

FAIR FAMILY FLASHES

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 1

WELCOME TO THE OREGON COUNTRY FAIR NEWSLETTER

Norma Sax, Editor-in-Chief

MAY 16, 1992

Name The Oregon Country Fair's Newsletter!

We thought it would be fun to offer you, the Fair Membership, the chance to name the Newsletter! Think of a name that expresses something, is catchy, familiar, funny; something that sounds right. Some suggestions already are: Fair Family News, Peace Pipeline, Peace Dust, Family Flash. Send YOUR suggestion to OCF P.O. Box, marked attn. NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST.

O.C.F. Finds Voice!

Mary Shuler

The Newsletter Committee proposed to create and maintain a newsletter dedicated to open communication among all members of the Fair Family. The people of the Fair exist as a community on many levels. We have an enormously creative family, with many talents that can be used to help us all live the values that the Fair expresses publicly for three days a year.

The Newsletter will include the minutes of the B.O.D. meetings. We are going to use the membership list as the mailing list, to communicate with as many members as possible.

Due to the economics of printing, we can send more information to more people for less than what the Fair now pays to have the BOD minutes produced and mailed.

Well, we finally did it. We finally have a newsletter!! We want the as yet unnamed newsletter to be a forum for Fair family (note the alliteration) to share information and ideas about the Fair. Most of us who work so hard to put on this "essential event," as Artis the Spoonman calls it, have a strange and fierce commitment to keeping the magic going. We think a year-round newsletter is one way to make that happen. Please contribute anything you think is relevant, suitable, funny, and/or informative. And tell us how we're doing. If you love us, let us know. If you find out your cat doesn't even think it's good enough to line his litter box, let us know that too. We especially want to hear suggestions on how to make it better.

This newsletter, and its editor-in-chief in particular, owe a great deal to a group of dedicated individuals who have spent many hours envisioning, planning, meeting, talking, writing, typing, proofreading, laying out, labeling and mailing. Please join me in thanking the Newsletter Committee: Carol Bull, Kelly Campbell, Erica Lerch, Brad Lerch, Michael Ottenhausen, Mary Shuler, and Wally Slocum. Also, much appreciation to Anne Henry, our Board advisor, and to Heidi Doscher, our talented mailing list coordinator who is responsible for this being in your mailbox today. I am very fortunate to have been working with these folks these past few months. I'm so glad their vision was bigger than mine and I know you will be too.

Happy reading and may the peach be with you!



We want to include space for all recognized groups to express themselves: to post their scheduled meetings and report on the results of their labors. Room is included for letters and opinions from individuals, and also for Board members to speak their minds. We hope to establish a true forum for airing issues that affect the quality of the Fair and to help the Board and the various committees receive speedier feedback from the membership.

We invite suggestions from the membership and would like to solicit material from everyone. The spaces allotted are not set in stone, and should any one feature prove to need more room we will try to be as responsive as possible.

Want to get it?

After this first edition, the newsletter/minutes will be sent only to those members on the minutes mailing list. If you have been receiving the minutes then you are already on the right list. If you are a member and would like to receive the minutes/newsletter, then please send a postcard with your name and address to O.C.F. Newsletter, P.O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR, 97402. To become a member, please request a membership form. If you currently receive minutes and no longer wish to, send us a postcard and you can be removed from the mailing list.

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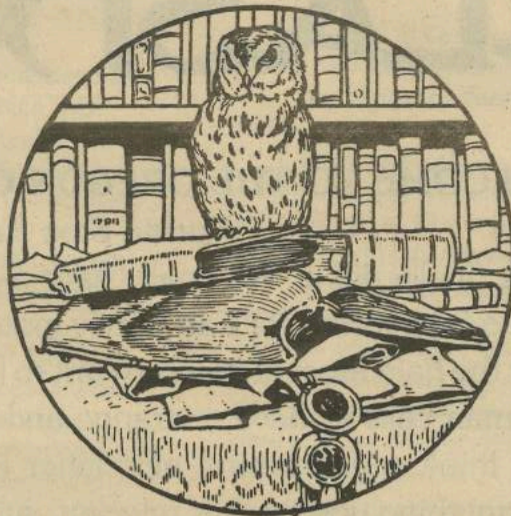
CALENDAR

- May 13 Community Village General Meeting, 7PM Whiteaker School Cafeteria, 21 N. Grand, Eugene
- May 16 SPRING FLING Crew signups & informational meeting at 7PM, dance at 9PM, W.O.W. Hall, 8th & Lincoln, Eugene
- May 17 Fall application deadline
- May 29 PEACH PIT Ad Deadline
- May 31 All food vendor & new craft applicants (except logo items) notified
- June 1 NO DOGS allowed on site (see Guidelines, section 1)
- June 1 BOD MEETING, 7PM EWEB?
- June 6&7 Security Crew Work Weekend
- June 6 2PM Security Crew Meeting, Supervisors, Crew persons, and Crew Leaders
- June 6 4PM Open Meeting with Security for the Fair family
- June 7 Open Security Crew Meeting at Fair Site, 4PM
- June 10 Community Village General Meeting, 7PM Whiteaker School Cafeteria, 21 N. Grand, Eugene
- June 13 Main Camp opens
- June 20 Returning booth claim begins
- June 20 Deadline for complete vendor fee payment (no pay, no booth)
- June 20 First day to consult with construction coordinators regarding required booth maintenance
- June 23 Mandatory food vendor's meeting, 7PM Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th St., Eugene
- June 25 Charter member booth claim begins
- June 27 New booth claim begins
- June 30 Last day for total refund of booth fees
- July 6 BOD MEETING, 7PM EWEB???
- July 3 Last day to submit plans and permit fees to OCF Construction for minor (non-structural) repairs
- July 4 Last day for partial refund of booth fees
- July 8 Community Village General Meeting, 7PM Whiteaker School Cafeteria, 21 N. Grand, Eugene
- July 8 NO CAMPING ON OCF PROPERTY WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION
- July 9 All construction requiring inspection must be completed!
- July 8&9 Pick up passes at Registration
- July 10, 11, 12 OREGON COUNTRY FAIR
- July 13 NO CAMPING ON OCF PROPERTY
- Aug 3 BOD MEETING, 7PM EWEB?
- Aug — Picnic/Potluck 1PM on site
- Sept — OCF Evaluation Meeting 2PM at the W.O.W. Hall
- Oct 18 Annual meeting 5PM at the W.O.W. Hall

Please submit additions and corrections early so as to make the next edition.
 Calendar Keeper
 Carol Bull 935.2768
 P O Box 760, Veneta, OR 97487

Nutz & Boltz

When you call the Fair office, and don't want to listen to the message, press the asterisk (splat) button on your phone (twice maybe).



