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Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association Connecting fiddlers - young and young at heart

BMOTFA 2012 SHOW SCHEDULE AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Be sure to watch for new events, additional information, and changes to scheduled events.

Admission to shows is normally \$5.00 **but present your BMOTFA 2012 membership card for a \$1.00 discount.** Youngsters age 12 and under always get in FREE!

May 12 Stanfield: Senor Center, 225 West Roosevelt Ave. Dinner at 5 p.m., hot turkey sandwich, pasta salad, & selection of pie. Pie & beverages available during the show, which starts at 6 p.m. Any leftover pies will be auctioned at the end of the evening.

May 18 La Grande Show at the La Grande Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St. Spaghetti Dinner is from 5 to 5:45 and the show starts at 6.

May 19 Nyssa Senior Center, 316 Good Ave. Dinner at 5 p.m. **Mountain time**, show at 6. 541-372-5660

May 25-26 Sumpter - Memorial Day weekend. Potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, then jam after dinner until we drop. Two shows on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. All at the old school house building. If entering Sumpter on Hwy 410 from the south, go nearly all the way through town on Mill St. There is a "Y" at Granite St. where you want to keep going straight on Mill St. up the hill. Notes: The Stage Stop gas station is at this fork in the road. Do NOT take the paved road which bends to the left and goes out of town.

June 2 Baker County Fair Grounds at the Community Event Hall. Spaghetti dinner at 5:00 p.m. Show 6:00 p.m.

June 9 Enterprise Cloverleaf Hall dinner at 5 p.m., show at 6 p.m.

June 16 Elgin Riverfest Breakfast Show.

June 16 Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge 2146 at 611 N. Main, 541-938-3633. Dinner pending, show at 6 p.m.

June 18-23 National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest® and Festival. Fiddletown Campground opens at noon Wednesday

June 13. Stickerville Camping also opens June 13. Drinking water on site - two hydrants centrally located. Port-a-potties on site (approximately June 15th - June 25th). Full details at <http://fiddlecontest.com>

July 6-9 Sumpter: Friday, July 6th potluck dinner at 5:00p.m. Jam after dinner until we drop. Saturday, July 7th we have shows at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. You may camp next to the old school house building until Monday, then drive directly to Emigrant Springs.

July 9-15 Emigrant Springs campout. This year you can set up your camp on Monday! Shows on 12, 13, & 14.

July 9-13 Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Workshop. Most folks set up camp on Sunday, and this year there will be instructor performances that evening.

August 11 Elgin Show

August 22-25 Grant County Fair & Rodeo. See "Grant County News" for details.

August 31-Sept. 1 (Labor Day weekend) Sumpter: Friday, August 31 potluck dinner at 5:00p.m. Jam after dinner until we drop. Saturday, September 1st shows at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

September 14 La Grande at the Fort Union Grange

September 15 Baker City show at the Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St. Meal 5:30 p.m. & show at 6 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Union show is in our history book and what a time we had in Union April 13 and 14th. Everything came off smooth and the weather was good and everything clicked just right. Pat and Nancy Bruce our Union County directors did an outstanding job putting things together. The jam on Friday evening and our breakfast, meeting, potluck and show on Saturday were so much fun. (See more in the Union Co. news).

All of our directors, executive board members and appointed officers and special appointed people were all there except our editor Richard Rubicam. He was attending a reunion.

I can't thank all our members enough for coming to Union the way the gas prices are. I commend all of you for going the extra mile to support the Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers. All the spectators enjoyed the show. Lots of good comments were said. We had a full house of people who loved the music and enjoyed dancing.

A special event was when Kent Craig played the National Anthem to the crowd of about 400 for the dedication of the Opperman Little League Baseball field during the afternoon. It was also the opening day for Little League Baseball season.

We had a lot of new faces come to our show Friday evening.

Our new "Hall of Fame" member was elected by the directors. Evelene Haynes of Fruitland, Idaho was the recipient. She was very deserving of the award. The award was presented to her by her husband, Les Haynes who received the award last year.

We had a new cook for our Saturday morning breakfast. Lee Lowe of Imbler served a wonderful meal. He will come back next year.

Last year we sent two ladies to the Wallowa fiddle Tunes workshop. Sherry Cadwell, Union and Vicki Hagey, Cove. We were glad to have them participate in our two day activities. They played for the first time in front of a crowd and did an excellent job. We hope we will hear from them all summer long.

