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Our group has covered our monthly assisted living facility play schedule along with a few outside plays this summer.

In May our District members gathered for a holiday meal followed by a group photo near the Perrine Bridge over the Snake River at Twin Falls which provided a fantastic backdrop. The new photo has been used for the District promotional brochure recently distributed around the Magic Valley.

In June some of our members provided music for the lunch patrons at the Buhl Senior Center followed by a lunch meal treat for the musicians.

The Fourth of July found us playing for an early morning Boy Scout Community Breakfast in Hollister and in the evening we played in Bliss for a Community Fundraiser BBQ prior to the fireworks that was hosted by the Bliss Rural Fire District.

District 6 has purchased a compact BOSE sound system which we are hoping will be more simple to transport and operate. We are eagerly anticipating using it to entertain

the Good Sam Club at the Jerome fairgrounds on September 15th and have tentative plans for performing at the Twin Falls Senior Center and within the Buhl community in the coming months.

District 6 continues to host an open jam session the first Wednesday of each month (April-November) at the ID Pizza on Kimberly Rd in Twin Falls and invite all state wide members to come join us.

Mary Baldwin, Reporter

District 8

Happy September to everyone. It won't be long until we are playing "Turkey in the Straw," but in the meantime we want to report our very busy August experiences. We just had a lot of fun playing music; and, wasn't that eclipse something to see! Our group had a jam at Monte and Teresa Mortensen's home the morning of the eclipse and while some of us seem to always be in the "dark," we paused the

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jam session to enjoy one of the most spectacular events we may see in a lifetime. It was amazing to sit in a lawn chair, feel the temperature drop noticeably and experience the silence and spectacular view as the moon's shadow blocked the sun for those few minutes and all was still and quiet. We hope that wherever you were at the morning of August 21st you had a chance to put on your eclipse glasses for a few minutes and look in awe at this event.

Yesterday a bunch of us were heading down to the Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot and the Mortensen's sent us a text saying there was a big traffic jam on the freeway between Idaho Falls and Blackfoot. We couldn't figure out the cause of the traffic jam so we just assumed it was people still on their way back to Utah after viewing the eclipse two weeks ago. You never know about those Utah drivers, right.

We had a great time playing our usual spots during August, and also got to play at the Zoo here in Idaho Falls (the animals all gathered round as well). We also were invited to play at the big Republican Barbeque in Rexburg where a large crowd gathered for a delicious dinner and the usual happenings of a political picnic. Naturally we stole the show as always.

Many thanks to our friends in Salmon for hosting a great camp out August 11 and 12. Fiddle friends came from different parts of the state and we had a great time playing at the park in downtown Salmon where we met several visitors from different states and even countries. The folks from Germany certainly enjoyed the music and even danced and sang to a few tunes. Thanks to all our friends in Salmon for hosting a great event with outstanding food and great comrade.

We made a stop at the Jefferson County Fair again this year and played for a good crowd at the Fairgrounds. That was followed the next day by an Ice Cream Social at an LDS Church here in Idaho Falls and then on Saturday the 19th we played at the Ashton Music Festival to a very appreciative crowd; and, on the 23rd we had a great time at the Rigby Farmer's Market.

It's a lot of fun to be playing our favorite music and bring smiles to peoples' faces as they enjoy old time fiddle music. Here's to another great month ahead. Take care everyone.

Dave Smith