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District 5

A smokin' good campout at Elk Meadows

Smoke and ash couldn't dampen the Elk Meadows Campout. The smoke was thick as ash continued to fall from the sky and mix with the fiddle music in the air. With the help of Districts 4, 5, 6, 8, and 12 the Elk Meadows Campout is back on track and promises to be an event to look forward to. During the day we jammed, made homemade ice cream and cinnamon rolls. Our evening meals were wonderful. On Saturday evening our camp became the destination for folks looking to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment as the second annual Fiddlin' In The Pines anti-fiddle contest got underway.

With fiddlin', laughin', and dancin' the contestants were able to show off their artistic talents and creativity. Last year's contest was fun but this year's contest was even better. In addition to our dedicated members and contestants, there were at least 50 people scattered out among the pine trees enjoying the contest. After both rounds and a couple of call backs (tie breaker), the winners were awarded their medals and the coveted first place traveling trophy was presented to Katie Bonn. It was a close contest with last year's winner Jeff Lincoln winning second place, Ed Jenkins taking fourth (there wasn't a third place award). And finally Jerry Eastman who courageously accepted his Runner-Up to Last Place medal. You'll have to ask him how he managed to pull that one off. Also thanks to Charlie Lahm and Kathie Trenkle for being good sports. After the contest and jam, the large crowd and fiddlers were treated to homemade ice cream and Carla's famous cinnamon rolls. Thanks to all who took part. Don't miss next year's contest.

So for those folks stuck here in the valley in the heat and smuck, we all put together a summer picnic and jam

and had a good time.

Birthdays were celebrated for Della Kennel and Hatty Cheney, now in their 90's.

Ralph Peterson's daughter, Datona, joined us for a fiddle jam. A good time was had by all.

Bonnie and Darrel's players met their summer commitments. Neve and Eldon again helped Bonnie fill in for those members gone on vacation. Eight members helped Darrel to entertain for a singles barbecue at the Eagle LDS Church. Patty and Rena's workshops continued to be inspiring events for the fiddle players.

Betty will have a general practice at her house on Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.

In looking forward to September, we will have our fall meeting and general election on Sept. 6 again at the Friends Church in Meridian. Everybody come for a potluck and lots of music.

We are all invited on Sept. 15 from 10-2 p.m. to Dr. Burkeholder's farm on the road to Idaho City. It is a chance to see his tool museum and jam under the trees. Bring chairs and food.

-Ava L.

District 2

Rebekah Hillbilly breakfast at New Meadows, Sept. 4

District Two again played music for the Raspberry Festival benefit for St. Gertrude's Museum in Cottonwood. In addition to our regular group of fiddle players, this year we also had Deb Carlson from Pullman and student fiddlers Brandi and Velma Trivett and Leland Seggarman helping us provide fiddle music for the large event. It was nice to have such a good turnout for this event.

The next play date we have coming

up is the Rebekah Hillbilly Breakfast at New Meadows High School on Labor Day, Monday, September 4. The fiddle music starts for the breakfast at 8 a.m. Mountain Time and goes until 11 a.m. Playing for this benefit event has become one of our District's regular play dates. However, it is over 100 miles to travel for some members, so I will respect your choice to attend or not. Although this play is very early in the day for most of us, we usually have a very attentive and appreciative audience for our fiddle music at this event.

I find it encouraging that there are some kids out there who take an interest in playing the fiddle. In the time left to us, I hope that we can help them to learn some of the good old tunes we know.

-GMS

District Nine Camp Out & Fiddle Show August 24 & 25

Three Rivers Resort, Lowell, ID,

50 miles east of Orofino

Friday, August 24:

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM;

Jam following Dinner

Saturday August 25:

Music lessons at 10 AM;

Fiddle Show at 1 PM

Additional Information: Dave Bezdicek:

bezoc@pullman.com



Aug. 24-26 - Leadore Campout at the Leadore City Park.

Sept. 28-30 - State Convention, Eagles Lodge, Blackfoot, Idaho.

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on Judicial for approx. 1 mile, turn left on Ash and go two blocks. It is on the corner of Ash and Pacific and the address is 123 N. Ash. Easy to find.

Directions to the RV park from the Elks: Head north on Pacific 2 blocks to Yellowstone Highway (Hwy. 93). Turn north and go about 1 mile. Turn left on Wooten Drive and go about 1/2 mile. It is on the left.

The other option is to park in the Wal-Mart parking lot. There should be plenty of room by the garden center.

Any questions, please feel free to call me at 520-9588 or email me at tfiddle@hotmail.com. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in Blackfoot at the State Convention. Guaranteed to be lots of fun. See ya there.

-Teresa Tomita
District 8 chairman


State Convention to be held Sept. 28 and 29 in Blackfoot

The State Convention will be September 28 and 29, 2007, at the Elks Lodge in Blackfoot. The facility has plenty of room and it is easy to locate. We will have a banquet on Saturday night that will cost \$15 per person. There are also hors d'oeuvres for Friday night at \$3.50 per plate. I do not have the menu for that yet. But she also said anyone is welcome to go downstairs to the restaurant and eat on Friday night. In order for the Friday night food and the banquet to go smoothly, please, I need a head count from all districts on how many will be attending the banquet and how many will be wanting to dine on either hors d'oeuvres or in the restaurant on Friday evening. They will need to know how much to order. I do have a menu for Friday night. Please see your district chairman for this menu. They all have copies. I

will need this head count by September 1 at the latest.

There are only two hotels in Blackfoot. The Super 8 who will charge \$62.80 single or \$66.89 double and the Best Western Inn who will charge \$85.49. Both have some sort of breakfast. Super 8 has a bigger one than Best Western. Both also have a AAA or senior discount of 10 percent. Some people have gotten better lodging prices online also. You can check that out if you would like. There is also an RV park just 1 1/2 miles from the Elks Lodge. There are lots of spots there for \$10 a night. First come, first serve basis. They have water power and a dump available.

Directions to the Elks Lodge are: Take exit 93 in Blackfoot. Head east



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**Copy Deadline for
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All material MUST be in our hands by the above date to be included in the September issue.

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2007 State Convention Sept. 28 and 29, 2007 at Elks Lodge in Blackfoot REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

District _____

Phone Number _____ # in Party _____

Banquet? Yes ___ No ___ \$15 each
Please include fees for dinner with pre-registration form

Dinner Friday from Menu? Yes ___ No ___ See District Chairman for menu

Friday Hors d'oeuvres? Yes ___ No ___ \$3.50 plate

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