Pacific City Thousand Trails Campground. Take Hwy 18 toward Lincoln City, go North on Hwy 101 to the Pacific City turnoff. When you get to the four way stop in Pacific City, turn left toward the beach, go over the bridge, then turn right, go two miles. The campground is on the right side of the road. For more directions, call Thousand Trails at (541) 965-6086.

July 18th 5:30 PM Polk County Fairgrounds for an RV group picnic. Please call Marie Bailey if you plan to come. The first 12 musicians to sign up will be given a free dinner.

July 22nd 1PM Salem Senior Center. We're invited to play for their picnic. From I-5 Take the Market St. Exit #256. Go towards downtown Salem. Turn right onto Capitol Street, go a short mile to 1055 Erixon NE. Watch for the Sr. Center sign. The sign is one block past the Madison St. light.

July 29th -- the Caterpillar Museum at Powerland in Brooks Oregon. Phil Ringle is inviting fiddlers to play for the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owner's Club from 5 p.m. on. Powerland is located just west of I-5. Take the Brooks Exit - ext 263- go west about 1/4 mile. Drive straight back to the Cat museum. Show your nametag or instrument to get in for free anytime after 4 p.m. Any problems, page Phil Ringle.

Musicians are needed at Garibaldi on the same day. OOTFA fiddlers and back up are invited to play for "Garibaldi Days" on July 29th at the Old Mill Lodge in Garibaldi from 1 to 4 pm. Come early and watch the parade from 10 to noon. Please contact Marie Bailey if you can make it or have questions. Her number is: 503-835-7185 and her e-mail is: bambailey@linet.com She'd like a count of how many plan to attend.

Happy travels everyone who will be on the road.

Alice Holt, reporter

District 9
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Co-Chair: Ruel Teague 541-573-2868
Secretary/treasurer/membership:
Rose Johnson 541-573-6237

Dense fog blanketed the burns airport during the Lyon's club Fly-in.....but that didn't keep eight players from turning out to do a two hour program for the town people who came out for the delicious big breakfast and some visiting.

Wayne Johnson was honored as the Pioneer Day president on June 10th. For the program Janet Brayman did "Pays de Haut", "Saint Anns Reel" and "Clarinet Polka" on the hammered dulcimer accompanied by Walt Cooper on guitar. Joe Enneberg, Ruel Teague, Walt cooper and Julia Milleson played and sang a few of Wayne's favorite songs as well. Betty Chapman of Christmas Valley was Invited as a special guest by Wayne and Rose for her yodeling and singing. A dance was held at 7pm that evening with our "fiddle" group providing the music and we ended up playing for two and a half hours!! We thought those "old people" would have played out long before that. (Getting those fingers toughened up for the Jamboree.) Plaudits to our sound man Walt Cooper for all his extra work.

July 14th we play at the Aspens at 7:00 pm. We had a good turnout of players last time. Ashley Manor will be on July 17th at 6:30 pm. Still need more players there.

Hope your Fourth of July celebrations include some music playing.

Julia Milleson, Reporter District 9

District 10

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Not much news this time, it's been so nice out lately, I guess everyone is out doing something fun, or Spring cleaning around the yard or house.

Thanks to everyone who brought food for the potluck, and everyone that played the good music. Some of our visitor's this month were Fred and Rita Prout, Eadie Buckles and Virginia Hardy. Hope to see them again soon. Some of us had to leave early for prior commitments.

Our next meeting, potluck, and jam will be July 8th. July 27th we'll be playing at the Myrtle Creek Festival from 6pm to 7pm.

Hope to see you next month, everyone is welcome, bring your instruments and play along, even if you don't think you can play very good, or are just learning, come at 10:00 a.m. and there will be someone to help you out.

Joyce Pickett, District 10 Reporter

From your President.

I wish to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown me by asking me to be your President. You, the members are the back bone of this club and I hope you will make your wishes known. Work together and enjoy each others company, we are all equal, no one is better than anyone else.

I have been thinking about the great music that has been played and written using just 7 notes, A,B,C,D,E,F,G. All music uses just these 7 notes with different variations, rhythm and feelings and timing. Most of your music in fiddle and or violin playing comes from the use of the bow. There is so many types of music in just the fiddling and I really enjoy playing and listening to it.