After this weekend I feel very proud to be a member of this special organization and will continue to keep old time fiddling and old time music alive and well.



May we, as members of the Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers Association, try our best to come to the fiddle shows we can and support each other. Thank all of you for your continued support.

Stay in Tune!

Your Friend,
Denny Langford, President

BMOTFA Hall of Fame

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| 1999 | Ivan McDaniel
Buril Morris
Charles Trump
Albert Langlitz |
| 2000 | Nellie Langlitz |
| 2001 | Bill Noble
Mildred Morris
Bethel Croghan |
| 2002 | Jim Smith |
| 2003 | Leonard Samples |
| 2004 | Denny Langford |
| 2005 | Wayne Hamilton |
| 2006 | Colleen Langford |
| 2007 | Bobby Stevens |
| 2008 | Win Weston
Jane Weston |
| 2009 | Punk McDaniel |
| 2010 | Nancy Trump |
| 2011 | Les Haynes |

2011 Evelene Haynes



Colleen wrote that it was so cute to watch the Haynes. Les presented but didn't know who it was until he turned the plaque over and saw her name. They both teared up.

Baker County News

No news received.

Grant County News

Well I suppose I have been indoctrinated, having attended my first annual meeting of the BMOTF. I must say I learned a lot and look forward to doing a better job representing Grant County. I heard so many different meanings of old time music that I'm still trying to determine just how to define it myself, for fear that I will be asked at the next gathering.

Thank you Pat and Nancy Bruce for a great potluck and an immensely entertaining show after the meeting.

Denny did a wonderful (seemingly effortless) job at keeping the show on track in order to complete the show at a decent hour. Needing to drive the 3 hours back to John Day that evening, I wanted to leave by 7 PM but Katie explained Denny needed her help and Skeeter had a certain number of performers that he was committed to for backup, so we didn't leave until 9:30. But we were accompanied by a zillion stars shining above and the trip went well as I sang all the way home in order to stay awake. Didn't know I sang did you?

Katie and Skeeter took puppies and instruments to the assisted living facility in John Day, not sure who had the most fun, the seniors or the kids.

Working with local musicians to get a monthly jam session going, stay tuned for when and where, just in case you happen to be passing through.



Carolyn Stout

Malheur County News

No news received.

Morrow County News

Another month has passed. The annual meeting is history, and everyone has had a good time I hope.

April 4 saw us in Nampa, Idaho. The police dept. there built a new safety center and dedicated it to the memory of Judy's grandfather. He is the only officer killed in the line of duty in Nampa. It all went off well, was quite an honor.

While there we went on to Mountain Home and visited some friends of ours who own a ranch next to us. Coming home we stopped and saw Les and Evelene Haynes and played at a care center there in Ontario, then on home by way of John Day.

Next saw us at Union for the annual meeting. It was another good time had by all. We took our RV and camped by the school in Union.

On the 19th Bill West and I drove to Hermiston and played with the crew at Hermiston Terrace. Lots of music this month.

That's about enough for this time; I will say it was nice to see everyone after a long winter. It has warmed up and looks like spring for a few days.

About enough rambling on for now. See ya somewhere in a tune,
Bob and Judy Stevens



We could learn a lot from a box of crayons. Some are pretty, some dull, some with weird names, some different colors; they all have to live in the same box.

The snow has come, the snow has gone.
Bitter cold we had to endure.
Now that spring has come, warm weather
Is with us for sure.

Twentieth of March, sure as can be
The Curlew has arrived for all of us to see.
He never shows till spring is here;
He never shows till the coast is clear.

With his weird call and super long beak
And mate at his side,
He struts his stuff and moves with pride.

After the young are raised, they take to the air
To head for new ground to return again
When the coast is clear.

Umatilla County News

No news received.

Union County News

Greeting from Pair a Dice Ranch in High Valley.

Wow, what a great time we had at the Annual Meeting and Show in Union! So before I say anything else if you were there in the crowd, in the kitchen, on the stage or anywhere in the building, here's a Great Big Thank You to you All, and that means you.