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The O.C.F. Newsletter is dedicated to the creation of an open forum for ideas and information related to, contributed by, and distributed to the O.C.F. family.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The O.C.F. Newsletter will provide space for a calendar of events; announcements; letters to the editor and to and from the Board; information from crews, booths, and entertainers; committee reports; official information about the Fair; and room for any other Fair family contributions with the purpose of sharing information. In addition, the Newsletter will include an issues forum. This section will include letters of opinion from the Fair family on specific topics named in advance in the Newsletter. As space allows, Fair related contributions, such as art, short literary pieces and humor will be included. All printed material will be edited for clarity and length. We will not print personal attacks or material that is libelous. It is the intent of this Newsletter to print all sides of debate whenever possible. This Newsletter will uphold the O.C.F. Code of Conduct. This statement of editorial policy will be printed at least twice a year.



STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

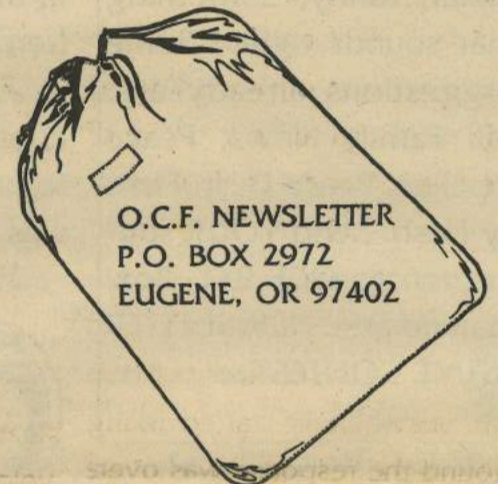
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USE THIS SPACE!!

This space is available for free "Fair related" messages, announcements, requests etc. Examples include info. on crew/committee openings, information on work parties, and any other items of information that the Fair family needs to know about.

We also intend to provide underwriting space in upcoming issues. However, due to the implications of newly passed laws, the idea is still being looked at. We plan to have both business card sized and classified spaces.

If you want to place a Fair related message, or if you desire information on underwriting in upcoming issues contact the newsletter committee c/o The Oregon Country Fair, P.O. Box 2972 Eugene, 97402 or call Brad Lerch at 689-1836.



Calling All Kids

Morgan Speiss, Kid Loop Committee

The 1991 Oregon Country Fair's first ever Kid Loop, though small size-wise, was a huge success. A Kid Loop committee has been formed to develop a plan for an expanded Kid Loop 1992. We need your help!

What would you—the young people of Fair families—like to see added to the O.C.F. to make it more kid-friendly? Our scenario so far calls for construction of a Dragon-shaped climbing, crawling structure. But you all know how unimaginative grown-ups can be. Which is exactly why we are asking for ideas/photos, sketches, blueprints, even videos of other playgrounds, integral in nature, you enjoy. Send any Kid Loop Playground ideas to the O.C.F. office, care of this newsletter for progress reports, on this and other Kid Fair related projects.

For that matter, future Newsletters would love letters from Kids, as well. Tell us what is good (or NOT!) about the Fair, from a young person's point-of-view. What would the Fair look like under a Paedarchy (a government by children)?





Floating Heads

Erica F. Lerch, News Editor

The well supported Newsletter committee met in Jan, Feb, and March of 1992, and found within ourselves the motivation, knowledge, support, time and love of the Fair to bring this Newsletter to your hands. No one really knows how many people are in our wonderful Fair family and how much they contribute to the Fair, but when we started asking around the response was overwhelming. We were going to make garbled or blatantly false articles up to illustrate the dimensions of our project for our mock-up proposal, but we got so many wonderful, interesting articles with such wonderfully eclectic styles, that we just threw

caution to the wind and bowed to demand. The mock-up got rave reviews. We had a lot of fun and want to continue having fun with this ongoing project, so here it is, an **open invitation to the entire Fair family to communicate their contributions and goals at the Fair in a loving, supportive way.**

Read this well. There are many voices here; yours could be in the next issue. We believe (from experience) that with a core of 6 hard working, enthusiastic, qualified people and contributions from the ENTIRE membership, we can do it. You are holding our reality, what do you think?



Eco-Peach

People of Energy Park

Energy Park is a small circle of booths dedicated to presenting alternative ways to produce the energy we need to help our world function in a sustainable fashion. Perhaps the most functional of our displays during the Fair are the Solar Showers which were designed, built, and run by Energy Park staff. We meet throughout the year and have fun, but we also try to find new ways to be more responsible members of the Country Fair community and stewards of the land that we care for. We demonstrate our commitment to finding innovative ways to realize

our dreams of change in the Fair through policies such as limiting vehicle access into the Park, and a self-imposed population limit, which we have adhered to for at least five years. We started out with "Vehicle-Free Thursday" a few years ago and have expanded the concept to the point that we are considering being vehicle-free all year.

In recent years, we have been encouraging our group to bring their own plates and utensils to avoid creating plastic garbage at the Fair. Although we have met some resistance to using our own plates at the food booths, we still encourage people to bring their own eating utensils.

