

Family Album



*The OCF Marches for Human Rights
Springfield, Oregon 3/25/93*

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CALENDAR

- May 20 .. Peach Pit article deadline
- May 24 .. Long Range Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., Fair office
- May 29 .. Ad deadline for Peach Pit
- May 31 .. All new food and craft vendor applicants (other than logo items) notified
- June 1 ... Fair Family News Deadline**
- June 1 No dogs allowed on property
- June 7 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., EWEB Building
- June 7 Advance tickets on sale
- June 12 .. Main Camp opens
- June 19 .. Returning booth claim begins
- June 12 Security work party on-site, 10 am; Meeting at 2pm
- June 19 .. First day to consult with Construction coordinators regarding required booth maintenance
- June 19 .. Deadline for complete vendor fee payments. (Failure to complete payment risks forfeiture of booth.)
- June 22 .. Mandatory food vendors meeting, 7 p.m., Harris Hall
- June 26 .. New booth claim begins
- June 26 .. Crisis Intervention training, 10 a.m. Refresher training, 1 p.m. for new trainees. At The Dragon
-  June 29 .. Last day for total refund of booth fees
- July 8 Booth people's meeting
- July 9,
10, 11 Wake up to find out that you are the eyes of the world
- Aug. 1 ... Fair Family Picnic
- Oct. 16... Annual Membership Meeting

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In compliance with two petitions filed by members, a special meeting of the OCF membership will be held Friday, June 4, 1993, 7 p.m., at Central Presbyterian Church, 15th and Ferry Streets, Eugene, Oregon on the use of wristbands at the Fair. The vote will advise the Board of Directors, in accordance to the OCF by-laws and the laws of the State of Oregon.

You must have been a registered member of the OCF for 30 days in order to vote. A quorum of 200 registered members must be present for the vote to take place.

FLASHES



Is It Almost June Already?

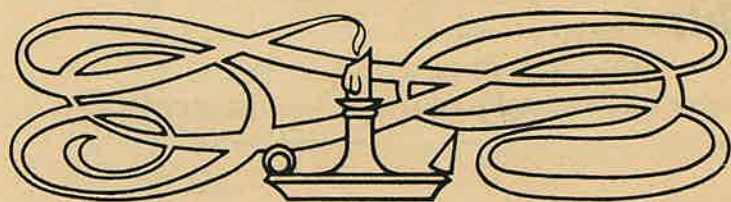
Don't forget, folks, that the next issue of the Fair Family News is the last one before the Fair. If you have any information you want to share with crews or booth people that is important for them to know for the Fair, please have articles to us by **June 1**. We'd be happy to include it in the Fair Family News.

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Desperately Seeking

The Fair Family News recently received a 5 page unsigned submission. We would like to run a shortened, edited version, but we have to know who the author is and ask him/her to pick out the highlights they would like us to print. It is our policy not to run unsigned letters. (We slipped up last issue, but we won't again.)

The letter starts "Defining Magic (like Zen) is impossible." Would the author please contact us so we can.

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June 3rd	UNPLUGGED-BUT STILL ALIVE
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June 11th	JENNIFER BEREZAN
June 19th	IRENE FARRERA
June 26th	MORE TIME & REBEL SOO

recently un-Classified material

For Sale: 1983 gold Toyota Tercel, 4-door hatchback with sun roof. Good condition. \$1,100. Write Reese, 114 76th Street, N. Bergen, NJ 07047 or call (201) 861-3131.

Found: one used muffler at bottom of woodpile behind Sauna. Identify to claim. Respond in un-Classifieds.

Wanted: volunteers who already have a pass to help build the baby dragon for '93 Kid's Loop. Come be a part of history; lend a hand—for kids!

Interested: in seeing more child care substations at the Fair? More play zones around the 8? Activities and educational booths/areas for kids? Let's work together to get some more kidstuff. Send ideas and/or name/number to "Children's Facilities Committee" c/o Fair Office.

To Share: Cascade Institute of Massage desires to share a booth with a massage therapist. Contact 687-8101.

For Sale: '80 Dodge Ram 150 custom PU. 225/6, 3 spd on floor w/OD, factory air, canopy, runs well, needs battery. \$1500 obo. Call Chewie, 343-6606.

For Sale: Special offer on Yew posts, 4"-12" diameter, 6'-24' long. \$1.50 per foot delivered to Fair site. \$1.75 per foot if more than 12" diameter. Call Vegmanecs ASAP. 935-2912/689-1836.

For Sale: Gerry Premier Baby Back Carrier. Like new. Asking \$35, compare at \$60. Laura 935-0850.

Wanted: Fair folks to volunteer for Fair office work. Minimum 15 hours a week until Fair. Camille 343-4298.

For Sale: Monarch cookstove. Very restorable \$300 obo. Heidi 935-2912.

Wanted: Energy/ideas for reduction of staff vehicles (i.e. crew-pooling) contact Etienne 746-4195.

Wanted: people to realize when they write to the Newsletter that the length for letters is 300 words (I'm for 250) and we NEED a signature (if it's not legible please write it out). And it would be nice to have a phone # too; not to print, but we'd love to call and double-check meanings, ideas, or whatever. We have several unsigned letters and poems but we CAN'T print 'em, Thanks, Erica.

To Share: juried last year and looking for space, woven garments and knits, call Janet Nelson, 822-3554.

Attention: Crafts. Our Veneta neighbors will hold their sixth annual Fun Daze June 26 and 27. If you would like to display at this event, please call Mary Ann Beltz at 935-1312.

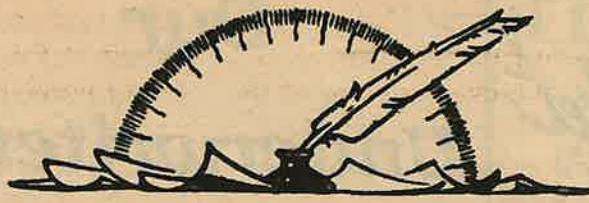
Attention: Everybody: Take a break from getting ready for the Fair at the Fern Ridge Fun Daze. There's a parade, a barbeque, a street dance. All happening June 26 and June 27 in Veneta.

Wanted: Optimistic, animal-loving day woman with green thumb and sense of humor to share our home and help develop our organic-garden-home-business in Cascades, near Portland. Send letters of interest, with info and Fair references, or for more details to: Peace Meal Garden, 38200 S.E. Coupland Rd., OR 90723-9531.

Wanted: Fair Coordinators want to buy used tipi cover and liner. Call collect (503) 630-3379.

Wanted: unClassifieds. Space is open to anyone letting the Fair family know about an event, job opening, or for sale items. Here's the deal; We recommend non-Fair related listings (if you get a response) at \$4, going directly to offset production costs. You do not have to pay when you place the listing, you are on your honor to pay if the unclassified works. Fair related listings are free. To place an Unclassified, see the Underwriting info space, or get your info to the Fair office by the first of the month. We will fill our space on a first come, first served basis. All listings are subject to editing.





Letters from Aahs...

Have you ever had one of those when you had a lot to say, said half of it, and then found out only half of it was heard? I am an open-minded problem-solver in support of solutions. There are several issues I would like to touch in this letter.

I would like to provoke some thought and conversation as we go into this year's Fair.

Next year is our 25th Fair, 7 years from the turn of the century. I would really like to see this Fair make that turn with all its culture, diversity, ideas, lifestyles and magic preserved.

I would like to see our Fair Family come together while we're still on the Land and have an educational/spiritual low-impact renewal.

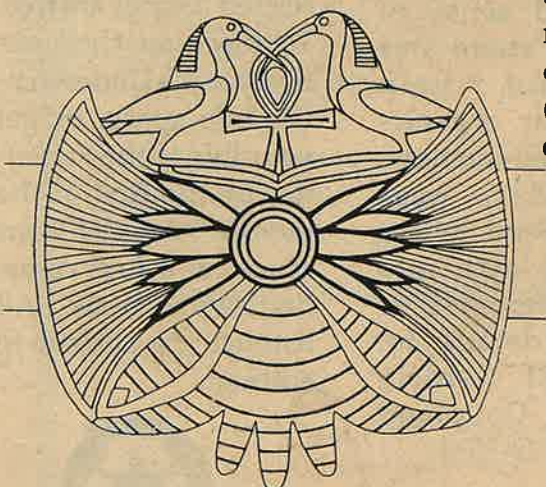
My vision is a Family Members Only Gathering to commemorate the 25th anniversary on Fair Sunday '94. Let's make it possible for all: booth folk, staff and operations, to share in and create amongst ourselves the magic which brings us back every year when we as Family connect and extend our Omm into the next millennium.