Special Thanks to the women, and you know who you are, that provided the goodies Friday. We had a great night of music for the 51 in attendance. Each of the 22 musicians performed 2 tunes. However the night was still young so we went around again and played 1 more a piece. The performers were as follows: Bobby Stevens of Heppner, OR; Nancy Bruce of La Grande, OR; Evelene Haynes of Fruitland, ID; Les Haynes of Fruitland, ID; Earl Adams of Ontario, OR; Kay McIntyer of Ontario, OR; Ruby Spriggle of Caldwell, ID; Mae Hulse of Enterprise, OR; Jack Fox of La Grande, OR; Alvin Shaw of Ontario,

OR; Bill West of Heppner, OR; Jesse Gilpin of Vale, OR; Carolyn Craig of Weiser, ID; Kent Craig of Weiser, ID; Bill Meyers of Hermiston, OR; Karen Bennett of Meridian, ID; Steve Bennett of Meridian, ID; Ramon Carter of Payette, ID; Don McIntyer of Ontario, OR; Denny Langford of Union, OR.

Closing hymn by The Blue Mountaineers "I Saw The Light".

We started eating again Saturday with the wonderful catered breakfast by Lee Lowe. Pretty sure nobody went away hungry. Thank you Lee for a job well done! After breakfast we started the Annual Meeting.

At the same time and nearly the same place as the meeting the Union School was having their Grand Opening Celebration of the new Opperman Memorial Baseball fields. Before the meeting started the person in charge of that grand celebration came in and asked if we had anyone who could play the National Anthem for them, I told her I thought we could probably come up with someone. So while we were discussing important BMOTF business, Kent Craig was pleased to do this kindness, thanks again Kent for willing heart.

And then guess what, it was time to eat again! We had a delectable potluck lunch, thanks to all who helped with that.

The afternoon was filled with jammin all around the school and some napping as well.

Then we got back to another fantastic evening of song and dance. It is always so enjoyable to see you folks out there dancing, that's one of the ways we know you're having a good time. After Jack Raymond lead us in the Salute to the Flag we got right to the performers. The line up for the evening was as follows: Bob Hunt of Sumpter, OR; Bobby Stevens of Heppner, OR; Nancy Bruce of La Grande, OR; Clay "Skeeter" Johnson of John Day, OR; Katie Johnson of John Day, OR; Denny Evans of Pendleton, OR; Justin Williams of Pendleton, OR; Sherry Cadwell of Union, OR; Vickie Hagey of Cove, OR; Jan Kelley; Evelene Haynes of Fruitland, ID; Les Haynes of Fruitland, ID; Earl Adams of Ontario, OR; Doreen Bingham of Adrian, OR; Mae Hulse of Enterprise, OR; Steve Bennett of Meridian, ID; Karen Bennett of Meridian, ID; Kent Craig of Weiser, ID; Carolyn Craig of Weiser, ID; Kay McIntyer of Ontario, OR; Bill West of Heppner, OR; Bethel Croghan of Elgin, OR; Tammy Croghan of Elgin, OR; Margie Vaughn of La Grande, OR; Joan Gray of Hermiston, OR; Mark Ludwick of Umatilla, OR; Bill Meyers of Hermiston, OR; Alvin Shaw of Ontario, OR; Jack Fox of La Grande, OR; Tom Vickroy of Walla Walla, WA; Joseph Bingham of Adrian, OR; Vince Bingham of Adrian, OR; Ramon Carter of Payette, ID; Ruby Spriggle of Caldwell, ID; Jesse Gilpin of Vale, OR; Don McIntyer of Ontario, OR; Arizona Kennedy of Huntington, OR; Denny Langford of Union, OR.

There were 3 brand new fiddlers on the stage this year

Vickie Hagey, Sherry Cadwell, and Nancy Bruce. Thanks ladies, you did a great job. I know they would all say "Thank You" to those of you who helped them with back up and courage to get through it.

We had two people who were back ups only, Bob Fager and Bernie Sherwood. Thanks guys for coming and playing.

The closing Hymn was sung by Nancy Bruce "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet".

The other news in Union County was Dottie Brown & Company played all their dates. The Blue Mountaineers made all their dates as well.

Don't forget The La Grande Show May 18th check schedule for details.

That's it from High Valley and Union County.

Pat & Nancy Bruce



Wallowa County News

No news received.