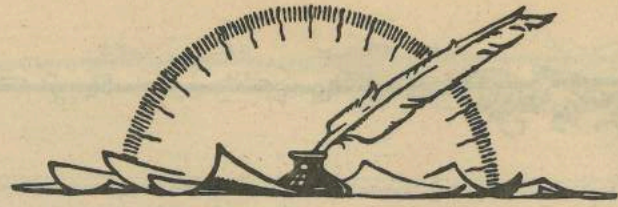
As we look forward to this year and some of the problems we encountered during last year's Fair, we realize that we need to put more work into enforcing the camping boundaries that we take responsibility for. We maintain and protect the native and introduced plants that are attractions along the guided nature walks.

We have been working with Security for a number of years, learning to police our own areas, cooperating during the sweep, and we appreciate the help Security has given us. Actually, we really appreciate the Fair as a whole, the people who make it work are great. From our van-

longs. It's a place where the grass is always greenest right where you're sitting, and the sky is always blue, even when it's raining. When I look back on the Fair, I'll remember walking the same muddy paths in the morning which are dusty in the evenings, and smiling at people who are strangers, but not really. I'll remember the words to The Teddy Bear's Picnic for years to come. But most of all, I'll remember all the feelings. The feeling of really working to get something done. The feeling of being loved for my youth, not being ignored because it. And of course, the feeling of being part of something that gives perfect joy to so many people: The feeling of The Oregon Country Fair.

Sarah Burkett

3rd year Teen Crew



Any opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect the values of the newsletter itself. We want to express the views of all the Fair family, to present a fair and balanced overview.

This newsletter is directed to the Oregon Country Fair family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Letters from the Family must be limited to 250 words. Names will be printed. Please include a method for communication (ie. phone #) as membership verification is necessary.



Dear readers,

There is indeed a difference between thinking about the Fair in order to write a paper, and just plain thinking of the Fair. The Oregon Country Fair, as a complete thought, is a world of its own. The things often left out by papers are the details that have made, and now keep, the Fair what it is. It's a place where everyone be-



LETTERS ADDRESSED TO BOARD

tage point, we can see what a difficult job it can be, and we know from personal experience that all of our work is worthwhile. The rewards we have found in the friendships we have had for years, in the great beauty and peace we experience as we visit the Fair site and start work before the Fair, and in the new wonders we discover every year as we see the Fair come together and we create our corner of it, that is, Energy Park.





On The Air... Communications

Greetings from the Oregon Country Fair Signal Corps. We are pleased to be included in this inaugural issue of the OCF Newsletter. For any of you who wonder what exactly it is that we do, here is a brief overview of our activities:

We install and operate a modern multi-extension telephone system which interfaces as many as 48 telephone instruments and up to 8 'outside' telephone lines. Through microprocessor programming, this allows us to tailor telephone and intercom service between the various areas on the property to maximize efficient communications.

Communications also installs all of the buried and overhead cable used to connect the system. Please always be aware when you dig a hole at the site that our cables may be

severed by your digging implement. To be safe, always contact the office or Construction Coordinators before you dig!

Last year we rented forty pocket pagers for use by the staff during the Fair. In December 1991, a private party donated a complete paging system to the Fair! We expect this system to improve the quality of our service and cut rental costs in the years to come.

The 1991 Fair was the first in which we were able to move the bulk of our two-way radio traffic off of the noisy and overcrowded CB radio band, thanks to the purchase of 40 Motorola Radius FM hand held radios, supported by a stationary repeater. The Fair has been granted a license by the FCC, insuring that we are the only users of our frequency. This means that we will not be 'jammed' as in years past, and, for the most part, privacy of our communications is better than ever. The OCF Communications is also responsible for managing and staffing Fair Central before, during and after the event.

What lies ahead for the Communication

Crew? OCF Data Services provide connections for the Hackers in the Woods, perhaps we should consider installing fiberoptics??? Next issue: A complete history of the Oregon Country Bell System.

—SPARKS



Community Communications

Community Village

Village Vision gladly welcomes this new newsletter to the Fair Family. We needed it really bad! People responded hungrily to VV last summer when we went Fair-wide as an organ of communication open to all and not just Community Village. Huge, frustrated backlogs of dammed up opinions, suggestions and unrequited remarks have piled up for too long. May this newsletter provide a wide channel!

VV will still be playing its new role as daily rag during the Fair itself. Keep an eye open here for mention of our doings later on, and how to get your word in. (Caleb call Ayala! Help, Help!)



Seeds & Stems

John Doscher, Vegmanec Co-Coordinator

We are the preservers of the future, and the legacy we have acquired as our mission is the most magnificent inheritance enjoyed by any group of people anywhere.

This is sacred land—land owned by every member/citizen of the Fair family. There for us all to use and nurture as we see fit. It is a treasure of valuable resources such as timber, agricultural land potential, recreation, etc. But it also contains a wealth of intangible value that cannot be measured in dollars and cents: wildlife, wetlands, vegetation, scenic beauty, and a wealth of untapped scientific information for those interested in nature study.

This is the legacy that the Vegmanec crew has taken as our principal responsibility, devoted exclusively to the protection and nurturing of the Fair family's land.

The past few years have been taxing the land heavily, demanding more from us as the human portion of this partnership with nature.

The future will be no less demanding to

decades to come, there will be a continuing need for the dedication and professional skills which the Vegmanec crew hopes to establish as a benchmark for managing the Land.

The issues at hand are varied—population impact, brush cutting, riverbank degradation, erosion control, and loss of wildlife habitat to name just a few.

Can we use and enjoy our heritage of the Land, water, and wildlife and still preserve them for future generations? That is our challenge. The answer is YES if we do it right.

Doing it right will require even more diligent attention, better public understanding, and more rigorous administrative cooperation than ever before.

The role of Vegmanecs is to set the highest standards for sound environmental management and fight to maintain them.