With the magic and love we create by knowing who our Family members are, we can band together and celebrate our future free of Party-Crashers!

As we are whisked away in a tornado of chaos into this year's Aahs, we need to acknowledge that the honor system does not work. It's OKAY with me to be banded with love to you as a Fair Family Member.

Remember, this is an experiment. I would like to wear a glow-in-the-dark ankleband, but I'll wear it on my wrist this year. Also, remember that we are all equal and we need to nurture and preserve our Family ties and our Land AS we celebrate!!!

Etienne
Security, NRT, Vegmanec



Vegmanecs, Yes

Dear Fair Family:

I am not a Vegmanec (but I played one on TV once). I have no close friends in the Vegmanecs, that's why I feel objective in stating this: on numerous and uncountable trips to the Fair site, and throughout all the seasons, I always see them working on reseeding and basic care of our land.

Let's support their efforts, and all the crews that chip in.

Barney Sullivan

Yurt Construction Coordinator



Semi-Seriously?

To whom it may concern,

There never seems to be any shortage of work to be done on site between Fairs, and, as with any volunteer organization, the burden of this workload isn't evenly shared by the family.

I have a suggestion that would spread the load more evenly and should provide a pool of personpower hours large enough to cover any and all tasks the Fair has to dish out.

We should require every staff member to perform 16 hours of work on site prior to the Fair or lose her/his crew position (with the exception of crew chiefs who dutifully put in countless hours preparing their crews and equipment).

Make it a part of every staffer's job description. This should eliminate the need for the formation of new crews, too.

I gotta admit, this 16 hour concept isn't mine and the idea is already being implemented on a small scale, but I say let's make it all inclusive. What d'ya say oh ye of the shirted (& banded) persuasion? All for one and 16 for all!

Semi-seriously yours,
Laura Coulter-Beebe
Veneta

Psycho Spiritual Changes

Dear Editor:

I want to say thanks to the Board for finally cracking down on all those free loading hippies who keep invading our Fair. Now if we can just get them to cut their hair and keep their clothes on we can get back to what really matters...our private money making party!!!

What's that? We're a non-profit company with a mission statement!? What an ironic nuisance! The non-profit "technique" we poor disenfranchised hippies used to allow us to survive in a hostile society should come back to haunt us!!

Just when we got all those happy volunteers to pay for our land we have to be reminded we did it by claiming to be an open, loving, caring group that allows people to build the future by sharing talents, sweat, and creativity.

In return we promised to provide a place where they would be loved, welcomed, and honored—a place where the misfits and have nots could showcase their "good stuff" and in the process tell the world that power, influence, and money are not the only way to get things done!

It would be much easier now if we had said, "For about 20 years we will act open and free, then when we're done building we will start a campaign, based on the fear of losing everything, to limit under the guise of acting re-

sponsible."

It's that damn psycho-social-spiritual rejuvenation stuff that's killing us! To rejuvenate humans you have to provide honor, purpose, trust, faith, appreciation...love...How can we do this and still make our policies based on the assumption that people are bad and will take advantage of you unless we have lots of rules and plenty of police to enforce them?

Seriously friends, I believe all of the Board, crews, and operations staff are well intentioned, caring people. Perhaps we care too much!

Part of our mission statement is... "to hold an annual event..." If the size of the event is growing beyond our means to manage it, then it is valid to make new rules to try to control its size. But the purpose of the event is to "spread the alternative word." How can we both limit the event and spread the word? I believe we are on a path that will reduce our true social impact until we simply become a hippie museum with an endowment fund.

If we have to limit our annual event (I'm not convinced we're even close to our true carrying capacity) then we must first (not second) create more events, or buy more land, or build year round education/research facilities or??? To proceed with limitations first is to promote an atmosphere of fear and doubt, while losing joy, hope and opportunity.



Photo by Erica Lerch

This is what we lose when we cut back our crews (except Security, of course!!!) and choose not to honor our hardworking Vegmanecs or our S.O.P.s. In case you hadn't guessed by now, I don't support limited S.O.P.s, limited attendance, limited parking, limited passes, limited crew size, and wristbands suck!!!

Why can't Energy Park sponsor a new expanded green/energy event—or community Village sponsor our own timber/forest forum, or ??? I'm sick of hearing about what we can't do!

I propose the Board act immediately to hold an August 1993 musical event (no, not the Grateful Dead) and a September 1993 Barter Fair (think modest scale) and to aggressively discuss year round education events, and for next year a two-weekend Fair.

New volunteer desires can be directed towards these events. The seeds will be planted for increasing our influence/effect on society.

If the Board cannot open the doors to the future, then it has no right to limit the present. If the Board continues to limit itself to annual event operations issues then we will have to begin circulating petitions and setting the Board's agenda for them.

Perhaps it's time to consider changing our name from "The" Oregon Country Fair, to the "Many" Oregon Country Fairs.

Kirk Shultz,
Construction Crew, Architect, Dragon Maker

Special Magic

Dear Fair Friends:

I have been coming to the Fair with my family for eighteen years and the Fair has become a centerpiece of our lives. As the seasons roll by we remember each Fair as a special magic time, and each Fair is well documented in our family albums. We come home renewed and inspired - full of new ideas and happy memories.

I want to thank all the giving people who have worked to make this amazing event continue to happen year after year. I have worked hard to produce a quality craft to show each year at the Fair, but I have left all other concerns to others, living my life in blissful ignorance of the difficulties that such a large event creates.

I think the wristbands are worth trying since we can't seem to solve our overpopulation problem any other way. I dislike plastic too, but I'm sure I'll find creative ways to cover the offensive wristband until it needs to be shown.

Selling tickets in advance to limit attendance is a great idea, but I do worry that since this is the first year we are doing this, many people will arrive at the gate expecting to go the Fair only to find that the tickets are sold out. I will be very sad for those people, especially if they have driven a long way. I don't know what to do about this problem except to tell as many people in my area by putting notices on bulletin boards and in papers. Perhaps if we all do that it would help.

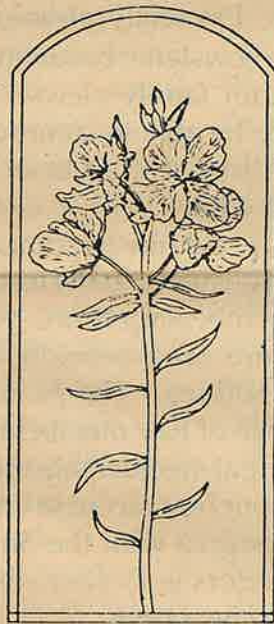
There is one thing that happened at the last Fair that I found extremely offensive and disturbing. As my family and I came into the Main Stage area for our Thursday evening stroll we heard a strange sound and saw an odd light—so alien to the Country Fair. We then realized that a video was being shown in the meadow.

It was shocking because to us the Country Fair is a unique sort of place—it is a magic place where we don't play canned music: we make our own music. Our children create their own games or enjoy a living, breathing storyteller or vaudeville act. We don't sit them in front of a screen to be entertained. Need I say more?

I'm sure all would agree that the ambience of the Fair is ruined by videos in the meadow. Please don't do it again, whoever makes this decision.

Thank you so much for putting out this great newsletter. It's just what we need!

Lizzie Murdock
Lizard Designs



The Badge of Lost Innocence

Dear Fair Family News:

The OCF and its government are two separate entities. It is foolish to view them as one due to their intertwining.

The Fair itself has a different origin and goal than the Fair's government does. The Fair is born of our happiness, positively uniting our affections. The Fair's government is born of a negative need to restrain our vices. One encourages intercourse, the other creates distinctions. One is a patron; the other a punisher.

A time came in OCF history when the need for government arose. We began to require security crews, board of directors, etc. "Government, like dress," said Thomas Paine, "is the badge of lost innocence."

The dilemma arises when we are exposed to the same miseries BY a government as we might expect WITHOUT a government. Because then we are furnishing the very means by which we suffer.

Since security is the goal of government, its form should give us the least expense and the greatest benefit possible. OCF is at a stage of political experimentation currently. We are playing with a microcosm of the macrocosm.

Political apathy is as rampant at OCF as it is in the "real world" and the consequences are the same. Democracies turn into representative republics when the majority of members are inactive politically. Maybe we can gain an appreciation for the intense complexities at hand in the big, wide "real world" by attempting to tackle our little OCF problems.