Editor's In Box

Hi Everyone,

Sherry and I would like to thank all the people at the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association who put on an awesome event this last weekend in Union. Sherry and I joined the organization last year and were awarded a scholarship to participate at the 2011 Wallowa Fiddle Camp. We enjoyed the camp immensely and met some really fun and talented people who share their love of music. The week long camp in Wallowa consisted of fiddle, guitar and other instruments.

Both Vickie and I felt welcomed and the encouragement we got was awesome. There are some great people in this organization and they seem to have alot of fun with family and friends.

We both can't wait for more events this summer to be part of. We enjoyed the function immensely and met some really fun people and let's not forget the great food!

Again the Blue Mountain Fiddlers association is a great way to get involved playing your musical instrument, this goes for all ages.

Sherry Cadwell - Union
Vickie Hagey - Cove

Editor's Bulletin Board

The reports indicate some discussion about, "What is old-time music?" At times I have researched that topic. Articles on the internet contain some good points to consider, but a really precise definition remains elusive. Even the spelling of it varies, which by the way is old-time according to www.merriam-webster.com.

Just reading about old-time music won't do. One needs to experience it in person first by listening and observing, then by playing old-time tunes. That is, if one can determine which tunes are "old-time". I've spent entire weeks at Sticker-ville in Weiser and also the Centralia Old-time Campout, as well as some time at the Portland Old-time Music Gathering. Typically they do NOT play "contest tunes" in Stickerville, only a short walk from the National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest.

The two essential instruments for truly authentic old-time music are **fiddle and clawhammer banjo**. Musicians playing other instruments joined in on the fun more recently.

I bought "Learn to Play the Old-Time Fiddle", a two DVD set by Brad Leftwich, and recently his book & CD combo, "Old-Time Fiddle Round Peak Style. Brad was mentored by Tommy Jarrell, who stressed that the bowing techniques are as important as knowing melodies.

Alternative fiddle tunings of ADAE and AEAE are very commonly used in old-time tunes in order to play drone strings, which gains a fuller, richer sound.

I downloaded 126 Southern Appalachian style fiddle tunes from <http://parlorpickers.com/>. Oddly, the list has "Old Grey Cat" and "Growling Old Man and Grumbling Old Woman"

Annual Meeting Minutes

By Colleen Langford

Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers Association annual meeting was held April 14, 2012 at the S.E. Miller in Union Oregon.

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Officers in attendance: Pres. Denny Langford, Sec./Treas. Colleen Langford, Vice Pres. Margie Vaughn, Bob Hunt, Baker County director, Vince and Doreen Bingham, Malheur Co. director, Pat Samples, Wallowa Co. director, Pat and Nancy Bruce, Union Co. director, Bob Stevens, Morrow Co. director, Carolyn Stout, Grant Co. director, Bill Meyers, Umatilla Co. director. Marcia Adams, historian, Don and Kay McIntyre, custodian, Darrell Barnard, CD coordinator, Judy Stevens, store coordinator.

President Denny Langford called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bill Meyers.

President Langford recognized all those who were present and thanked them all for coming.

The minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were read. Bob Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Vince Bingham seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report as of April 13, 2012:

Time Deposit #8945 \$ 4,528.98 Rate 0.4000%
Matures 10/30/12

Time Deposit 13187 \$66,643.83 Rate 0.3000%
Matures 2/6/13

Savings \$ 3,487.07 deposited into checking account 3/30/12

Checking \$ 7,564.60

Net worth \$78,737.41

Cash inflow for 2011: \$6,909.37

Cash outflow for 2011: \$7,625.80

Barbara West motioned that we accept the financial report as reported and Mae Hulse seconded. Motion carried.

Pres. Langford announced that all bills to be paid needed receipts and to be turned into Colleen for reimbursement.

Old Business:

Bob Hunt : Sumpter parking and show will be the same as always.

Carolyn Stout: John Day parking can be at her house (to sign up with her) or there will be some at the grounds (let her know if you need one).

Emigrant Springs campout: July 9-15. Shows on 12, 13, 14. Bob Hunt announced that Jamie would not be able to cook for the pot luck.

Denny explained that he received a check for \$.58/ mile equaling \$1,204.08 for pulling the PA system in 2011. He donated \$1,204.08 back to the Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers.

It was mentioned and all agreed that the scholarships given to Kodria and Ben Haddock were well used.