The most profound long term threat to the integrity of our resource is not a single major act or event, but the multiplicity of

sure from many varied interests that result in subtle degradation—year by year, Fair after Fair—until, suddenly, we discover that the essence of what we intended to preserve is gone forever.

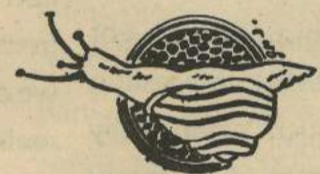
At no time has this "Challenge of Stewardship" been more important. In the next few years, decisions will be made that will determine how the Land will be used, managed, and preserved into the next century (only 8 years away).

These decisions will determine the quality of "The Fair Experience" enjoyed for generations to come.

A part of all we do is the realization that when human activities damage the web of life that is represented in our biological diversity, the effect will be suffered by all species, ourselves included.

At stake is the very foundation of the Fair's survival, the Land itself. "Perhaps the most important of all is reverence for the Land..." (OCF code of conduct #3).

We Vegmanecs encourage all Fair family members to join us in this mission.



See Yourself in Print!

The newsletter staff cordially invites y'all to send us your Fair-related thoughts, insights and recollections. Send us your opinions, yearning to be free. Your huddled masses of unspoken ideas, the unshaven hordes of your instincts! Or whatever you got handy. Please send all submissions by the Wednesday following the Board meeting to be included in the next issue. (There is a Board meeting the first Monday of every month.) Submissions on Mac Disk with Microsoft would be absolutely lovely, but double-spaced type is great. Hand printed is ok, too. In fact, if we think we can read it, we'll give it a try. Address the envelope to:

Attention: Newsletter
P.O. Box 2972
Eugene, OR 97402

Include your name and phone number and Fair affiliation with your submission. You know, I. M. Hippie, Crafts; or Joe Doe, Traffic. We won't print the phone number, that's just so we can reach you for clarification.



The Purple Thumb Construction

Well, here we are again with another Fair approaching, many decisions to be made and projects to be taken on. As many of you may already know; there has been a change of construction coordinators, as of Jan '92. Jack Macarceck and Robert (Bert) Miller are the new COCOs (a fitting title by Fair time). Both have many years experience in the construction field and with Construction at the Fair. They are both also members of the Security family.

Now that the Fair family owns the land, we in Construction are thinking of building some permanent structures by the Barn for materials storage and a lodge/retreat that can be enjoyed year round by Fair family. If anyone has any input concerning the above, please contact Jack or Bert c/o OCF.

It is also that time of year for all of you interested Construction people to start contacting us about this year's Fair. Construction will be contacting people to find out what their intent is, but it would make our job much easier if you put out some effort because there are over 200 Construction members to contact. Give us a hand, won't you?

Last year's Fair was a massive undertaking with many projects. Well, it doesn't look as though there is going to be that many

Healthy Thoughts

From Zak Schwartz

A medical coordinator; White Bird

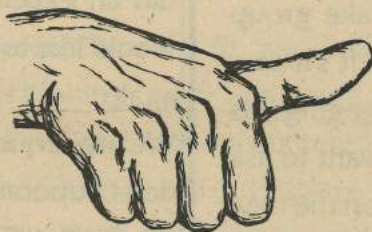
For twenty years, I've worked for and at the OCF—lots of hours, doing crisis and medical work, training the staff in intervention skills, serving as a medical coordinator, and five years on the Board. Why? Besides the fun and Family contact, the Fair has symbolized and been a showcase for the social responsibility, appropriate technology, and spiritual rejuvenation that our alternative subculture has espoused. Thousands of individuals, each with their own perception, reality, world, integrate to produce the event in harmony and by consensus.

What? You say that under close inspection the place does not seem to function as a full reflection of these ideals? That under the enormous attachment forces of interpersonal power, sex, money, et. al., many of us tiny hippy earthlings are reduced to wretched, ego defending impulsivity and immediate gratification (which takes too damn long!)?

Well, I say to you that the pain of these little imperfections is a function not of their existence but rather of our expectation that ideals will, and should be perfectly manifest in the reality of the event. Perfection that embodies these ideals remains in our souls, hearts, and minds where it belongs. Ever striving to create realities closer to them is an essential aspect of experiencing value and meaning in a manifest world. It is in that space between ideal concept and imperfect manifestation that love and caring flows. Where would we be without room to improve?

So each of us exists in a subjective world built of the 'maps' of our memories and perceptions that we imperfectly store within us. 'Objective reality' (what is actually real) is a term with little or no meaning to me. Truth and sincerity are one and the same. Expressing our subjectivity with no deliberate fabrication is as honest as honest gets. 'Fact,' is liquid in solid clothing. When thousands of us relatively independent forces work together all year (an error, I believe, and suggest we all but completely shut down 2-3 months each winter) to manifest one tight, interdependent event, we must try to do so with respect for each of our worlds, understanding that the product is a collage of these.

Each of us must work on our abilities to be both assertive and considerate simultaneously. Your assertiveness is your power to share your vision, your world and to demand understanding and respect for it. You need self awareness, ground, expressive skills, and independent self esteem to accomplish this well. To be considerate you must accept the equal validity of someone else's reality, listening skills, empathy, and a willingness to search for integrative solutions. We now have, for the 1992 OCF, a new board and new management. I believe it is important that we let the apparent structure be the only structure that controls the event. I hope we move forward toward our ideals with sincerity, mutual respect, and most of all, love.



new projects this year, but there is always maintenance and the yearly erection of fences and operations related booths to orchestrate again. Ohboy. Get the hint?

There is really not a whole lot going on with Construction at this time, mostly we are still ironing out the budgetary needs of the Construction crew and deciding what is necessary and what is not. Whatever the decisions may be, those of you concerned will know as soon as I do.

Thanks for your input,
COCO Bert.





