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

BMOTFA 2013 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 2013 membership card for a \$1.00 discount.**
Youngsters age 12 and under always get in FREE!

August 30-31 **Sumpter.** Potluck & jam on Friday, 8/30. Shows on Saturday, 8/31 at 1 p.m. & 6.

Sept. 7 **John Day** entertaining Cycle Oregon starting at 4:30. We'll play for up to 1-1/2 hours. See more details in the Grant County News.

Sept. 14 **Baker City** show at the Community Connection (Senior Center) 2810 Cedar St.. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. and the show at 6.

Sept. 20 **La Grande** Fort Union Grange. Dinner of soup, bread and dessert will be served at 5:00 p.m. The show starts at 6.

Sept. 21 **Elgin** Rockwall Grange. Food at 5 p.m. & show at 6.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On August 7th we arrived in John Day where two lightning fires were burning. One was on the left side of town as you come in from Prairie City. The trucks and crews were fighting it and a helicopter was dumping buckets of water on rugged ground. This fire burned to the cattle guard above where Punk and Ivan McDaniel used to live. The second fire, on the north side of town was up

a draw that later burned to the John Day River just across from the fair grounds where we played music. On Thursday evening the fair was closed down (August 8th) at 8:30. The BMOTF'ers had 15 minutes left to play at their 3rd playing performance. Read about the Grant county Fair and the BMOTF'ers in the Grant County write up by Carolyn Stout.

Despite a list of responsibilities, Carolyn did a great job handling everything from the talent show and welcoming everyone and all the other activities she is involved with during fair time. Those of us there had a good time. It was hot but the rain that came was a welcome event. It was an answer to prayers I am sure. Especially to those folks that had homes in the way of the fire. We were safe at Ken and Mary Henry's ranch this side of Mt. Vernon where we parked our trailer.

Saturday night, while at the Henry's, we heard from our son, that Union and surrounding area had been hit by a hail storm with hail stones the size of golf balls. Many cars were damaged and gardens were pounded and stripped. Trees were stripped of their leaves, some roofs were ruined. We decided to pull up our comfortable parking place and leave our friends and come home Sunday morning. We were lucky. Our place was not hurt much. Some of our squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, were damaged. Before we could park the trailer we had to sweep the limbs and leaves and pinecones from the blacktop. After seeing some of the gardens and trees we feel we were pretty lucky.

The next week end found us in Elgin at the fire department with Union County Director Nancy Bruce. See Union County news for all of that .

We were in Nyssa, Oregon with Vince and Doreen Bingham on Saturday, Aug. 24. As always Vince and Doreen and the Senior Center do an outstanding job. The food, music, and entertainers were great and it's always good to see the friends we have there.

Thanks for all of you for your support.

"We are better people when we are there for others."

Denny Langford, President

Baker County News

No news received.

Grant County News

The 104th Grant County Fair was near the poorest attended Grant County Fair that I have seen. Fewer days, less to do, and higher admission to attend. Hummmm what's wrong with this picture? The good part is, our shows were well attended. Yes some of the sessions began with what I would term a "low turnout" but it wasn't long before the tunes carried from under the big top and we drew them in.

Fiddlers and back up playing were:

Bobby Stevens T,F,S
Bill West T, F, S
Les & Evelene Haynes T, F, S
Denny Langford T, F, S
Skeeter Johnson T, F,S
Hap McLeod T,F,S
Katie Johnson S
Hannah Digi S Dayville
Darren Dailey T, S Monument
Ron Phillips T,F,S
Mark Ludwick T, S
Vince & Doreen Bingham T
Ray Carter T,F,S
Arvilla Harris T
Darrell Hilton
Matt Hundley
Guy Johnson Backup T,F,S
Angie Johnson Backup T,F,S



Of course while these talented people were entertaining the locals, the locals were not just listening, they were watching the wind whip a wildfire up. As we sat under the covered area facing north, you could see the smoke getting closer to the top of the ridge. When it crested, it was time for me to go remove an elderly friend from her home and take her to my place for the evening. God was gracious and spared structures and lives, as many people worked hard together to keep it from advancing.

Onward we go as we play for Cycle Oregon September 7th beginning at 4:30. I realize it's a long way to drive for just 60 to 90 minutes of playing, but should anyone want to come, I have a room with private bath for you and it includes breakfast J. We are keeping a log of those who plan to participate, so please let me know if you plan on playing.