New Business:

Scholarships for the Wallowa Tunes Workshop July 8-13, 2012 had been saved for Cheryl Hall's students. In 2011 she had submitted a letter requesting that we consider her two students for the workshop. This will include lunches. A motion was made by Bob Stevens to send Cheryl as the scholarship recipient that the workshop donates. Bill Meyers seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Meyers brought up another workshop that could be looked into to donate to. Justin Bouher holds a workshop and he suggests that we consider paying for a portion of the cost of a fiddle for a beginner and/or 3 months of lessons. He feels that this would give some child a good start and give them a more responsible feeling for learning and taking care of their instrument. The Bouher family puts on a week long camp if we were interested in looking into it.

Pres. Langford explained the Board of Trustees guidelines to be added to the by-laws.

The meaning of what old time music really is was discussed. Vince and Les both said, "that what we call old time music is music that we grew up with." Discussion was made.

Burl Morris used to say that when you are in front of the mic to play your tune it is your tune.

Some have suggested that we do not need to choose a "Hall of Fame" person every year. Denny says that he can think of many members who deserve the honor. There is always someone who goes the extra mile every year whether they are musicians or associates. It was also suggested that we try to choose one every

year and leave it up to the discretion of the directors.

We need a coordinator for Emigrant Springs campout. Denny explained the job. Carolyn said she would try it. Bob Hunt made a motion that Carolyn be the coordinator for Emigrant Springs. Bob Stevens seconded. Motion passed.

The Blue Mt. store condition was explained by Judy Stevens. Prices are going up for us to buy the T-shirts and etc. The last batch of T-shirts was bought on sale. To sell a T-shirt for \$10.00 we will make approximately \$2.35. Lyle Spriggle said he would check in to the cost as he might be able to acquire some store items. It was decided that for now we will sell what we have like we have been doing. For future items it will depend on the costs.

Reports:

Margie Vaughn, Vice Pres. suggested that if we need more shows that we consider asking a 4H group to sponsor us. She would like to have a show out at Rock Wall Grange again at the end of the year. It will be looked into.

Pat Samples, Wallowa Co. said she needs more entertainers to come to her shows in Enterprise. The next show is June 9, 2012.

Bob Stevens, Morrow Co. thanked everyone for the good time and show in Heppner and thanked the Collins' for using their home for the afternoon jam and Jeannie for helping with the evening show. Invited all to come to the Irrigon show.

Vince Bingham, Malheur Co. invited every one to Nyssa show May 19. Thanked all the Gem State fiddlers for helping with this. Kent and Carolyn Craig announced the Weiser show. Thursday is Senior, Senior day. No charge during the day. You can go on the internet and get the program. Kent announced that he was asked to play the Star Spangled Banner for the Little League opening day in the field behind our building. He was thrilled to do this. There were close to 400 people there. The woman in charge announced that the BMOTF'ers were having a show tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Hunt, Baker Co.: Baker's show on June 2 will be at the fair grounds this year. There will be a spaghetti

feed also. Sumpter will be the same as always. Bob is interested in trying to get up another contest in Baker City.

Carolyn Stout, Grant Co. announced that there would not be a carnival at the fair this year. We will be playing on the black top and have a cover. She would like more entertainers to come and participate.

Nancy Bruce, Union Co. thanked everyone who came and explained that there would be only 2 numbers by each entertainer. Please be ready with your back ups when your turn comes. Announced the La Grande show on May 18. There will be a spaghetti feed before the show.

Bill Meyers, Umatilla Co. encouraged everyone to support the Milton-Freewater show. Will be at the Elks Club.

Jack Raymond said he was going to write to the Observer about the show as a spectator. Thanked everyone who help make the show go smoothly.

Do McIntyre said he feels that everyone always pitches in to set up and he appreciates them.

Darrell Barnard had nothing to add.

Marcia Adams said she left the picture album home and would bring it to the next show so people could look at it.

The new Hall of Fame member was presented by Les Haynes, winner of last years Hall of Fame. The winner is Evelene Haynes. A big hand was given to Evelene.

Denny commented on the breakfast that was served this morning. Everyone enjoyed it and wants Lee Lowe, caterer, back next year.

Denny thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and participating as members. Hoped they would all have a good time.

Bob Hunt made a motion that the 2012 meeting be adjourned. Carolyn Stout seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.



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