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District 8

Howdy Everyone,

Another busy month is now in the books and we look forward to all the fun associated with the Christmas season together with friends and family. We trust that all had a great Thanksgiving and have return to some sort of normal eating pattern. At our house we have had fun eating the left overs from 24 members of the family that arrived for the big feast. It is so much fun to be with family during these special days of the year.

Our group of Old Time Fiddlers has been very busy with our usual plays this month. We always enjoy the smiles on faces, the beat of feet to the music and the great sound of those who join in to sing a song or two. It always makes for a great day.

We are somewhat envious of a few of our group that head south for the winter. Ted headed that way a few weeks ago, so we are grateful to have Mauna continue to develop her talents on the bass and give us the good beat we need with every song.

We have also been wondering about the arrival of winter this year. We finally got a dusting of snow this past week and it looks like golf is done for the season if for no other reason than the cold weather and wind. It's great to live in Eastern Idaho.

A thought at Christmas time written by: George Matthew Adams

"Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years...

Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart."

Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy New Year from District 8, Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association.

Feliz Navidad y Saludos,

Dave Smith

District 6:

At our November meeting, members presented a nice wooden plaque to Retiring Chairman Gary Huntington in appreciation for his numerous years of dedicated service to our organization. We wish him good health as he enjoys his hobbies of fishing and hunting with hopes that he will continue to play with the group whenever his schedule allows.

Christine Leazer has been elected as the new Chairperson and Margie Collins will continue as Co-Chairlady. Mary Baldwin will continue as Secretary/Treasurer/Reporter and Christine Leazer will also act as Historian.

Our snow birds have flown South so the group will take a winter break from scheduled plays at the assisted living facilities from December through March. There

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will not be a jam session in December at the Twin Falls Idaho Pizza.

District 9

August, September, October, November 2016

### TIME GETS AWAY

Hi everyone. What can I say? Boy, did I lose track of time. My original goal was to send a Newsletter every 2 months. Well, this will be 4 months, but so be it. Will hit on the events we enjoyed. It is looking like snow outside and now I am writing about August to begin with. What a change in temperature. So here goes.

#### AUGUST

Even though it was summer schedule, we did several play sites this month including Good Sam and Troy Sr. Meal site. The month began with the Scenic Six Fiddle Show which Mabel always coordinates. It is a fun night for people to come and enjoy fiddle music and more. There is no competition, just a good evening of entertainment. Many people from around the area come to play and listen. This year was one of the best. Thanks to Mabel, all did enjoy. We played for Elk River Day where we play outside in front of the Huckleberry Heaven Lodge. We don't have a huge crowd, but all do enjoy. Then we are treated to huckleberry ice cream which is always appreciated. We also had our Fiddlers Retreat campout this month at the Lewis/Clark Campground near Kamiah. It was well attended by the district and our former State President, Jerry Eastman and family, were able to attend as well. Jerry extended a welcome to all and gave a nice presentation. Dave took the opportunity to extend sincere thanks to our out-going Co-Chairmen of Dist. 9, Skip and Carol Frink. They have coordinated all activities and commitments for the District from 2003-2016. A plaque was presented to honor them for their dedication and leadership. The other officers, Dave - Vice Chair, Marge - Secretary, and Tom - Treasurer were also thanked for their efforts. It was a great weekend.

#### SEPTEMBER

This month found us back in our fall routine playing at Bishop Place, Good Sam, Deary, Kendrick, and more. We also performed at the Latah County Fair which is always a good time and we had a good turn out of players and listeners. At our monthly meeting it was noted that Dave had scheduled the Fiddlers Retreat for Aug. 18-20, 2017 at the same campground near Kamiah. All seemed to go well and everyone was in favor of returning to the new site.

## OCTOBER

We were again busy with many play sites this month and we were able to cover them with good turn-out from the members. The senior sites do look forward to our coming and we do our best to have a good group of players to entertain. There was also a Board of Directors meeting at Hoots this month which Gary P. attended. He said there were a lot of fiddlers present and it was a good meeting. It was noted there would be an IOTFA Fiddle Contest on March 7, 2017 at Idaho State University.

## NOVEMBER

Moving into the cold season, we continued to keep up with our play sites and had good participation from the residents we entertained. We very often enjoy a lunch after we play at a Sr. meal site and that is always appreciated. We have a day we play at three locations and the second location is a meal site who offer us the meal of the day. That keeps us going to get through the final play site of the day. Since Thanksgiving is this month we don't play that week, but some sites had us move our time to a different date which usually works out quite well. We will do the same in December.

So that brings us up to December which will be another busy month and we will enjoy our annual Christmas potluck which is always well attended. Sorry for this being so long, and I am definitely going to attempt to send a Newsletter every other month. This would be much more practical. So hope you had a great Thanksgiving and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And enjoy your fiddle get-togethers.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Greetings from District 12.

November found us keeping up with our regular playing engagements and practicing our Christmas tunes.

On the 18th, we played for the Farm Bureau at the Sacajawea Center. Everyone enjoyed our program and told us they want us back. On the 19th we performed for the Festival of Trees @ the Elks Lodge.

Christmas and the New Year is coming up fast. Those of us here in Salmon want to wish all of our fellow musician friends from all around the state a most wonderful holiday season. If you might be thinking of coming through our area on New Years Eve, you now have a personal invitation to attend the annual party at Tom and Katie Bonns' home. Party starts at 6pm. Everyone brings a side dish. A good time is always had by all who attend. Lots of good food, fellowship, and of course, good music.

In the meantime, stay warm and keep a tune in your heart.

Katie