I fear that involuting is not preferable to responsible expansion yet watch our latest population experiments with interest. How can we "save the world" and "fire the government" if we can't even run a hippie fair? Still, applaud our political attempts and hope that practice makes perfect for our governmental future. "Don't think it won't happen just because it hasn't happened yet."

Mother Zosima

P.S. I've been accepted to law school for Fall '93! Looks like we're going to have another lawyer in the family!



Short and Sweet

The staff of the *Fair Family News* is very pleased to have received all your letters. We ask, however, for submissions at 300 words or fewer, including your name and Fair affiliation. This is so we have room to fit everyone's thoughts, and to minimize Fair expenses and work for the newsletter staff.

Thank you for your cooperation. (We should tell you that the newsletter crew is by no means unanimous in its decision to keep letters to 300 words—at least one of us wants it to be only 250 words. So consider yourself lucky.)



Sugar Maple In Bloom from Jill's Crossing

Photo By Shira Leach

Fair Family Forum:

A Call for a Vote

Dear OCF Members:

Today (5/3/93) I submitted a petition, signed by more than 25 OCF participants, to the OCF Secretary to call a special meeting of its membership to vote on whether or not the OCF administration will be allowed to subject the membership to any form of non-removable identification at this year's OCF. (Editor's Note: John submitted a second petition that had a sufficient number of member signatures.)

The "wristband" issue is one of those issues that is so important, it should be put before the full OCF membership for a proper vote. Please watch for notice of the special meeting of the membership, talk about the issue with other members, and come to the meeting to vote on the issue. As it now stands, unless we

"...the OCF as... a microcosm of the ... world, rather than a real alternative."

vote "no!" on the issue at the special meeting, we will all have to physically submit to banding and comply with the new banding rules at this year's event.

Supporters of "banding" will tell you that there is no workable alternative to limit our nighttime population, and that there has been plenty of opportunity for dialogue on the issue.

The reality is that the powers-that-be could have placed the issue before the membership at last year's annual meeting, but the representatives of this membership organization know that if the membership is given any effective opportunity to vote on the issue, the vote will be a resounding "no!"

The idea of "banding" is based on mistrust. The politics of the OCF (as opposed to the event itself) has historically reflected the politics of the U.S.—a microcosm of the larger world rather than a real alternative. In the larger world we can see the negative thinking that has brought us to "banding" reflected in the "war on drugs" in the 1980's—a vast turning up the heat with stiffer penalties, civil forfeitures, consequent ruined lives

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Family Compromise

Dear Fair Family,

The topic of wristbands has been the focus of many lively discussions at our house for the last year or so. I don't like the idea, HE (who works Security) says they are necessary to get a handle on the overnight population. I can't stand the thought of the plastic, but I do realize that the pass passing is out of hand. We (the Fair) are so big now that we have to do something, and THEY think this is the way to start.

So I'm willing to compromise—let me wear it on my ankle and I'll live with it. HE says that will take too long for Security to check; I think it's a reasonable concession to make to those of us who resent the whole idea of wristbands.

I hear they are available in psychedelic colors and possibly not entirely made of plastic, maybe ..?

Love and peace,
Heidi Doscher

Membership Coordinator

P. S. I'm really pleased to see the newsletter becoming a forum for family views. We need to be able to communicate with each other, even if it takes a while...

P.P. S. I'd like to point out that if you haven't ever turned in a membership form, your signature on a petition will mean nothing. The primary privilege of Fair membership is voting at membership meetings, your best recourse when you disagree with the Board of Directors is to elect someone else next time.

Spoonman Speaks Again

Hi again:

For the third, maybe fourth time in a year, I'm sorry. I'll try to be brief.

After consulting my two primary advisors, Crow and Trout, and days of serious contemplation and consideration I have decided to wear the wristband. My foremost reason is that in 20 years I have never opposed Fair policies. I have not agreed with, or supported every policy, and still don't, but opposition is not my bag. I don't do the "right and wrong." I do the poetry and song.

Judgements and assessments are not necessarily the

same. I do not attend the Fair for you, or me, or them (whoever they are). I attend the Fair for the Fair. For what I assume humanity has been doing in the very same location for several centuries. If some managerial body prefers to refer to it as the Oregon Country Fair, then I'm obliged to do the same under some circumstances, much like being obliged to carry a passport of the nation that claims me, whether I claim it or not. Only in this case, the Fair is far more benevolent.

Much like I do this nation, I hope the Fair reduces Security and increases attention toward small, but consistently high quality merchants and citizenry. But I feel all actions have valid reasons, even if I don't agree with the actions or reasons personally.

If the only things I can do to help control over-population are to wear a wristband and not perform in the midnight show, that's what I'll do this year. If more drastic measures are required, I may cower. That is my nature.

Meanwhile, have y'all listened to "Weird Nightmare: Meditations on Mingus"? I think most of you will dig it.

Gaining Faith, Losing Knowledge, Ever Apologetically, Yours,

Artis

P.S. Yo younguns, how about some artwork, poetry or some such childish endeavors to affect and balance all this "adult" fair-folk humdrum. I could use some fresh entertainment, even if I'm not emitting it.

Just Try It

Dear Editor:

I've been hearing a lot of grumbling (talk of petitions, boycotts, etc.) over the decision to use wristbands at this year's Fair.

Wristbands may not solve all our problems with over-population and there are still quirks that need to be smoothed out. But I feel we should give the idea a chance. Why not try it out for a year and see how it works?

We definitely need a non-transferable pass because unfortunately too many folks abuse the traditional camping pass. I, for one, would like to see the magic return to the nighttime hours of the Fair, where the paths aren't as congested as during the day, where one has the chance to breathe fresher air and relax a bit from people-overload.

Reggae on the River (in California) has been using wristbands successfully. If that Rastafarian family can handle it—don't you think Oregon Country Fairies could, too?

Patti Lomont

OCF Neighbors Liason and Craftsperson, Booth #670



On Membership

Registering members is in direct response to an 1989 Oregon Law requiring a membership list for non-profit organizations. People can still participate in the Fair without being a member, they just can't vote or sign a petition.

On the problem. The number of people who abuse our system (camping without a pass) is at least 1000. This has resulted in the destruction of lots of vegetation and visual buffers. It also represents the loss of \$45,000 to the OCF and a strain on resources of water and sanitation facilities.

On the process and alternatives. The board has followed a fair and due process (other than not approving a higher number of passes/bands). There was agreement that the current

the point to needing to change. Alternatives of photo ID's, bar-code camping passes, punching passes (to control multiple entries) were suggested and met with the same criticisms of "taking away freedom," nobody opposed to wristbands wanted to support any of the alternatives. Wristbands were approved as a one-year experiment. You have the freedom to come to the Fair or do something else; you are not being denied anything except the possible ability to abuse the system. Every staff person will have a wristband (not just one segment), security will be easier, and wristbands are not as counterfitable as last year's passes. Security has an obligation to protect Fair property, main camp, staff camping etc...

Sincerely



Wristbands

Wristbands: A Board Member's Perspective

The Oregon Country Fair is successful in many ways and in many things. Some have said that we are too successful in bringing both the general public to the Fair and people who "sneak" in.

Since I have been involved in the Fair, for almost 20 years, those who have come to the Fair have been distinguished and identified by some artificial means so that the Fair family can determine whether they should be on the land or not.

We charge the members of the public and give them tickets. We give staff T-shirts which have always allowed them to be on the property after hours. We give others, whether they be entertainers, booth people, or some other groups or individuals who belong on the property after hours, camping passes.

In a different world maybe the Fair should be free and everyone should be allowed to attend whenever they want. The Board over the past two years has heard the complaints of many as to the overpopulation problem both when the gates are open and when they are closed. Not everyone views this as a problem. It appears, however, that a substantial majority of the Fair family does. The Board has solicited solutions to this problem.

This Board has tried to debate openly these ideas and help and support operations when different solutions have been presented. This discussion has been heated at times, but the solutions that have been acted on have been positive and supportive of what appears to be the needs of most of the Fair family.

The recent complaints expressed by the few and the negative, rude, and demeaning comments, some of which might be shared on this page, are not a solution to this overpopulation problem. They are negative views that the Fair family should reject. Wristbands, or as others have called them, "non-removable official identification" does not lessen the magic of the Fair, does not make the Fair authoritarian, and certainly does not make the Fair a fascist security group. They do nothing more

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Photo IDs??