Bubbles in the Wind

Tom Noddy's notes

An OCF newsletter? Are you nuts? You mean, communicate? With each other? Aren't you afraid that the whole Fair will fall apart if we start to tell each other what's really going on? What about our beloved spontaneity, surprise, chaos?

O.K., the hell with it, I'm going to come clean. The pressure is too great. I'm going to tell all, it's too late for anybody to stop us anyway. It's time to reveal to the entire Fair Family the Secret Circus Plan to take over the Fair. The General Manager and the old Board are only the first victims. If this plan works, soon the Community Village will be ours, then the Sauna, Tofu Palace, Traffic Camp, Energy Park, Backhoe Bob's and the History Booth. With History on our side, we'll be in position to make our big move. In one large frontal assault (led by the Mother of All Parades), we'll capture the new bridge, seal off Main Camp, and drive straight for the Big Meadow. If we can neutralize Chumleigh, draw up an alliance with the Drum Tower, and avoid the Springfield Creamery we have a chance. Once we've established ourselves on Main Stage others will join us. (Why, are we coming apart?)

We don't really have a plan regarding the use of our power (one idea is to have annual elections at the WOW Hall of Board Members and have them hire a General Manager, Caretaker, etc.) but we figure that we can always work that out when the time comes.

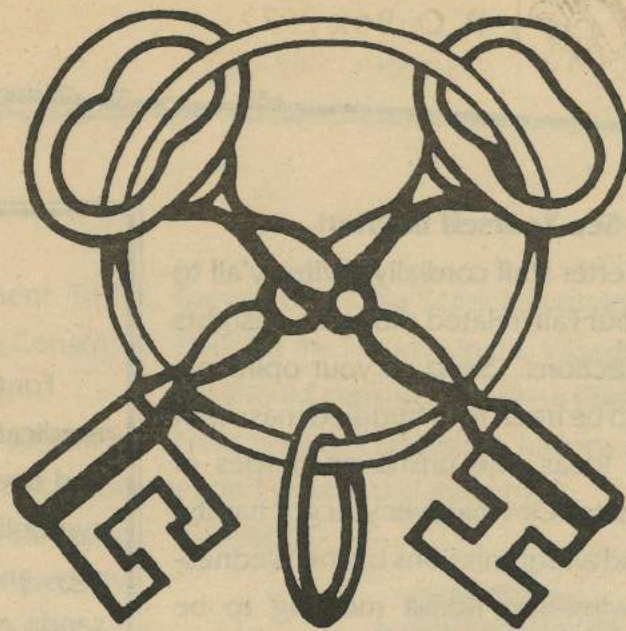
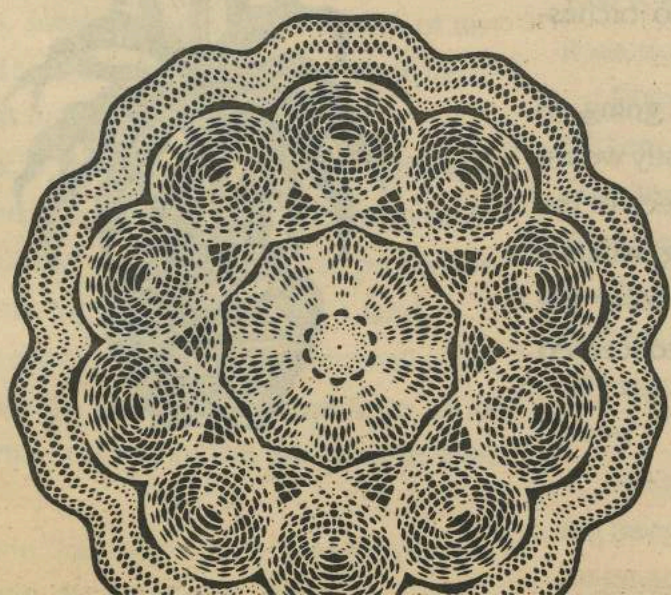
In the meantime, it might be useful for people to know just who the people are who play what roles at the Circus, so I give you here a list:

- Fair Rep: Marge Wise
- Stage Manager: Mose Mosely
- House Manager: Karl Meyer
- Set Designer: John Cloud
- Band Mom/Hat Honcho: Sylvia Allen
- Chautauqua Rep: Rebo Hanson
- Show Kommittee: Paul Magid, Howard Patterson, Tom Noddy
- Band Kommittee: Howard Patterson, Doug Weiselman, Eben Sprinsock.



Midnight Show—Coordinators of Anarchy: Tom Noddy, Paul Magid, John Cloud, Mose Mosely.

I think that the newsletter is a great idea. We at the Circus have only the vaguest (and probably erroneous) idea about how other Fair structures work. We have devised a scheme to make group decisions at the Circus without having to have meetings. It's a new plan that we call Democracy at a Distance. We're now engaging this method to address the question of whether or not we want to ask the Fair to build a new stage and theater space to suit us on the new loop for the 1993 Fair. We don't yet know if we want to move or if we could if we want to. Lots of questions in the air. I look foreword to the newsletter and, of course, to the Fair.



Peach Fuzz

Security

We were fairly well organized this year and for 1992 it will be even better. As an early start, Don Doolin (Security Coordinator), Mike James (Security Staff Supervisor), and other Security Supervisors, held a preliminary debriefing in Oct. of the '91 OCF. What follows is some feedback from the debriefing and the past two Security potluck/meetings.

Some requests (made in the budget proposal) are: personnel additions on both sides of the property Hwy. 126 and Suttle Rd; more in Loop for information. We'd like to staff info booths all night, for added security and communication.

We would like to implement an On Call team to trouble shoot wherever and whenever needed. We also asked for an official Teen Coordinator because we felt the teens did an excellent job and we would like to work with them again.

We are requesting an Operations Supervisor to work with the Staffing Supervisor during the Fair to facilitate registration and operations of Security crew, as well as, a Communications Supervisor to coordinate our communication needs.