I wish to thank our friends in Burns for allowing us to have our meeting at their music jamboree, It is always a lot of fun, both in music and friendship. A special thanks to all who worked so hard putting it on.

District 1 is working and planning for the convention that will be held in Merrill this Sept. 14h, 15th, and 16th. The hall will be open for early arrivals on the 13th. They now have an indoor handicap restroom and 15 hook ups with electricity and water.

I am very happy to have Chris Lang and Sharon Gallagher as my Vice Pres and Secretary, I will need their help and in-put. Remember the workshops that are being held at Thousand Trails Aug 9th 10th 11th and 12th.

Your Pres. Irene Ruddock

Bits and pieces from your "stand in" editor -- while Joe is on vacation.

In case you need to send me money - I can dream can't I -- Alice's and my new zip code will be 97301 after July 1.

To all Treasurers: Please remember to close you books, as of June 30, and get them to me ASAP. We plan to go to Diamond Lake August 3rd and on to the Fiddle Camp from there. I will not be home again until August 13. All reports MUST be to our auditor by August 15. I hope to have everything posted and off before the 3rd. I cannot do this without the help off all ten district treasurers. Thanks so much for all of your great work this past year. It is certainly appreciated. Sharon

New members to welcome!
Drew Johnston, Lakeview
Bud & Floy Starr, Roseburg
Scott & Janet McAdoo, Roseburg
Vern & Carlene Witcher, Roseburg
Richard & Joyce Bergeron, Gresham
Joan & Tarno Coleman, Dallas

Roscoe & JoAnne Creed, Sisters
Sally & Fred Smith, Colton
Ray Silvia, Bandon
Sally Wheeler, Beaverton
Warren Whistler & Jan Thompson, Grants Pass
Dick & Arleen Smith, Grants Pass
Dorothy Freebairn, Medford
Stacey & Larry Williams, Medford
Monica & Aaron Drake, Williams
Nina Hoffman, Eugene
John & Bonnie Easley, Gervais
Darlene & Sal Fiducia, Pleasant Hill
Lynn & Joan Nelson, Springfield
Larry & Diana Oldham, Lowell
Dick & Lorna Cahill, Bend
Don & Sandra Lynch, Harrisburg

Canyonville Fiddle Contest -- Saturday, August 26th. Registration 9:00 a.m. - Noon with 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 your RV's allowed at the school as usual. And Stanton Park just north of the city limits has both tent and full service RV spots. See below for motel numbers:

Valley View 1-800-566-2298
Leisure Inn 1-541-839-4278
Riverside Lodge 1-541-839-4557
Best Western 1-541-839-4200
Seven Feathers 1-888-677-7771

Friday, August 25th, will find the fiddlers entertaining at Forest Glen Senior Residence as has been the tradition for years. And then on stage at Pioneer Park for an hour. I will have the times nailed down for the August newsletter.

The only thing new this year is the deletion of the "Intermediate Division" and the addition of "Adult Division." This "Adult" division is open to those from age 18 through age 59. "Thank you" to the OOTFA districts for their generous donations making it possible to award total prize money of \$2,000.

I don't have the judges yet. Fred Hardin will be our emcee and Lew and Alice Holt will help as usual. Please, those of you who would like to volunteer to help, call me at 541-839-4501 or e-mail gynn@mcsi.net. This is the 40th Pioneer Days celebration making it the 40th Canyonville Oldtime Fiddle Contest. Let's make it a good one!

Gynn Deaton

History books. The 378 page OOTFA History book of newspaper clippings starting in 1960 is still available. They are \$12.00 or \$15.00 by mail. They sold well at the convention but it would be nice to get the boxes out of my basement. Just holler!

DVDs of the contest are available. Tell me what you want and I'll "customize" a DVD just for you. If you want "a lot," then I'll customize two DVDs. Five dollars each plus \$2.50 shipping (one or more). It is the same with convention DVDs.