Fair Family,

I thought we were going to try photo I.D. camping passes first, then wristbands. Unless an alternative comes up, the choice is "we may not like photo I.D. camping passes but it's better than wristbands!" If the photo I.D.s don't work this year, NEXT YEAR we would go with wrist bands.

Restaurant people may need to be able to go somewhere (Odyssey?) to have unsanitary bands replaced.

Wristband replacement would also allow those who have offsite commitments to share their staffing and work time instead of being forced to waste by using a 3 day pass for only one day.

One pass is turned in to get one. Only ONE is in circulation at a time: that IS the idea, right?

Happy Humus!

David Glenn Hoffman
C.V.

Wristbands for the World

Dear Fair Family News

An alternate idea for wristbands is to have everyone on Earth not involved in the Fair (all 5 billion) wear wristbands. Then we can ask people who are not our sacred, hard workers to please leave and stop overcrowding this sacred land.

However, 5 billion wristbands is a waste! Thus, let us bear the sacrifice for the sake of Workers and Land, and wear a wristband.

David Oaks

Community Village

Some Suggestions

Dear Fair Family News:

I, too, am deeply disturbed by the idea of wristbands. I'm unsure that I'll be able to participate in this procedure.

I suggest the following:

1. Don't have rock and roll-big name entertainment-(reducing the alcohol energy and the crowd).
2. Have another campground somewhere in the area.
3. Encourage significant others to be on crews.
4. Less advertising.

I believe that we can be creative and conscious enough to find ways to solve this problem that are less fascistic in nature. I hope it's not too late to reconsider.

Still counting on magic.

Kayla Starr

From the Editor

norma sax

Why should I be the only one not to talk about wristbands?

In the first place I don't ever want to meet the next person who says wristbands remind them of concentration camps and numbers tattooed on Holocaust victims. I don't think I've ever heard anything from Fair family that has offended me so much. How dare you compare yourself to victims of the Holocaust and the Fair management to Nazis? The Fair is a party for crying out loud. Concentration camps existed to commit mass murder.

Maybe I'm overly-sensitive because I'm only a generation or two away from being a Holocaust survivor/victim, but I find it personally insulting to have the Holocaust trivialized. Are you at all aware that the Nazis killed six million Jews and many Gypsies, homosexu-

als, and people they just didn't like? What the hell are you thinking when you say wristbands are like concentration camp tattoos? Wristbands are not enforced tattoos. You are making a choice to come to the Fair and to stay overnight. Holocaust victims had no choice.

Wearing a bothersome bracelet is not being gassed in an oven. Dealing with plastic for three days is not being randomly shot because you're the wrong religion or sexual orientation or nationality. You are not going to have a lifelong reminder of living hell on your body if you wear a wristband for three days.

If you think it, think it, but don't say it to me. Don't tell me the Holocaust means so little that a wristband means the same thing to you. If you need some information on the Holocaust, I can give you a bibliography.

Almost as offensive to me is a petition being circulated that calls for a Thursday night before the Fair vote on wrist-

bands. I asked the chief petitioner who would organize the meeting, who would manage it, what the process should be for an alternative to wristbands if they are voted out 12 hours before the Fair starts. He had no alternatives, no process, no organization. This is being a responsible member of the Fair family?

Whatever happened to putting on a party, folks? Whatever happened to a spirit of cooperation and trying to work out our problems together? Whatever happened to "it's too damned crowded at the Fair and we need to do something about illegal campers"? How about "who are all these drunks with no camping pass running through my campsite, why doesn't Security do something about it?"

Come on, folks,
get a grip.

Why do you assume someone is out to put you in shackles (this is on the petition—I'm not making this up). Why in heaven's name are you assuming the worst? You haven't even tried the wristbands yet and you're sure the Fair is turning into Auschwitz.

What has gotten into you people anyway? Too much rain and cloudy skies?

Come out to the Fair site and see the flowers and feel the trees and then tell me it means so little to you you'd let it all go to hell because you don't want to wear a lousy wristband for three days.

If you give the wristband a try and you find you really don't like it, it didn't work, it was a lousy idea, then put it on the ballot for the October general meeting. If enough people feel as you do, then we'll abandon the whole idea. But to compare an attempt to keep our event safe, comfortable, and enjoyable to the Holocaust? To force a major operational change the night before the Fair starts?

Come on, folks, get a grip.



The Rhyme of the Ancient Booth Rep

Ron Pachosa - Starfire -
Booth 122

*Karen wants a bathroom
Laurie wants a cart,
Nyssa wants more table space
To best display her art*

*Bruce is just a rookie,
Josh has come before.
Michael has experience,
But, Ron sleeps more and more.*

*Oregon Country Nightmare!
Anew, begins the quest.
And all along, the Ancient Rep,
Just wants a little rest.*

*Using straw is not so good.
Selling beads is out.
With wristbands chaining egos,
The booth is in a pout.*

*To think the Rep can satisfy,
They must all be fools.
But, finally rising from the couch,
Ron's off to find his tools.*

*For twenty years he's labored,
And never missed a FAIR.
He muses over glory days,
When he still had dark hair.*

*He thinks about those early times,
When anarchy was law,
And no one thought it mattered,
Now, where'd he put that saw?*

*It seems like booth construction
Is never really done,
He finds the hammer and the nail,
Have I used all but one?*

*He thinks about the future,
When kids we've shown "The Way",
Will be making "Hippie Compounds"
And taking us away.*

*But, for now, he has the power,
New obligations too,
And, after just a little nap,
So many things to do.*

*At last, he's finally ready!
It's time to hit the road.
And, if he could just stay awake,
He'd fasten down the load.*

*From weeks of frantic planning,
Imaginations Fired,
Arriving finally at the FAIR,
Those young folks are all tired.*

*But, now the Ancient Booth Rep,
His preparations done,
Rises like the Phoenix
And shouts, "Let's have some fun!"*



Dragon Flood

Open Hou



photo by



Lake Piggy





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photo by Bill Verner



West Lane Community Open House: A Success!!

by Patti Lomont and Beth Little

It was Fair magic—pure and simple. How else can one explain the absolutely gorgeous day (sandwiched between two rainy ones) that we were blessed with for our OCF Open House?

Visitors from the West Lane community were first greeted with a sunny yellow view of our beautiful fields/parking lots, blanketed with wild mustard flowers. At Main Camp we offered delicious ice cream, courtesy of Springfield Creamery (thank you, thank you), drinks and snacks. The Mad Farmers provided very nice acoustic music.

Our Fair family volunteers gave guided tours of the property, showing off our beautiful land, complete with wildflowers that are blooming everywhere. We set up a maypole at the Children's Playground on the Left Bank, and had a wonderful maypole dance, with music provided by a local Veneta band, Lost Willy. Some time in mid-afternoon Walker T. Ryan showed up and strummed a few.

We had approximately 75 neighbors from the community attend the event, including Elli Dumdi, West Lane County Commissioner, representatives from Fern Ridge School District, and several Veneta City Council members and staff, along with many OCF volunteers (a number of whom also live in the Veneta-Elmira area). It was a very positive experience for everyone. Many neighbors expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to come to the OCF at this time of the year and learn more about us—our people—our land. Many urged us to make this an annual event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful event. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all!



Site Manager's Residence

by Barney Sullivan

Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped build our site manager's new quarters.

Besides all the people previously thanked, I would like to thank people who come out for more than a day; some worked many days: Jim Sahr, Tim Justis, Serenity Maestis, Bob Durnell, Palmer Parker, Gary Kingery, Craig Bostell, David Hoffman, Cory Sullivan, Jim Dunsmire, and others.

According to estimates of four local home builders and the national estimator (adjusted for Oregon), we have saved approximately \$14,000 in building the yurt ourselves. It is with efforts of all the family that we saved so much money and built a quality habitat.

Remember to commit random acts of kindness.



Vote
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and broken dreams—and no success at stemming the perceived drug “problem.”

When there’s a real problem within a population with complying with a law, perhaps the problem is with the law. Instead of more rules, more invasive procedures, more security people, and a greater policing action, let’s first make certain that our representatives are providing camping privileges to all member-campers, and then let’s all work together to cooperatively police ourselves. The idea (let alone the coming reality, unless we vote “no!”) of one segment of the OCF subjecting the rest of the membership to a security apparatus and action vastly different than before is antithetical to the spirit of the OCF.

If we go at our common problems together, we can make staff shirts and camping passes work. Non-removable wristbands are just as counterfeitable as our current methods of identification, but much more subject to abuse by our representatives in authority. Members of the OCF shouldn’t have to attend all the OCF meetings throughout the year to protect themselves from their own “representatives.”