Sweep

As Security Coordinator, Don Doolin would like to make a statement about the sweep which is as follows:

"The OCF is a unique cultural event we put on for the public and Fair family. This event is a

party after closing where invitations are required to join the fun. Our request is that if you don't have an invitation, please leave the party.

As our numbers grow, so grows our party. Consequently, so do the complaints about all of the people attending without invitations (party crashers).

Security is requesting all of Fair family to take a really hard look at who is attending our party, and to help us politely ask party crashers to leave.

Please, read the Guidelines regarding camping passes and sweep. Some of the most irritating problems at the Fair are related to high numbers of party crashers. For example: —too many people at Sat. night show, couldn't see, lost my blanket

- breakfast lines too long, who are these people?,
- toilets full,
- irritable staff,

I feel these problems can be vastly reduced by restructuring the sweep to the present needs of the Fair family."

As Security we are a group of volunteers who are here to be hosts to the public and to our family.

We hope this has answered some questions, and if you would like us to answer any others; meet Security, June 6 at the Fair site 4 o'clock, or send feedback to OCF P.O. Box 2972, Eugene, Or 97402 attn. Security.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 4, 1992

Present: Kelly Campbell, Dan Dillon, Thom Chambliss, Bob Durnell, Steve Gorham, Anne Henry, Paxton Hoag, JR Robinson, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

MINUTES

Motion: Bob moved to accept the April 6, 1992 and April 13, 1992 Board of Directors meetings minutes as corrected.

Background: In the April 13 minutes, on the LUMP item, Steve W. made both motions, in contrast to what the spacy secretary wrote who could have sworn it was Steve G. but what does she know.

David Hoffman pointed out that the Dragon is capitalized.

Vote: the motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Thom) abstained.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

Leslie Scott said we're heading for a Fair!!! She'll be signing contracts; our Gulf Insurance Audit was fine; looks like we'll get a refund. Our unemployment insurance audit is scheduled for May 22. Leslie is hoping those coordinators who haven't sent her their outlines for the Operations Manual should do so poste haste. Susanna, the new Office Manager has been doing a great job; Leslie is very pleased with her work. Leslie thanked Arna Shaw for her help and support that she continually gives.

TREASURER

Nance Sledge has been going through our records now that her work with the Budget Committee is over. She is getting things together for an audit. Nance is interviewing people who handle money for the Fair to clarify their process.

CARETAKER

Bill Verner thanked everyone for their help and said the site is looking lush. There's a permanent Sani-pot across from the pump house now. Bill found a company in Michigan that produces an adaptor to recharge propane containers. Such a device will save us mucho bucks.

FIELD TRIP

Thom Lanfear said the County Commissioners will decide on a land use permit this week; the mass gathering permit on May 20. We're still hoping.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jeanne Sharpy said that Commemorative Sales will be selling 1990 and 1991 shirts for only \$5 each! Step right up, folks.
2. Bob said the compost is now dirt!
3. Zak Schwartz announced that crisis intervention training will be held June 27, probably at Shady Grove. Review training will be at 10 a.m., training for the untrained will be at 1:00 p.m.
4. Skeeter Duke of the Community Village talked about the Village Vision, the daily during-the-fair newspaper published by the CV. He and his co-workers would like to see the Vision include more items from Fair-wide folks and asks that people submit articles, features, announcements, late breaking news. Please call Skeeter for more info (345-3827) or mail articles to him at 866 W. 4th, Eugene 97402. Skeeter also asked if anyone knew of a good working copier near the site that the Vision can use during the Fair.
5. Anne Henry reminded everyone that the Peach Pit ad deadline is May 29. She also said that entertainment and crew article information would be in coordinators' boxes at the office or at the Spring Fling.

AGENDA

NEWSLETTER

Motion: Kelly moved the Board of Directors meeting minutes be printed within the newsletter so distinctively bordered that there is no doubt what is minutes and what is newsletter. The minutes will be ready for mailing no later than the third Monday of each month. In the event there is no newsletter in a given month, the minutes will be printed on newsprint within its regular schedule. Steve W. seconded.

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

Motion: Kelly moved that each issue of the newsletter be mailed to the minutes mailing list. Thom seconded.

Background: The Fair has a membership list which consists of all those who filled out a membership form. There is also a mailing list of those who receive the minutes. Some people who asked to be members asked that they not be sent the minutes; some people who receive the minutes have never filled out membership forms. There is much overlap on the two lists, but some separation.

Public Discussion: Janine Alea asked why the newsletter will be sent to people who are not members (as some people on the mailing list are).

Board Discussion: Margo and Steve W. are concerned that people will be getting something they don't want. Paxton would rather have the newsletter mailed to the membership list than the minutes list.

Vote: The motion failed, 5 for, 5 opposed. (Secretary note: I did not get who voted against this motion. Sorry)

Motion: Kelly moved that the first issue of the newsletter be mailed to the minutes mailing list and the membership mailing list with information on how to keep getting it. Paxton seconded.

Public Discussion: Jack Maçarchak asked about the possibility of broader circulation.

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

Motion: Kelly moved the newsletter be allocated an annual budget of \$3,850 for production and printing, plus mailing costs. Bob seconded.

Background: The Budget Committee recommended the budget for the newsletter.

Board Discussion: Anne did not want to approve an annual budget.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Jeanne, Anne, Margo) against.

Motion: Kelly moved that the newsletter committee accept underwriting donations for classified and business card sized ad spaces and maintain a working relationship with the Peach Pit. Underwriting space will take up no more than 25% of the newsletter. Bob seconded.

Board Discussion: As a point of information, Anne said that no commissions will be made from advertising sales.

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

BUM CHOICES

Motion: Bob moved that Sallie Edmunds, Robert DeSpain, and Andrew Harvey be named as Back Up Managers, as per the recommendations of the General Manager. Margo seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Jeanne) abstained.