Mother Teresa wisely said, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless". Thank you Colleen for your kind words.

Carolyn Stout

Malheur County News

Hello from the east side. I don't write very often but the show in Nyssa was so great that I want every one to know

how much. Doreen and I want to thank every one who played and also every one that came and supported us. Denny did a great Job as did the girls at the store and door. You musicians are dedicated people and are worthy of all the thanks Doreen and I can give you. The Musicians were Les and Evelene Haynes, Ruth Hodge, Alvin Shaw, Emma Whitnah, Earl Adams, Bobby Stevens, Kay McIntyre, Don Hammond, June Miller, Bob Miller, Karen Bennett, Steve Bennet, Ray Carter, Carolyn Graig Kent Graig, Janice Geertson, Bill Cates, Arizona Kennedy, Tom and Carolyn Vickroy, John Moon, Denny Langford, Vince and Doreen Bingham. I hope I did not miss somebody.



May God Bless you all Till We Meet again

Vince Bingham

Morrow County News

On August 2 Bill Meyers, Kay Zendell, Joan Gray, from Hermiston and Bill West and I played at Summit Springs, then went to Heppner and played at Willow Creek Assisted Living, then we had pizza supper at Bill and Barb Wests in Heppner.

August 8-10 Bill West and Judy and I took our RVs to John Day and played at the Grant County Fair. Was lots of fun even with all the fires burning around town. The air got a little thick at times.

August 15th Bill Meyers and Kay Zindell from Hermiston, Sonny Morris and Jay Tracy from Irigon, Mark Ludwick from Umattilla, the Johnson family from John Day, Bill West, Maggie Collins, and I played at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner.



August 17th we drove over to Elgin and took in the show, another good one.

I want to thank all the people who have helped Bill West and I with our music. Thanks again.

In between times I have been helping the neighbor move cows, trying to stay ahead of the feed and water situation. And I'm trying to take care of a small garden that always needs something. I'm writing this in a hurry while breakfast is cooking and am getting ready to travel.

Bob & Judy Stevens

Thought for today: "Real wealth is created by real jobs profitably producing things of value in the market place."—Jefferson Paine

Umatilla County News

Here it is. August is just about over. August is full of parades, county fairs and fiddle shows. A group of us went to Heppner to help Bobby Stevens and Bill West at the Morrow County Fair with music. We also helped Bobby and Bill August 2nd at the assisted living facility in Condon and the Willow Creek Terrace at Heppner. Barbra and Bill had pizza for us at their home.

Joe Haddock got Grand Champion 4H Swine Showman and 2nd All Around Showman at the Umatilla County Fair. Ben Haddock has completed the basic training at Fort Leonard Wood. We thank Ben for his military commitment.

Vic Fusselman is laid up with pneumonia and Edith Fusselman has experienced some heart issues and had stints put in. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fusselmans at this time.

A memorial service for Jim Smith will be at the community hall, Weston, OR, on Aug. 30, 2013 at 11:00 am. Jim was a friend and an Old Time Fiddler.

What runs, but never walks?
A river

Keep the Rosin on the causin.
Bill & Lorre Meyers



Union County News

Well, how's everybody doing? Summer is coming to an end, Kiddos are going back to school, and it's getting dark a little earlier every night. All that means the fiddle season is coming to an end for 2013. However here in Union County we have 2 shows left, both of which include food! So check your show schedule and come join us at the La Grande Fort Union Grange and then Elgin at the Rockwall Grange. If you have any questions about directions to either place please call Denny or I.

We had two shows in August. The first was Union Grassroots, which was the same weekend as the Grant County Fair. There were only four of us but we did our best to make some noise. There wasn't a fiddle among us, but we had fun. The musicians were:

Jan Kelly, La Grande, OR
Bob Fager, La Grande, OR
Margie Vaughn, La Grande, OR
Nancy Bruce, Union, OR

Then on the 17th we had a better showing at the Elgin Fire Hall. Entertainers were:
Denny Evans, Pendleton, OR
Bobby Stevens, Heppner, OR
Les & Evelene, Haynes, Fruitland, ID
Mark Ludwick, Umatilla, OR
Joan Gray, Hermiston, OR

Jack Fox, La Grande, OR
Bill Meyers, Hermiston, OR
Ruth Hodge, Island City, OR
Bethel Croghan, Elgin, OR
Tammy Croghan, Elgin, OR
Margie Vaughn, La Grande, OR
Jo Shay, Walla Walla, WA
Julia Milleson, Milton Freewater
Denny Langford, Union, OR
Nancy Bruce, Union, OR



The Firemen served up a great plate of Spaghetti, salad and bread. Thank you to whomever came to eat, perform, dance, listen and serve. I hope you all had as much fun as Denny and I did!!