Please start saying “no!” to wristbands and vote “no!” to banding at the coming meeting.

John Parrott
OCF Member

Board Perspective
(Continued from p. 7)

than t-shirts or camping passes have done; identify those who should be on the property after hours from those who shouldn’t be.

We have heard the argument that they will be made of unnatural materials that some cannot have next to their skin. We have heard it said that the magic will be ruined if people are “branded” and cannot get completely naked at the Fair. For those who truly believe these two views or any other of the truly held valued beliefs to which wristbands will be a detriment, I am sure sincere solutions exist. All one has to do is sincerely, individually ask.

Those who say they are sincere in these beliefs will of course be able to explain why they are not hypocritical if they do not remove their jewelry, scents and other things on their bodies to become “truly naked.” They will be able to explain the fuss when they have on their unnatural clothing. While these individuals might try to eliminate unnatural things in their lives most everyone has something that they wear or use in their everyday life and while they are at the Fair that is constructed with some synthetic.

For those who just want to protest to protest, I would suggest there are more productive and substantial protests to spend one’s time on. What the Fair needs now is positive and supportive progressive problem solving, not negative egg throwing.

Steve Gorham
Traffic, Board Member

Members and Meetings

Norma Sax, Secretary

Because there have been at least two petitions circulated recently within the Fair family, I thought it would be helpful to clarify just what the bylaws say about special meetings and petitions so that future petitions will not have to be invalidated because of a lack of enough member signatures or an incorrect request on the petition.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERS

1. Membership. There shall be one class of membership.

2. Eligibility and Admission. Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of the corporation, who is registered with the corporation, and who has participated in one of the two previous years’ Fair as volunteer, worker, performer, or booth participant may be deemed a member provided they abide by the terms and conditions of these bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto, and act in accordance with the decisions made by the Board of Directors.

(a) there is no membership fee required for general members

(b) it is the responsibility of each member to register with the corporation...

6. Rights of Membership.

(a) Voting: All members who have been members for at least 30 days prior to the date of a membership meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person or by mail, on any issue brought before the membership. Members shall vote to elect the Board of Di-

rectors, recall a director, amend the Articles of Incorporation, as provided by the Oregon Revised Statutes and by these bylaws. The Board of Directors shall make provisions for absentee balloting.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be called by the Secretary upon petition of 25 or more members of the corporation. In the case of a special meeting, notice shall be required as set forth in (3) below. The business of the special meetings shall be limited to those matters set forth in the notice.

3. Notice

Written notice of membership meetings shall be delivered by hand or by mail to all members currently registered in the records of the corporation not less than seven nor more than sixty days before the date set for the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the member to provide the Secretary with a correct mailing address and any change thereof and failure to do so shall terminate the member’s right to receive notice. In lieu of personally delivering the written notice, notice may be published in periodicals of general circulation (in) the greater community for at least two issues in a manner reasonably calculated to give membership in Oregon notice of such meeting.

4. Quorum. Two hundred members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum, except that at the annual meeting, those members present shall constitute a quorum.

5. Voting. All members are voting members. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all members present at meetings shall be entitled to vote and the Board of Directors may make provisions for absentee balloting from time to time as is appropriate. There shall be no proxies and no cumulative voting. Except as otherwise set forth in these bylaws, the majority of votes cast shall be required for the adoption of any matter coming before the membership.

(See page 14 for mailing list/membership sign-up info.)

photo by M Shuler



Dear Family...those who gather

by G. Stephan (Bear Hug) Pitts, Boothperson

Family, a word not spoken lightly by me.

As with any family, we have many points of view, a wide range of needs, wants, and expectations, and occasional disagreements. And, like any family, we all hold some thing, some value, some relationship in reverence. The center of focus of this Family is an event which occurs in July every year.

I have watched the evolution of this Family since 1974, my first day-trip through Fair-ie Land...looking for my partner so that we could get back to work...I spent two days finding myself being revived and healed in the loving arms of a Family which had last held me in the Summer of Love in San Francisco...

And together we have grown to be 40 and then some...us "Old Hippies."

And we have been able to watch our children grow in the knowledge that one place exists which exemplifies those values of Love, Harmony, and Beauty which we found in that time.

In 1986, Charlie and I (Charlie and the Bear...) began building the Family Rest Area behind the McKenzie Map Company (booth 491), Peter's booth, taking Peter's concept of "No Print Boothing" to greater and greater heights (widths??) each year.

We were soon adopted by Mary Beth Havel (Security Mom) as her booth, becoming one of the initial participants in Mom's "Adopt a Booth/Adopt a Staff" program. Today, we welcome home members from every crew, path musicians and day guests who wish to get away from the "Pack." The spirit of the One surrounds this place, and we have the honor of facilitating the revivification of many of our brothers and sisters.

And, since 1986, I have had the honor of sharing "Nirvana Tubes" with the Family and our guests. Nirvana tubes are 6'-8' long, 2" in diameter tubes which one listens to...(we first got the idea from a Whiz-tech exhibit). Many of you have listened.

The reasons for this letter are two fold.

First: to express my GRATITUDE to the family which gathers each year to sing together, to Wake the Forest, and to offer a limited number of Nirvana Tubes to be hung in the booths around the path.

Second: to express my CONCERN that the dedication of the Oregon Country Fair to Psycho-Spiritual Rejuvenation seems to be waning within the Family!

As to the first, those interested in having us hang Nirvana Tubes in your booth, leave a message on my phone (602) 622-6245.

As to the second, I pray that we, the Fair FAMILY, can approach this gathering in a spirit of One-ness. Yes, it's a

grand party of unequalled scale and wonder. Yes, it's one of the finest gatherings of artists and artisans in the country (#2 by SUNSET Mag!!).

However, unless WE are willing to work TOGETHER, even at personal sacrifice, Unless we recognize the limited space and facilities we have avail-

able, and Unless we recognize the consequences of our actions on the Land and the rest of our Family, then the OCF will become just another crafts fair, and we lose that spirit of Rejuvenation.

With Love and Hugs to all of my Family, I look forward to Thursday Night, singing in the sauna.

This poem is my way of explaining the Nirvana Tubes to Family and friends:

Nirvana Tubes...

*Come Listen to what the trees hear
This is why we come here once a year*

*The Psycho-Spiritual Rejuvenation
Which is the Oregon Country Fair
Is a centuries old celebration
of putting music and song and laughter
into the air.*

*WAKE the FOREST
give back to the Earth Mother
A small portion of the energy
Which she Provides us through the year...*

*Listen to what the Trees Hear
This is why we gather in this place once
each year...*



Seeds and Stems

Susan Bryan, Vegmanec

Recently, the OCF Vegmanecs established stewardships to care for specified areas within the Figure 8 and Left Bank. Guidelines were written and posted by our illustrious co-equal crew leaders for consistency in vegetation management and erosion control. This project has prospered through the continued dedication of volunteers, willing to give numerous hours to various needs in their designated area. It's success will come from all of us who believe in reverence for the Land.

After the initial stroll through their respective paths, each volunteer labors to remove fallen branches, rake leaves, plant and fertilize grass seed, mow grass, and rake some more. Many areas have special needs and/or require intense work.

The experience of being at the Fair site on a regular basis has been the best teacher of reverence. Mother Nature changes the land as well as effects the vegetation surviving upon it. Personkind also affects the Land. In our awe, we can also develop better ways of interacting with its health and well-fair!

When you, as a booth person, staff person or visitor, arrive for upcoming Fair activities, feel free to contact your representative steward about any vegetation or land concerns before you begin clipping—Thank you.

Walk softly with an open heart.



Photo By Sequoia



Peach Fuzz

Don Doolin, Security

There has been a lot of discussion during the last three years or so, particularly among Security staff, about a non-transferable camping pass.

Last year, as the Saturday Sweep was coming to a close, myself and two or three Board members stood in front of the Dragon and watched the crowds filing into the parking lot.

We set up only one narrow re-entry gate with a check-point beyond that. What was observed by all, was the basic fact that a large group of people left and three times as many immediately returned to the Fair.

Not only was the pass shuffle so obvious under close scrutiny, many fake passes were found. The numbers on these passes were tracked to many areas of the Fair with the majority of them from Crafts and Entertainment. Staff also shuffle shirts.

The bond of longer there, not policing our—we have basic ser-problems.

You folks used passes in the mail site with ease. thanks to the few terfeited passes that privilege is

To me this event is like others, for the basic fact that you must pay for admission, which is an invitation; if you don't possess that pass for the night, you shouldn't be there.