ADVERTISING CO-COORDINATOR

Motion: Margo moved that Renee Shallerman (Margo, please give me correct spelling) be named as Advertising Co-coordinator. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 1 (Margo) abstained.

CREW BUDGET

Motion: Steve G. moved to approve \$184,144 for crew budgets as recommended by the Budget Committee, plus or minus two crew issues to be re-examined. Jeanne seconded.

Background: The two crew issues have to do with proposed staff increases of the following crews: Teens, Traffic, Security, and Medical.

Public Discussion: Kelly, commenting as Teen Coordinator, urged the Board to remember the support that Fair members have for the teen crew. She said 100 teens were turned away last year and that this is the only crew the Board chose to cut the number of staff. Others point out that the cut came in the number of requested increases in Teen Staff, not in past numbers of staff. Kelly also said that the Fair family teens will be on the property whether or not they are on the Teen Crew (they can buy teen passes) and the costs for Teen Crew are less than half of those for Traffic and Security Crew. Arna Shaw stressed the importance of involving teens in the Fair in a productive, legitimate way.

Don Doolin and Janine Alea spoke in support of increasing the size of Security crew, pointing out that more staff are needed around the periphery of the Fair, along the path at night, and in emergencies.

Board Discussion: Thom said he hears from every part of the Fair "we need more," but there isn't "more" to give. He is strongly concerned about the lack of direction from the Board to the Budget Committee. There is no provision in the budget for a caretaker's residence or an endowment fund. Kelly said the Budget Committee made a strong commitment to reassess the whole budget process, including looking at equity issues. They will begin meeting in August, rather than wait until January is usually the case.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 2 (Kelly and Bob) opposed.

GENERAL MANAGER BUDGET

Motion: Margo moved the Board approve the recommended General Manager budget of \$195,357. Paxton seconded.

Background: The GM budget consists of many general operation items such as Bucks, busses, legal expenses, t-shirts, insurance, printing, and salaries. (There are 33 line items in this budget.) Margo said many of the items, such as Bucks and busses, are fixed expenses and are costs over which we have no control.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET

Motion: Margo moved the recommended Board of Directors budget of \$14,050 be approved. Paxton seconded.

Background: This budget includes 16 items such as the Spring Fling, the staff picnic, telephone, copying, and the Field Trip.

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

CAPITOL PROJECTS BUDGET

Motion: Margo moved and Steve G. seconded to approve the allocation of \$24,365 for the following capital improvement items: nursery (\$1,000); water truck (\$5,000); Main Stage foundation (\$1,750); barn wing (\$2,500); solutions booth (\$500); Fair Central Odyssey rebuild (\$3,000); two new six packs (\$4,000); reefer bridge, bus road repair (\$1,000); entertainment backstage tables (\$350); Blue Moon stage backdrop (\$300); recycling compost lid, hand cart (\$140); recycling mobile kiosks rebuild (\$450); recycling E.13th new stations (\$520); peach truck pump (\$1,000); pagers (\$2,000); White Bird control telephone (\$355); telephone system (\$500).

Public Discussion: Jack Macarchak, Construction Coordinator, feels there may not be enough construction staff to do all the projects asked for.

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

MACINTOSH EXPENDITURE

Motion: Kelly moved the Board allocate \$3,551 to purchase a Macintosh computer. Paxton seconded.

Background: (As I type these very minutes on a Mac), Margo said that a number of crews have asked for a Mac at the office to do their computer work.

Public Discussion: Have you ever seen a PC v. Mac discussion? It takes friendly debate to new heights. Mac aficionados (of which this secretary is one) extolled its user friendliness, ease of learning, broad accessibility. PCers, au contraire, advocated for Windows (an application which gives a PC a Mac environment) and the fact that we already have two PC's, why buy another computer. (Norma, who didn't say this at the meeting, but will tell you if you ask, is in seventh heaven at the thought that she can do the minutes at the Fair office instead of at her dreary workplace.)

Board Discussion: Paxton, our resident computer expert, said that Windows tends to crash a lot. Daniel felt there should be a separate computer for general use (desktop publishing, correspondence) and for recordkeeping use. Thom would rather have the caretaker's residence as a higher priority and thinks a computer can wait until next year's budget. Steve W. feels we are not looking beyond this year in our budget choices.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Jeanne, Thom, Steve W. against).

PEACH TRUCK REPAIRS

Motion: Kelly moved the Board authorize up to \$2,000 for Peach Truck body repairs. Steve W. seconded.

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

USED TRACTOR PURCHASE

Motion: Steve W. moved to purchase a used tractor for \$10,000. Margo seconded.

Public Discussion: Bill Verner, the gifted caretaker (gifted because he gets to live on that most precious piece of land), said he and John Doscher have been investigating tractor purchases and has looked through farm journals to find a suitable, reasonably priced piece of equipment. Last week he rented one for \$125 a day and found many uses for it. The tractor would help with road repairs and could lift 50# bags, thereby avoiding SAIF claims, because the machinery would probably not hurt its back and sue the fair.

Board Discussion: Paxton would like to help buy the tractor as he has lots of experience buying used equipment. Thom is opposed to the purchase and pointed out that we have not budgeted for the storage, maintenance and insurance costs. Steve G. felt we should not put out \$10,000 at one time, but instead finance the purchase and pay for it over time. Paxton also voiced that opinion. Kelly said that it is hard to finance the purchase of used equipment and that we would avoid interest charges by a one-time payment. She is also concerned that if we have a fair that loses money, we may not be able to make a payment.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 (Thom, Steve G., Paxton) against.

RECYCLING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Motion: Bob moved the Board allocate \$950 for lining the recycling garbage pit, \$1,025 for expanding the recycling sorting dock, and \$125 for tin roofing over the recycling dock. Margo seconded.