Thanks again to all

Pat & Nancy Bruce

Wallowa County News

No news received.

James 'Jim' Smith

March 26, 1929 - August 4, 2013

Jim Smith of Weston, Oregon, passed away on August 4, 2013, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton, Oregon, at the age of 84 years. A memorial service will be held on August 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weston Memorial Hall in Weston, Oregon.

Jim was born on March 26, 1929, in Newburg, Missouri, to Clarence and Elsie Smith. His childhood was spent in Missouri being a country boy where he enjoyed animals; he had dogs, a cow and an old mule. His dad was glad when he traded the old mule off.



Jim had numerous jobs in St. Louis; he set pins in a bowling alley, worked for the Frisco Railroad Co. and later was employed at the Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. Jim came to Weston in 1946 and while there he met his future wife, Florence Lamm. He enlisted in the Navy on January 29, 1948, where he served during the Korean War on a tanker. On April 9, 1951, he married Florence Lamm in Clarkston, Washington. Jim was honorably discharged from the Navy on December 21, 1951, having served 3 years and 10 months. In 1952 he went to work for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California, before moving back to Weston in 1953 where he began working for the Umatilla Co. Road Dept. as a grader operator. In 1991, Jim retired as a truck foreman. He worked 38 years for the county. After retirement Jim enjoyed many years of fishing with his buddies and playing music with his friends at the Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Survivors include his wife Florence of Weston; sons Raymond Smith of Phoenix, Arizona, Robert (Debi) Smith of Athena, Oregon, and Randy (Val) Smith of Meacham, Oregon; sister Marjorie Anderson of Forest Grove, Oregon; and numerous nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. His parents, granddaughter Chasta Smith, brother Carson Smith and stepgrandson Jeffery Beers all preceded him in death.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jim Smith of Weston, Oregon. Jim passed away in Pendleton, Oregon from an extended illness. Jim was voted into the BMOTF'ers Hall of Fame in 2002. Jim was one of the first directors when the BMOTF'ers was founded in March of 1969. Jim was a good guitar back up and a good fiddle player. Many did not know Jim could play the fiddle. He played "Raggy Ann" better than I ever heard it played.

He and Florence, his very supportive wife, went to all the shows until his health would not permit him to go anymore.

We extend our thought and prayers to Florence and their family. Happy Trails, Jim.

Your friend,
Denny Langford, President of BMOTFA

We received a thank you note from Florence thanking us for remembering Jim and her and their family.

Please pray for:

- Bill Bronson**
- Kennie Bures**
- Ken and Patty Elder**
- Vic & Edith Fussleman**
- Arlene and Leroy Grothaus**
- Janet Haddock**
- Mae and John Hampton**
- Jerry Kiesecker**
- Rylee Kreutzer**
- Jack Moon**
- Nadeen Morris**
- Harry Noble**
- Don and Vadna Norton**
- Tyson Samples**
- Jim Smith**
- Jim Simpson**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16

Editor's In Box

This year's Immigrant Springs Campout was a great success. We had 22 RV's there. Several of the campers in the RV Park came over in the evenings and Jammed with our group. In true tradition of avid musicians, they played until after dark with their coats on.

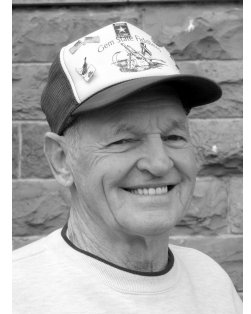
There were various activities around the Community Center this year. One of the participants, a young mountain man, took a liking to the musicians and baked us several Dutch oven cakes. They were delicious and very appreciated.

Dan Hall made his homemade ice cream and Mary Jane made hot apple dumplings to go with the ice cream. Everyone enjoyed! Dan also brought sweet cherries and apricots to share with everyone. When he left he gave the leftover fruit to Mary Jane. She shared them with several of the other campers before they left. Dan also made his wonderful fried potatoes for Sunday Morning Breakfast.