I realize as much as anyone that as the Fair grows, so does the number of people who belong and need to be on-site; coordinators need more crew, who bring needed significant others. Booth people need more help to make free time to enjoy the Fair. Kids grow up and can't pass for 12 anymore.

It is and has been your responsibility as a Booth Rep, Parent, Coordinator, to try and legitimize this part of the Fair Family. Please come forward soon and talk about this.

We should all be proud to receive an invitation to this special event. Be it wristband this year, or photo ID next, let's work together to solve the problem.

"...now we have basic service and safety problems."

trust is no folks. We are selves and now vice and safety

to get your and come on However, who have coun-over the years, gone.

The Village Circle

Bob Fennessy,
Community Village

Last month we experienced the Youth Booth, so I figured this month would be a good time to get down with the Little People's Booth. As a childless bachelor, I had not had occasion to experience little people in 15 years of Fair going. On Sunday of last year's Fair, I had completed all of my responsibilities and was looking forward to a day of relaxation and bliss. I retired to the sauna and was in the process of brushing my teeth when I received a tap on the shoulder and told I was needed at White Bird. A friend of mine had taken sick while visiting the Fair, was resting at White Bird and needed someone to do child care for a one-year old and a three-year old.

Now I consider myself a responsible adult and capable of handling any youngster, but here I was outnumbered two to one! What happens when they take off in opposite directions? Fortunately, I was able to find refuge in the Little People's Booth. It's an enclosed area (they can't escape) with plenty of shade, things to play with, other kids and adult supervision. My two charges had a wonderful time there—they didn't want to leave!

I spoke with Jain Elliott, who has been Booth Coordinator for Little People for seven years now. Jain said, "Little People is a safe place for your kids to hang out while you are in Community Village," explains Jain. "It's a quiet shady place filled with activities—a

sand box, toys, crafts, music, face painting and new games. Most of the participants are kids ages 3 to 6. Kids in diapers are welcome if the parents are with them—we don't have the facilities to change diapers but there is a potty chair available (no waiting!).

"The booth works on the basis of co-op time—you spend time in the booth playing with the kids and receive an equal amount of child free time. It works best if you do your time with the kids first, as it enables your kids to get to know the other children and adults in the booth.

"The Little People Booth is one way for parents of infants to do their part of contributing to the Fair.

There has been very little turn-over in booth staff these past 4-5 years. We all love each other and each other's kids. In fact, some who didn't have kids when they started in the booth had so much fun they decided to have some of their own. It has also inspired several people, such as myself, to pursue careers in teaching. We now have lots of certified teachers staffing the booth."

Now, I'm not advocating that anyone go out and have children just to get in to the Little People's Booth, but if you have occasion to borrow a child or two during the Fair, there's probably no place they'll have a better time.

"Fortunately, I was able to find refuge in the Little People's Booth.."

Another Favorite Fair Memory

Until just a few years ago we booth folks could relax away the day's hard work by strolling the quiet candle lit paths of the "8" each evening. Laughing and stumbling through the darkest areas, holding onto each other for fun and balance, we would come upon candle or fire pit glowing alcoves of beings singing and jamming away the hours—each bright circle a different style of music, each bright circle an inspiration of creativity. Our bodies steam-cleaned at the saunas, we would spend hours on this slow cruise, sometimes joining in, sometimes standing in awed ovation. This was the true midnight show.

Kali Kaliche



Feast of Change—Part two

by Jeff Land

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There are 250 craft and food booths displaying the equivalent of several large shopping malls worth of toys, tasty treats, and useful items, all natural or hand made. The best of the booths have been constructed slowly and modified over time—marvels in the tradition of nomad architecture. These spaces are precious, tended by many of the same folks and their children and kin for years, folks who, incidentally, now have more customers than they ever imagined.

From Native American bark berry picking baskets to barbeque, from yurts to deserts, the Fair is a grand market event as well as a Dionysian carnival. For relaxation one can get massages, take solar heated showers, join a drumming circle, or sweat in a large sauna (which some claim is the event's most profitable venture).

After the crowds of the day—20,000 people!—leave, the evening party begins, gently as the sun sets and building momentum around midnight. Several thousand happy campers turn on their lanterns, begin to unwind, share some food, and choose between the drumming, the dancing, the sauna, or hanging out with old friends. Nighttime policing—the "Sweep", an old Fair cat and mouse game—also commences. Uninvited guests to Saturday night's candlelight bacchanal have at times numbered over 5,000. Pity these poor security guards—and there are hundreds—who must miss out on the celebration going on all around them patrolling for "visitors". Warning has been put out that security will continue to increase.

The 1992 season is the first in which the Oregon Country Fair corporation, administrator of the event, will not be obliged to use the sizable surplus the Fair generates for mortgage payments. More than ever, the institution that sprang from the festival is growing, and with its transformations plans to direct its resources to nurturing other projects.

The Fair, required to disperse its income as a nonprofit educational entity, has over the past few years begun imagining creative and democratic ways of satisfying the myriad of desires which its material success has thrust upon it. Pressured to focus seriously on the future, working

committees have been pressed to come up with plans, especially for largescale site improvements and an endowment fund which would over the years sponsor those groups and movements the Fair collectively endorses. This process has not always been simple, since from time immemorial the psychic energy—the vibes which sustain the the magic—have been directed either toward next summer's blast—the poster, the music, the passes—or in reminiscing over those earlier, better parties.

In spite of itself, perhaps, the success of the Fair has brought about a change in the way that certain things are done, although it is not always

two, the party in the woods and fields by the Long Tom river was on with no, or very low, "donations" for entry.

About ten years ago, after years of leasing its Veneta site, the Fair board, guided by the foresight and determination of Ron Chase, made the momentous decision to take out a mortgage and purchase the property outright for \$250,000. Part of this was paid up front, with about 60% left to pay. This obviously meant a much larger commitment to long range planning and to financial accountability than some had previously imagined or desired. People in positions of responsibility would now need to make sure that books were kept in order and receipts

mittees, the vendors, the local community, and the "Fair family" operate retain a certain spirit of openness and confidence. This is important to keep in mind as we witness the Fair begin one of its decennial molting processes.

From the perspective of the State, the Fair is a nonprofit educational corporation with the bottom line of decision-making held by its "members": all those with some affiliation with any aspect of the event. This group meets in the autumn of each year at the WOW Hall in Eugene to select a ten person board of directors who serve staggered terms of 2 years. The Board prepares general proposals, while convening committees and overseeing the small paid staff of three and the huge team of volunteers. These volunteers, the muscle and lifeblood of the Fair, are divided into large crews: recycling, traffic, communications, bubbles.

Patient and intelligent planning has gone into the generation of an endowment fund which would grant small awards to groups in the Northwest (Pacific Cascadia) that uphold the Fair's (carnavalesque) vision. The tentative categories for consideration are ecological, agriculture, and theater groups. Although there are plans to distribute some money in 1993, it will take several years for the interest bearing principle to accrue to a significant amount.)

With all this in mind, the OCF now is at a cusp. With over two decades of generally great success, it has made lots of folks quite happy. The list of people to thank for this would fill up an article longer than the one already written.

This little gathering in the woods—our feast of time, of becoming, change, renewal—has moved toward the millenium without losing its original flavor and with very few compromises with the "straight", anti-festive world of normality. In its best moments it has kept the utopian sense of the 60's alive without becoming mired in nostalgia and packaged emotions. Now able to sponsor groups and persons doing Fair work every day, the Oregon Country Fair is chrysalising into something new and potentially wondrous.

(This article has been edited for length by the *Fair Family News*.)

