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District 12

Salmon area fiddlers gearing up for fun time at State Convention

Hi Fiddlers.

Another wonderful month has slipped away. On July 3, we were in the Salmon River Days Parade. Our wagon was pulled by Doyle's beautiful green, purple, and yellow 1931 Packard. Just as the parade was starting, the Packard balked and wouldn't keep running. We finished the parade pulled by a pickup with two port-a-potties in the back. We got a lot of smiles and a few belly laughs. We may have been the longest entry in the parade. No one got upset and we all had a lot of fun.

On July 4, we played for the Northfork Fire Department. That is always fun and we get to see friends from down river that we don't get to see every day and they are always so appreciative.

On July 11, we left Salmon at 7 a.m. bound for the old ghost town of Custer, for Custer Days. They had a good crowd again this year. They have people park down by the old dredge and bus them in by school bus. Every time the bus came in, it was full. I'm sure people enjoyed themselves, we sure did. We had to leave Custer by 2 p.m. to get back to Salmon by 4:30 to play for a wedding. We just made it, and we played there for four hours. That made for a long day. The wedding was nice, sort of informal. In fact, the ring bearer was a dog. He had the ring attached to his collar. He was very well behaved and did his job well. But it was still a long day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. But when there is music

involved, it is all enjoyable.

On July 23, 24, 25, many of us went to the annual Elk Meadows Campout. The un-contest this year, was based on the old Hee-Haw show. You had to spin the fiddle to see what kind of a tune you had to play, go to the corn patch and tell a "corny" joke, then play your tune. We want to thank the Fewkes Family for all of their work. The weather was just right, there were very few bugs, and the flowers were beautiful. Marlene Moore won the card-board fiddle this year.

On July 25, most of us left the camp to go to Clayton to play in the museum there. The weather didn't really cooperate there. It rained quite hard for just a little while, just long enough for the crowds to disperse. But the hangers on were fun and we all enjoyed it.

The coming month will see us at the Discovery Center at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and at the Imperial Apartments at 8 p.m.

Every Thursday thereafter will find us at the Imperial Rec. Room at 7:30.

The Leadore Campout on Aug. 13, 14 and 15 is at the Leadore City Park again this year. District 12 will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs again this year on Friday and Saturday evenings, and will pay for showers. Hope to see many of you there.

That brings us to the convention this year, Sept. 25, 26 and 27, in Salmon. We are not planning a dinner this year. We urge you to utilize

the local restaurants where you can order what you want and the prices are probably cheaper than we can get through a banquet.

The Saturday meetings will be: Board of Directors at 8 a.m., general meeting at 1 p.m. at the Elks Hall. We will have our shows and dances at the same location.

Campgrounds: The Elks have 10 to 12 camping spots with full hook-ups for \$15 per night (208) 756-3332, Buddy's campground has 14 spaces at \$22 per night 756-3630; Salmon Meadows Campground has 40 spaces at \$20 per night plus tent spaces, 756-2840; Fort Lemhi Campground has 14 spaces at \$19 per night plus tent spaces, 756-2295; Century 11 Campground has 20 spaces at \$17 per night plus tent spaces, senior citizens discount, totally disabled free, 756-2063.

Motels: Motel Deluxe, 756-2231 \$46 to \$59 per night; Salmon River Motel, 756-8880, \$55 to \$70 per night; Trails End Motel, 756-1499, \$50 per night; Wagons West Motel, 756-4281, \$45 per night.

Bed and Breakfast: Smith House, 394-2226, \$35-\$45 per night; Syringa Lodge, (877) 580-6428, \$65 to \$95 per night.

Hope this is helpful to you.

See you all soon.

-Rosalie Hawley



IOTFA State Convention in Salmon September 25-27 at the Elks Hall, 901 Lombard Street. Board meeting Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m.; general meeting, 1 p.m.