Some of our group discovered ripe huckleberries. Every morning they went out berry picking. It was a common sight to see someone walking around with a paper cup looking for huckleberries.

Another addition this year was a concession stand in the Community Hall on Friday and Saturday. The crew from the Meacham Café sold a lot of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, ice cream bars, etc.

The park personnel were great as usual. They looked after our needs and made us feel a part of the Oregon Trail activities. Denny and Colleen were busy all the time keeping things going and Denny kept us all supplied with ice. During the 3 evening shows Denny passed out 6 gallons of Pigeon Poop.



Jack Raymond, Public Relations Chairman



Editor's note - The following from Maggie Collins was sent earlier but got lost in the shuffle.

I want to say a deep felt thank you for the \$1,000 scholarship from the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers. I knew that I was going to Irrigon to play my fiddle after my softball double-header games because Denny Langford called and said he was short on fiddlers. To say that I was shocked and deeply humbled would be an understatement! Denny Langford can be a pretty sneaky guy!!

I am so blessed to have been raised around my "fiddle family". The quote, "It takes a village to raise a child" could not be more evident than my life. I was raised with fiddle music, good times, and great, honest, down to earth people. Who could ask for better role models/ family

members? I am so thankful and blessed that I have been given the opportunity to call you all my family.

I am going to Oregon State University's Honor's College to major in Science and then go on to Veterinary medicine, so every penny helps. I plan to take my fiddle and a guitar (if I can steal Dad's) to school so that I can continue playing and maybe give lessons to others who want to learn to play. Fiddling is a major, defining part of who I am and I am so thankful for that.

Thank you again for the scholarship and your support. God Bless each and every one of you.

Love,

Maggie Collins



The BMOTFA will be in need of an Historian. Anyone interested in this little job please contact Denny. Marcia needs a change in her life and less responsibility. We want to thank Marcia for all the good pictures she has taken for us to have memories of. We will continue to see the Adams at shows.

Editor's Bulletin Board

I'm resigning as editor on or before the April, 2014 issue. If you want to be the editor, call Denny. It is an appointed position that the board must approve, but let Denny know if you are willing to do it. I will pass on to the next editor the Microsoft Publisher software, photos, and mail list used to create the Rosin Dust .

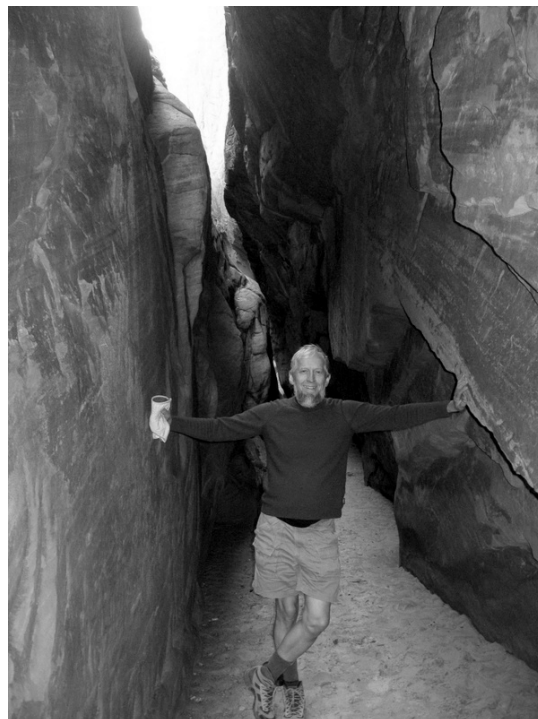
Our annual bulk mail permit costs \$200 and expires March 27, 2014. The permit is not transferable. To mail the Rosin Dust from a different Post Office a new permit must be established, which is why I'm giving so much advance notice.

The deadline for submissions is the **24th of the prior month**. Please submit articles by email to:
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The photo is in Shelf Canyon, east Zion National Park. Although the trailhead parking lot is frequently used to access the widely publicized Canyon Overlook, this hike was in near solitude. One family was exiting the wash as we entered. They reported that they saw nobody else there. Karen scrambled up all the slick rock and boulders but quit shortly before the route entered the fabulous slot canyon.

I was alone in the slot where it was difficult to find a rock to set my camera on for a self-timer photo. On my way out a couple came along, which broke the solitude, but I was actually glad because they could take the photo of me.



So many tunes and so little time!



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