Deputy Art

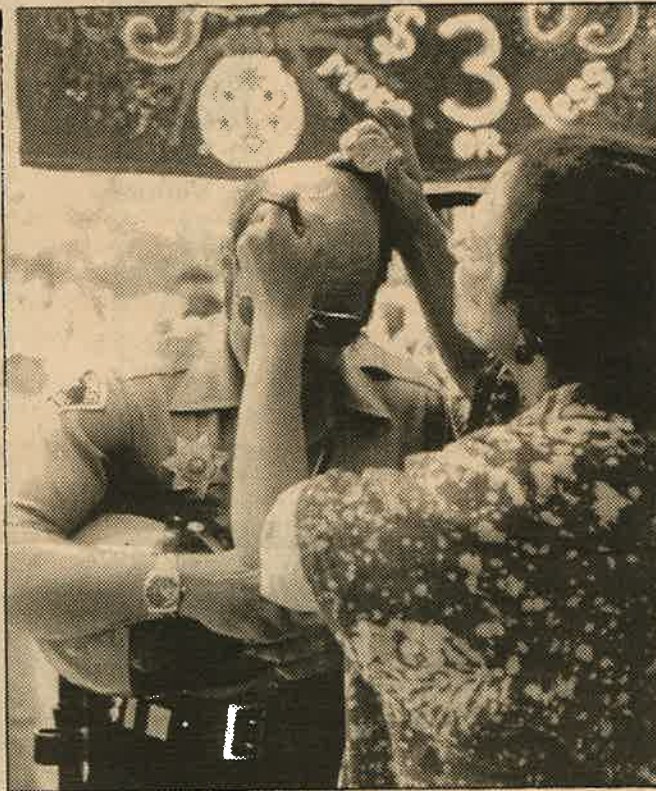


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easy to discern the dynamics of this transformation. In the first place, to put together a history of this venerable yet generally undocumented institution, one needs to trust faulty memory and much hearsay. Many of the folks who did the most to get things underway now reside in other regions, and those who remain and have been members of the family for years are not necessarily willing to say much, preserving in their way the event's mystique. One of the oldest timers I spoke with struggled to find words which expressed the nature of the changes in the way the Fair works, but could only come up with: "It's different, man, it is sooooo different." As if his tone could explain it all (which of course, it did).

Long ago, it is said, legal permits for the Fair might not arrive until a few days before it was scheduled to happen. When the county finally obliged, once again, that the Fair could proceed, word would be spread through networks of friends. In a day or

would add up correctly. Lines of accountability would need to be drawn on paper, not in the imagination.

It is said that almost the entire board quit after the bravado of making this fateful decision. This tumultuous situation led in the early eighties to the creation of the position of general manager, first voluntary and then in 1989 the OCF's first paid staff position.

Recall the moral lesson of the Cat in Hat: Pick up after your "things" if you have a big party. At this level, the Fair is an international showcase of recycling: the most resource conscious event of its size in the world. But this leaves unanswered a trickier question: when the cat is away, who organizes the play (and the maintenance?)

Perhaps if there is anything truly magic about the Fair, it lies in its ability to keep the questions of responsible self-government open and fluid while still managing to "take care of business." The ad hoc parameters within which the board, the manager, the com-

Are You a Member?



Some of you may still not be on the lists of your choice, namely, the mailing list that will get you this newsletter every month and/or the membership list!!! So, check some of the following and mail to: OCF Membership/Mailing, P.O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402.

I am not receiving the Fair Family News; please put me on the mailing list.

I do not know if I am on the membership list. Please verify my name and send me a membership application if I am NOT on the list.

I am with crew/booth# _____

Crew leader/booth rep _____ who can verify my participation.

My name: _____

Mail address: _____

This is a new mailing address.

(Nuts & Bolts, Carol Bull 935.2768)

Answers to last month's

Crosswords by Katie Cousins

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| Across | 48. One | 18. Nominated |
| 1. Archaeology | 49. Le | 23. Zoo |
| 10. At | 50. Karamazov | 24. Glean |
| 11. Aorta | 53. DT | 26. Oi |
| 12. Cream | 55. Peril | 28. DMV |
| 15. Mrsa. T | 58. Par | 32. You Can |
| 17. Island | 60. Nehru | 35. Home |
| 19. Pi | 63. Need | 39. PS |
| 20. Rut | 64. Magic | 40. Year |
| 21. Zoe | 67. OEC | 42. Movie |
| 22. Whizz | 68. July | 43. UN |
| 24. GE | 69. Bottleneck | 46. Trip |
| 25. Zosima | Down | 47. AM |
| 27. Noodle | 1. Arrowhead | 49. Lea |
| 29. LI | 2. Camping | 50. Kesey |
| 30. Nil | 3. Horizon | 51. Alamo |
| 31. Gnome | 4. Ars | 52. Ounce |
| 32. Ya | 5. Etta | 54. Truck |
| 36. Vapors | 6. OA | 55. Peel |
| 37. As | 7. OC | 57. Gnu |
| 38. Dopey | 8. Gritz La Ritz | 59. Rat |
| 41. Ui | 9. Yes | 61. Hoe |
| 42. Mutt | 10. Amazing | 62. Rec. |
| 44. Ms. | 13. Al | 65. GT |
| 45. ET | 14. Idealist | 66. II |
| 47. Act | 16. Free | |



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 3, 1993

There: Dan Dillon, Bob Durnell, Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Jack Makarchak, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharp, Steve Wisnovsky

Somewhere else: Kelly Isgrig; Martha Evans (alternate),

MINUTES

Motion: Margo moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 1993 Board of Directors meeting, as corrected. Jeanne seconded.

Corrections: The correct name of the person to submit Peach Pit articles to is Marcy Kaufman, not whatever the apologetic secretary mangled it as. A name is a terrible thing to spell wrong.

Under the background section of the budget discussion, the decrease is \$6,000. Watch out for those zeroes. Although they are a pretty good band.

Vote: The motion passed 10 for, 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please see the Fair Family News for a statement by Don Doolin, Security Coordinator, regarding wristbands.
- Leslie showed off the 1993 poster. It's a beauty. You'll want one. A great big thanks to the artist, Mindy Dwyer.
- Anne announced the Peach Pit ad deadline is May 29; article deadline is May 20, entertainment schedule deadline is June 7.
- Barney Sullivan said that Bill Verner, Site Manager, has moved into the yurt. We saved \$14,000 by building it ourselves. Bob encouraged everyone, both skilled and non- to come out and help do the finish work.
- From John Doscher, thanx to the folks who safely did the highway pickup May 1. (You find things like snakes and deer bones and holiday wrapping paper. It's a blast.)

6. The Community Village is looking for a construction coordinator, If you have the time and skills and think you might fit in here, please come to the next Village meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., Whiteaker School Community Room. (Oh, but you won't see this in time, will you? Darn. Now, see if the Fair would pay me and I could quit my dull, boring day job, I could get these minutes out much faster. Come on folks, how about a petition to give sax a job, since we're in such a petition mood lately.)
7. Advance tickets will not be sold outside Oregon this year. Tune in same time next year for perhaps another story. ("As The Ticket Turns," or "All My Tickets.")
8. John "One More Thing" Doscher announced that he has turned over to the Secretary an initiative petitioning the Board to (give sax a job. Oh, no that's not right, it really was to..) direct the Elections Committee to place on the 1993 General Election ballot the following initiative: "That the Board of Directors adopt as policy the following: In keeping with the 3rd provision of the OCF Code of Conduct, all Fair Family Members shall work together to do whatever possible to insure a grass covered, barefoot-safe path during the Fair."
9. Congratulations to Thom Lanfear, Fair cartographer, on the birth of his daughter, Emma.
10. Margo talked about a letter being circulated that expresses concern that the Board made a policy change by recognizing the Vegmanecs as a crew. Margo reminded everyone that it is indeed the Board of Directors which does make policy changes and, who knows, they just might do it again in our lifetime.

Margo encouraged everyone to send in their Long Range Planning surveys printed in the Fair Family News a couple of issues ago. Have fun with it, but please give some serious feedback also. (Lots of them say give sax a job. Lots of them sax has gotten her hands on, that is.)

REPORTS

General Manager

Leslie Scott, General Manager, said we had a lovely Spring Fling, one of the highlights of which was a video of the '92 Fair produced by our Video Coordinator, Rock Badger. (And the secretary stole the office copy this morning so she could watch it while she does the minutes. can sax write and watch at the same time? you be the judge. oh, there goes...oh, sorry the parade just went by.) Leslie thanked Camille Cole and Norma Sax for organizing the event and David Paul for his entertainer expertise.

Leslie also reported that we had a wonderful turnout for our first "let's show off for the neighbors" open house. We invited about 100 Veneta/Elmira neighbors for a walk around the site and about 75 came for a beautiful Sunday stroll. Thanks to Patti Lamont and Beth Little for organizing the event, Bill and the Vegmanecs (sounds like a garage band) for making the joint look so spiffy and safe, Sue Kesey for the tasty ice cream, Cory Sullivan for arranging the entertainment. And here's to the goddess of sunshine for the brightest, warmest day we've had in these parts in quite a long, strange spell. The neighbors had such a good time (and so did we) they asked us to do it again.

An emergency response drill is scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 at the Fair site. Everyone is urged to participate, particularly coordinators and crew leaders. Robert Aurnague DeSpain and Palmer Parker will be coordinating it.