The OOTFA Championship fiddle contest is history now but the memory lingers on. It is dangerous to list names to thank people -- hopefully not to leave anybody out -- but I'll gamble: Thanks to - Earlene Ervin - accompanist tally. Scott Phillips and Dick Derry - runners. Fred Hardin, Chuck Gates, Bob Ervin - emcees. Chris Lang, Sarah Kearney, Hal and Karen Wiener - sales. Peg Tucker, Cindy Goeser, Darlene Bryant, Tim McGee and Linda Schaffer registration. Larry Gallagher - RVs. Bill Severin of Umpqua Bank - all day. Tim McGee - sales. Gosh - ticket sales - Linda Schaffer, Allison Roberts, Donna Janzsen, Marie Cunningham, Jo Hockenhull, Lisa Kearney. Ila Mae Carmickle, Starr McMullen and Erin McMullen - score tally. Howard and Lois Gabel - timekeepers. Don O'Brian and his family, Dale Colebank - sound to judges' room.

Amy Booher, Starr McMullen and I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped during the contest. And we want to thank all of those who gave of their time, money and energy before the contest. I should keep a scrapbook with all of the nice "thank you" emails we received expressing appreciation for the contest.

Pee Wee 6
Jr. - Jr. 15
Junior 14
Y Adult 3
Adult 7
Senior 5
Sr. - Sr. 11
Open 4
Twin 12

65 contestants not counting the Twin.

35 contestants 17 and younger.

30 contestants 18 and older.

It sure speaks well for our younger people, doesn't it!

Twin Fiddle Division

1. Erik Jepsen Heppner
Brian Shaylor Portland
2. Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
Tatiana Hargreaves - Corvallis
3. Scott Phillips - Jacksonville
Donna Reuter - Hood River
4. Kian Dye - Portland
Tabitha Gholi - Portland
5. Eileen Walter - Portland
Jim Toussaint - Beaverton

6. Alex Carlson -Ione
Amanda Tullis - Pendleton
7. Gayle Clarity - Woodburn
Irene Ruddock Klamath Falls
8. Taj Morton - Philomath
Kit Morton Philomath
9. Pam Darling - Sweet Home
Jenise Darling - Sweet Home
10. Lillie Townsend - Portland
Laura Townsend - Portland

PEE WEE Division

1. Kiarra Saito-Beckman - Bend
2. Wilhelmina Franzerda Blodgett
3. Samantha Manhard Corvallis
4. Harrison Broadus Dallas
5. Matthew McCravey Hood River

JUNIOR - JUNIOR Division

1. Tatiana Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Miya Saito-Beckman Bend
3. Kian Dye Portland
4. Trevor Whitaker Independence
5. Susanna Forster Gaston
6. Benjamin Haddock Pilot Rock
7. Joseph Haddock Pilot Rock
8. Tabitha Gholi West Linn
9. Taylor Blevins Salem
10. Andrew Heritage Beaverton

JUNIOR Division

1. Erik Jepsen Heppner
2. Brian Shaylor Portland
3. Robbie Griswold Lyons
4. Amanda Tullis Pendleton
5. Kodria Haddock Pilot Rock
6. Taj Morton Philomath
7. Alex Carlson Ione
8. Kit Morton Philomath
9. Jesse Sprague Portland
10. Anne Wynn Corvallis

YOUNG ADULT Division

1. Amy Booher Salem
2. Andy Shelton Corvallis
3. Daniel Forster Gaston

ADULT Division

1. Starr McMullen Corvallis
2. Bob Heinith Portland
3. Chris Manhard Corvallis
4. Rick Bergeron Portland
5. Steve Haddock Pilot Rock
6. Pam Darling Sweet Home
7. Denise McCravey Hood River

SENIOR Division

1. Jim Hockenhill Sheridan
2. Donna Foreman Estacada
3. Chris Lang Woodburn
4. Darlene Bryant Turner
5. Jerry Parks Lebanon

SENIOR - SENIOR Division

1. Judy McGarvey Medford
2. Les Tucker Woodburn
3. Willie Carter Lebanon
4. Alice Holt Salem
5. Don Maddox Ashland
6. Papa Spain Portland
7. Dale Colebank Woodburn
8. Lew Holt Salem
9. Carolyn Marstall LaPine
10. Irene Ruddock Klamath Falls

OPEN Division

1. Alex Hargreaves Corvallis
2. Dan Emert Pendleton
3. Eileen Walter Portland
4. Donna Reuter Hood River

Accompanists

1. Frank Moore
2. Jeff Walter
3. Chuck Gates
4. Dan Emert
5. Pat Gates tie
5. Allen Feves tie

Judges: Lisa Barrett, Dick Barrett,
Isaac Callender, Gary Schuh, Justin Booher

Another Successful State Fiddle Contest

I would like to thank all involved for helping make the Oregon State Fiddle Contest another big success. We had support from every OOTFA District, from many individuals, the Salem community, many wonderful volunteers, and most important--the FIDDLERS who participated!

