

Mary Barton contributed this timeline: This is a timeline of the Fair up until 2002; it even has the set list from the Grateful Dead Field Trip in 1972. (These things should probably be in the Fair Archives, but I have never gotten into contributing there.)

Oregon Country Fair Timeline

1969 First Fair Hawkins Heights

1970 May Fair held at Crow Road

October Fair held at Veneta (current property)

1971 Security Crew Established

1972 Grateful Dead field trip: Sunday, August 27

Set 1: Promised Land, Sugaree, Me and My Uncle, Deal, Black Throated Wind, China Cat Sunflower, I Know You Rider, Mexicali Blues, Bertha.

Set 2: Playing in the Band, He's Gone, Jack Straw, Bird Song, Greatest Story Ever Told.

Set 3: Dark Star, El Paso, Sing Me Back Home, Sugar Magnolia, Casey Jones

1975 Country Renaissance Fair (name change begins)

1976 Community Village established

Security staff eliminating need for sheriff patrol

Oregon Country Fair (formerly Oregon Renaissance Fair) (name change complete)

1980 Energy Park Established.

11th Annual Oregon Country Fair: A Northwest Celebration filmed by Jerry Joffe

1981 Successful legal action against Lane County allows for down payment on land

1982 Grateful Dead field trip: Saturday, August 28

Set 1: Bertha, New Minglewood Blues, Tennessee Jed, Me and My Uncle, Big River, Althea, It's All Over Now. China Cat Sunflower, I Know You Rider.

Set 2: Day Job, Man Smart/Woman Smarter, West L.A., Fadeaway, Far From Me,

Playin' in the Band, drums, The Wheel, The Other One, Truckin', Black Peter, Playin' in the Band, One More Saturday Night, Dupree's Diamond Blues

Purchase land Alterable program Established 501 c3

1984 Camp Long Tom children's camp

1986 Free bus ride

Moz road constructed

1987 Archaeology determines 11,000 years of gatherings on this site

Paid on-site caretaker

Camp Out with Vaudeville video released, Filmed by Jerry Joffe during the 1985 and 1986 fairs.

1988 New Highway 126 opens

Last year water truck in Figure 8

1989 Dahinda's Acres established

First paid general manager

Archaeological Park established

1990 KLCC broadcast

1991 Land paid

Installation of water system

Left bank established

Jill's Crossing, Volunteers bridge opens

CD radios converted to FM communication system

FCC license

1992 Failed Grateful Dead field trip

Endowment established

Attendance exceeds 50,000

Fair Family News newsletter begins

1993 Wristbands

Yurt construction for caretaker's residence

Fair Family News 1st edition

Stage Left opens

Zumwalt campground opens

Neighborhood response established

Lot security established

- 1994** Larson property established
- 1995** First watershed enhancement grant
Feasibility grant
Entertainment budget doubles
Web site created
- 1996** Attendance all time high 53,000+
Jill Heiman Vision Fund established
Further Festival Sunday July 28th
Advanced tickets
Off-site ticket sales
Site Manager established
Respect our community committee established with Veneta
- 1997** District Attorney threatens fair
Chela Mela meadow opens
Long Tom Watershed Council established with Further Festival funds Wetland consolidation grant
- 1998** Paid Parking
Purchase in-town Office
Hospitality / Crew Services established
Rural investment fund experimental test plot grant
- 2000** Purchase of Hubbard property
Far Side land swap
- 2001** Purchase of Fuller Property
Indian Creek Enhancement Grant
Friday 13,505, Saturday 17,725, Sunday 13,691, Total 44,921 Fairgoers
First Cultural Jam August 11-12
- 2002** Spoken Word speaker series
Friday 13,819, Saturday 17,362, Sunday 14,461, Total 45,642 Fairgoers