The first draft of the operations manual is almost complete. Leslie is hoping to have it finished by the Fair.

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, thanked the volunteers who helped turn all the fallen tree limbs into a nice pile of chips. And dips. And salsa. Sour cream, avocados. (Oh, sorry, there was a burrito booth in the video.)

So, Bill what else is new? There are lots of mosquitoes at the site, "a sign of a healthy ecosystem," we are told.

Bill expressed his appreciation to the Vegmanecs for their stewardship of the land. Each Vegmanec adopted an area of responsibility, to seed, mow and do whatever is needed.

Bill, with no prompting from anyone, thanked everyone from his heart for the yurt. He's a happy not-camper.

Treasurer

Hilary Anthony, (hmm, we have Bill and Hilary in this organization—are we following a trend?), said we are moving from the season of budget to the season of cash management. She and Leslie are getting the office ready to accommodate the flood of receipts and checks coming in and going out, respectively. The CD's that were deposited after last year's Fair have matured. One of them is now liquid and the others are to be spent for start-up expenses. Two of the CDs are reinvested, including the endowment which now has \$30,468.

Hilary presented the Board with a cash report and proposed that the Fair budget year go from May 1 to May 1. Last year Nance Sledge made cash projections to cover this transition period and Hilary included the remaining significant balance on the current cash report. Hilary is going to write to coordinators, clarifying the reimbursement process and explaining how to spend their budget, how to get paid back for expenditures, how to get that receipt from the vendor to the Fair office.

Hilary will continue Nance's practice of regularly giving a printout to coordinators of their budget compared to how much money had been spent to date. the budget committee would like feedback from coordinators on how and why their budgets are over or under.

NEW BUSINESS (PART ONE)

A Gathering of Nations

Several organizers of the First Annual Spiritual Gathering and Gathering of the Nations '93 asked the OCF Board of Directors to consider allowing the Gathering to be held on the Fair site in late July or early September.

The organizers write "The Spiritual Gathering and Gathering of the Nations '93, is conceived in the spirit of potlatch. This is the cultural teaching of sharing and giving which was embodied in the native way of life on this continent for many, many centuries, and is kept alive today within the culture. This gathering is intended as an encampment of Native People for the purpose of celebration, ceremony and thanksgiving. The encampment is designed as a sharing of culture for the purpose of awakening, remembering and education. Through the sharing of traditional foods, crafts, laughter, song and dance the gathering will provide an educational experience that will promote understanding and unity among native and non-native people."

The Gathering was rained out from its original time and place of May in Coburg. The process for securing a mass gathering permit is in the works. The Gathering would be held in the Fair parking lot area. About 40,000 people are expected to attend the event; there would be 2-3,00 campers.

Board members asked the organizers to provide them with information on the organization of the event and insurance options prior to the next Board meeting, where they will vote on the proposal.

CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Motion: Anne moved to approve the Capital Projects Budget as presented by the Budget Committee., with an additional \$1,000 for yew poles. Margo seconded .

Background: The total capital projects budget recommended by the Budget Committee is \$28,175, including \$13,320 for projects carried over from 1992. Proposed 1993 expenditures are: Move Circus \$5,700; Widen Bus Road \$8,800; Reefer Bridge II \$2,500; Main Camp Kitchen \$2,500; 500 Yew Poles \$1500; New Gates \$500; Fencing \$1,500; Traffic Shed \$600; Community Village \$500; Community Village Stage \$300; Move Youth Stage \$350; Tractor Frontloader \$1,200; Recycling \$225; Yurt Repair (Main Camp) \$2,000.

The Budget Committee is recommending the Fair make a \$15,000 payment on the yurt, paying \$7,500 right away and paying the other half in November when it is scheduled.

Public Discussion: John Higby of Community Village explained the Village's plans to rebuild several of its booths. The CV asked for \$3500; the Budget Committee approved only

\$500. The Village, which is concerned about making safe booths, has set aside \$700 from their general budget to work on these booths.

Leslie said part of the difficulty for the Budget committee regarding the CV was that the Village has its own bank account and the BC does not have enough information on how the Village handles its finances.

dahinda meda said there is a resource for acquiring yew logs at a great discount now and urged the Board to consider another sum included in the budget for purchasing as many yew poles as possible.

Board Discussion: Jack said \$500 is not a realistic sum for the Community Village, even if they have to do minor repairs. He also said if we don't take advantage of the yew poles deal, we'll be sorry.

Paxton asked about the Village's ability to complete construction since there is no construction coordinator. John Higbe assured the Board the CV will complete the project.

Anne feels if the construction amount for the Village is increased, she would like to see the Village work with the Fair in making these booths as safe as possible.

Steve G. would also like to see the relationship with the Community Village clarified.

Amendment: Paxton moved to add \$1500 to the Community Village Reconstruction Project. This money will be accounted for separately from the Community Village funds and will be used only for 1993 booth construction materials. Any amounts left over after the 1993 Fair will revert to the OCF General Fund. Bob seconded.

Vote on Amendment: The amendment passed 8 for, 2 opposed (Jeanne and Margo).

Vote on Motion: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.

BUDGET REVISITED

Motion: Steve G. moved to amend and approve as amended the 1993 operating budget with \$1,000 added in the General Manager budget as a contingency for Trotter's Road. Paxton seconded.

Background: Items changed in the budget are: Community Village (from \$3,130 to \$3,430); History Booth (from \$13,908 to \$14,478); Medical (\$6,000 to \$6,500); Office in Town (from \$14,600 to \$15,800); Teens (\$3,425 to \$4,425); Water (from \$1,893 to \$3,293), General Manager (increase by \$1,500).

Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.

BUMS

Motion: Margo moved to appoint Andrew Harvey, Sallie Edmunds, and Robert Aurnague DeSpain as Back Up Managers for the 1993 Fair. Steve G. seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Bob) opposed.

TRAFFIC CO-COORDINATORS

Motion: Steve W. moved the Board name Steve Gorham and Dean Grasseth as Traffic Co-coordinators. Jim seconded.

Background: Steve and Dean would serve with JR Robinson, Don Tada, and Steve Wisnovsky as Traffic co-coordinators. They would really like to have Erica Robinson too, but Erica said no way, Jose, so there we are. However, we all know Erica works like a sun of a gun (or daughter of a gun as the case may be) to keep these guys in line and they couldn't make it without her.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 0 opposed, 1 (Steve G.) abstained.

LOGO RESULTS

Motion: Anne moved to accept five logo items for sale. Jeanne seconded.

Background: Board members voted on which logo items submitted by craftspeople will be allowed to be sold at the 1993 Fair. The top five vote getters were a silver pendant, a pottery mug, a cotton bandana, a cotton book bag, and an etched glass mug.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 1 opposed (Paxton), 1 abstained (Bob).

WRISTBANDS

Resolution: The Board encourages the Secretary to set a

meeting to discuss wristbands, as per a petition asking for such a meeting, no later than June 7.

Background: The Secretary was presented with a petition stating "We, the undersigned members of the Oregon Country Fair, do hereby petition the Secretary of the OCF, according to Article VI, sections 2 and 3 of the OCF bylaws, to call a special meeting of the OCF members as soon as possible (and prior to this year's Fair) for the sole purpose of allowing the membership of the OCF at that meeting to affirm or deny by a membership vote, the previously asserted right of the OCF Board of Directors to order that all OCF-approved campers at this year's event shall submit to a wristband form (or any form) of non-removable official identification. The board, made up of elected representatives of the OCF membership, shall be bound to abide by the vote of the membership at this special meeting."

If the Secretary verifies that 25 members have signed the petition, she will then call a special meeting.

Board Discussion: Paxton would like to see the issue on the October ballot. Jack does not want to unduly influence or manipulate the Secretary (who, it should be noted, is open to bribes of a chocolate persuasion).

Other Board members would like us to abide by the by-laws and if the petition is validated, go ahead with the meeting as soon as possible.

Vote on Resolution: The resolution passed, 8 for, 2 opposed (Paxton and Jack).

NEW BUSINESS, PART TWO

RAPE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Margo would like the Board to approve money for rape prevention training. She is looking for input and ideas from the Fair family. The Board will discuss this at its next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, June 7, 1993, 7 p.m., the EWEB Building, Eugene. Agenda: Gathering of Nations, Rape Prevention, Endowment, Budget, Property Acquisition

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a brush babe from hell who will be honored to wear her babebands

thanks to brook leaf for: norma is as selfless as i am, ron.