Background: Bob explained that lining the pit is necessary to avoid the dumpster getting stuck in it; dock expansion will greatly expand sorting capabilities and decrease sorting time. (The recycling crew sorts all the bottles and cans they pick up—Budweisers go in one bag, Miller's in another—on and on); and a tin roof over the dock will keep the bins dry in winter. The pit was built last year after the nearby dump was closed; Bob said the mistake was in not lining it at that time. When it rains, the pit fills up and makes a mess.

Public Discussion: Nance is concerned about the process that has been going on with this issue. She thought that Traffic crew's concern's about the location of the pit were addressed and an agreement reached. If people are concerned about the improvements making the site more permanent, moving them is no big deal. Robert Painter, of the Recycling crew, said if this budget does not pass, if the dumpster gets stuck, the kiosks will not be emptied, that if the pit is not workable, there will be no way to get the garbage out of the Fair.

Board Discussion: Steve G. perceives the improvements as being permanent and he wants Recycling to consider moving the dock after a study by the Land Use Management Planning committee. He feels the Recycling crew has had a non-compromising attitude. Paxton also feels the recycling area is in the wrong place. Margo, au contraire, urged support for these items. Bob said if a land use study suggests that recycling should move, they will. Paxton does not like the idea of using railroad ties or treated lumber to line the pit. Daniel has an aesthetic objection to a tin roof. Kelly reiterated Robert Painter's concern that not relining the pit means a possibility of garbage piling up in the 8.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 6 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Anne, Paxton, Thom, Kelly).

Motion: Bob moved Board approve money for lining the pit and expanding the dock. Margo seconded.

Vote: The motion failed, 6 for, 4 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Paxton, Thom).

Motion: Margo moved to allocate \$1,025 to expand the recycling sorting dock. Kelly seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 2 opposed (Steve G., Thom).

Motion: Kelly moved the Board allocate \$950 to line the garbage pit. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for, 5 against (Jeanne, Steve G., Paxton, Thom, Steve W.); 1 abstained (Anne).

KID LOOP BUDGET ITEM

Motion: Kelly moved to allocate \$2,000 for the construction of structures for the Kids Loop. Bob seconded.

Background: There is an existing space for the Kids Loop in the Left Bank.

Public Discussion: Serenity and Carol Bull urged support for the Kids Loop expenditures, saying that kids need a comfortable, safe spot for themselves that is fun for them. Carol pointed out that an investment in youth will pay for itself many times over.

Board Discussion: Anne is in support of the project, but is concerned about putting out money without direction, and wants the issue to go the LUMPs. Margo also felt this idea is not ready to go yet and is concerned about liability and safety issues. (Leslie said she checked with the insurance company who assured her that if the structures are not permanent and are not perceived as rides, they are treated like all the other structures at the Fair in terms of possible liability.)

Kelly reminded the Board that the Kid Loop committee had brought a proposal to the Board in November, the BoD asked them to speak to various committees (Childcare, LUMP, Construction, Budget), which they did and from whom they got full support. Childcare crew is committed to staffing the Kids Loop and the Teen Crew wants to help out also.

Vote: The motion failed, 2 for, 7 opposed (Thom, Margo, Anne, Steve G., Steve W., Jeanne, Daniel); 1 (Paxton) abstained.

Motion: Margo moved to reserve for one year \$2,000 for the Kids Loop committee for plans which will be developed by the LUMP Committee, Kids Loop Committee, and our General Manager and approved by the Board before expenditure. Bob seconded.

Vote: The motion passed 7 for; 3 against (Daniel, Thom, Steve G.).

FAIR ATTENDANCE GOAL

Motion: Steve G. moved that the Board set a total Fair attendance goal of 35,000 paid admissions. Paxton seconded.

Public Discussion: How is this going to happen, people wondered. Brian Alexander suggested daily rather than total attendance goals.

Board Discussion: The Board said that different areas of the Fair can work at it, especially advertising. Margo said that ordinarily the GM gives the Advertising Coordinator an attendance goal, but that figure is generally not shared with the rest of the crews. Now, if everyone else knows the figure, everyone can work at keeping attendance at this number. Kelly felt this was too late for most crews, they had already planned for this year's Fair.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for; 1 (Kelly) abstained.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion: Daniel moved to appoint Martha Evans, Brad Lerch, and Daniel Lithicum to the Personnel Committee. Bob seconded.

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

CRAFTS COMMITTEE

Motion: Thom moved to appoint Carol Bull to the Crafts Committee, as per that committee's recommendation. Steve W. seconded.

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion: Thom moved and Steve W. seconded that the following people be named to the Long Range Planning Committee: Robert DeSpain, Serenity Maestes, Darrel Sink, Camille Cole, Lucy Kingsley, Don Doolin, Margo Schaefer, Steve Wisnovsky, Charlene Tremayne, Brian Alexander, Leslie Scott, Randy McCarley, David Wilson, Jim Campbell, Ray Sewell, Anne Marie Schultz.

Board Discussion: Paxton felt there won't be any results with this many people. Kelly asked about the statement of purpose which was supposed to be developed for this committee.

Vote: The motion failed, 4 for; 4 opposed (Jeanne, Paxton, Daniel; Margo); 2 abstained (Steve G., Anne).

LOGO JURYING

Motion: Bob moved all logo items getting seven or more votes be approved for sale at the 1992 Fair. The items are: silver pendants, cotton book bags, cotton bandanas, and niobium earrings. Steve G. seconded.

Background: Crafts persons have submitted items for possible sale with the Fair logo on them. It is up to the Board which ones get the OK.

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

Motion: Paxton moved to accept the thrown pottery mug as a logo item to be sold at the 1992 Fair. Steve G. seconded.

Vote: the motion passed, 8 for, 1 (Bob) against; 1 (Anne) abstained.

Motion: Daniel moved to accept the etched glass mugs for sale as logo items to be sold at the 1992 Fair. Steve W. seconded.

Vote: The motion failed, 5 for; 5 opposed (Jeanne, Steve G., Bob, Paxton, Margo).

NEXT MEETING

June 1, 7 p.m. EWEB Building, Eugene.