Congratulations to two-time Oregon State Open Champion, 14 year old Alex Hargreaves of Corvallis. He is the youngest state champion we have ever had and a great inspiration for us all.

Many OOTFA members have asked me how to get more kids involved in fiddling so that OOTFA can meet its stated goal of perpetuating oldtime fiddling, especially amongst the young. Given recent year's participation of young (under 18 year old) fiddlers at the state contest as well as the Gaston and Willamette Valley contests, it is pretty obvious that fiddle contests are the main OOTFA event in which the young participate. That is why it is SO important that ALL fiddlers show up and play---if you don't, your tunes will be lost.

This year we had the privilege of having Dick Barrett as one of our judges. As many of you know, Dick Barrett is 85 years old, and winner of numerous national fiddle titles. After contest Lisa Barrett wrote to thank us for the wonderful experience and she wanted be sure that I passed along her comment that, "we had fun with all of your local fiddlers that we jammed with." One of the highlights of the OOTFA contest weekend was watching Dick Barrett (and judges Lisa Barrett, Isaac Calender, and Justin Booher) sit and jam with OOTFA members during their judging breaks. Particularly impressed were young fiddlers who expressed delight at the playing and were clearly inspired!

This is how we pass along our traditions --- so if you are serious about promoting fiddling amongst the young, be sure to come and participate at contests. This is the venue which attracts the young people today.

Regards, Starr McMullen OOTFA Contest Co-Chair

9th Annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest

Please mark Saturday, August 5, 2006 on your calendar for the 9th annual Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest. As usual, the contest is held as part of the Benton County Fair in Corvallis, Oregon and it runs from about 9:30 am to 5:30.

This is a unique contest as it is the only one in Oregon that is held at a fair. There is plenty of food and entertainment available to keep kids and adults entertained throughout the day when they are not playing at the

contest. It also provides a great opportunity to demonstrate to the public what fiddling is all about. Every year there are new fiddlers showing up who first heard fiddling at this contest at the Benton County Fair. It is very important that fiddlers of all types and ages show up to give the best representation of our membership as this is an audience of people who would not normally go to see a fiddle event, who “stumble” by and get the fiddle bug.

This year we will have Danita Rast, 3 time National Grand Champion and the first woman to win the National title, as a judge. You will get to hear her and the other judges play at the contest.

Thanks to the districts and people who contributed to the contest. See you at the Fair!

Starr McMullen, Willamette Valley Contest Co-Chair
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Manitoba's Gold Boy is a tune that has been around for years and is an “old stand by.” Alice found this little story the other day. I thought maybe you might enjoy it.

The story of The Golden Boy

From his 225-foot vantage point, atop the Provincial Legislative Building, Manitoba's 13 foot high Golden Boy dominates the capital city of Winnipeg.

Designated as a symbol of Enterprise and Eternal Youth he provides a fitting and unique symbol of the young progressive spirit of Manitoba.

His left arm carries a sheaf of golden grain symbolizing the agricultural wealth of the province. He faces north toward the vast vacation reaches of northern Manitoba, and the untold mineral riches of our great Pre-Cambrian Shield. His right hand holds high a torch symbolically lighting Manitoba's pathway of progress, leading to a bright and shining future.

The Golden Boy has experienced many adventures before attaining his present secure and dominant position. He was cast in the Barbidiene foundry near Paris, which was wrecked by bombs in the First World War. But, under the rubble he was found, unscratched. Subsequently he lay for two years in the hold of a troop transport as it plied the war zones of the North Atlantic.

Finally, when the war was over, he was landed in New York, then freighted to Winnipeg. He has become one of the best-known symbols of Manitoba.