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From The President:

Idaho old time fiddlers

Another year has passed and it seems each one went faster than the last.

As we embark on yet another year let me thank each member of our organization for your efforts and dedication to providing entertainment to those who are most in need. As I look on the faces of the people that we play for and see the light in their eyes and sometimes following along it is a testament to the wisdom of the founding of our group.

We continue to encourage others to join with us and try to shore up our numbers. This has been met with some success but continues to be a slow and challenging process.

As we begin another year I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can and certainly encourage all of you on your efforts.

Let us follow the advice of the greatest teacher of all and “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you”. Speak kind words and be of service where you can.

Sincerely

Fremont G. Mortensen

President IOTFA

District 9

August thru December 2015

## WINTER IS HERE AND SO IS THE END OF THE YEAR

Wow, here it is -- December 29th to be exact, and the year got way ahead of me when it came to the Newsletter. So no excuses, just didn't get it done. Will now give you a quick review of the months missed to let you know what went on up in our neck of the woods.

This will be different as I am starting with August and it was really hot this year and ending with December and it is really cold now with temps expected to go down into the teens at night in the next few days. Brrrrrrr!

### AUGUST

The month began with the Scenic Six fiddle show which is an annual event organized by Mabel Vogt from the Old Time fiddlers where local stringed instrument players come to perform in groups or with designated back-up and the Junior Jammers give a wonderful play of songs that they entertain with in the area. Many of our District 9 players participate in this event.

We also played at Elk River Day again this year which is an annual event including a parade,

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logging events, a cake walk and lunch served in the park. We play outside the Huckleberry Inn and are treated with huckleberry ice cream cones when we finish. It was a hot day, but the ice cream made it a lot cooler.

And once again, we were not able to have our Retreat campout which we were going to enjoy at a new campground. Reason? Again, forest fires which happened last year. It was a very sorry occasion and we were so sorry that so many lost so much. We even had the smoke up in our area for a long time. Where we would have been camping was being used by fire fighters and equipment location which was much more important. So we ended up once again just having a day event at Schierman's Event Center which is local and just did the afternoon potluck meal with meat provided and lots of playing.

### SEPTEMBER

In September we were back to our usual schedule including all the Sr. meal sites and plays that we do not play at in the Summer. Most of the fiddlers also played for a Celebration of Life memorial service for one of our members who passed away earlier in the year while he and his wife were south for the winter. We lost John Grimes who was a very fine banjo player, and wife Charlene was playing with us on ukulele and still does when she is up here in the warmer months. We miss John very much and look forward to when Charlene returns home in the spring. The service was outstanding with a good attendance. We also played at the Latah County Fair and had a good turnout with many listening to the music and some even dancing.

### OCTOBER

This month we added a new play location to travels. We had been going to Potlatch to play for the Sr. Meal site and found out that Colfax wanted us to come play for them as well. It worked out that we could do Potlatch and then drive over to Colfax to their Sr. Living Residence before returning home. It makes a little longer day, but the residents were so delighted to have us and we now include them whenever we play at Potlatch. And then we did our usual play dates during the month as well.

### NOVEMBER

Once again, it was time to get the Christmas music out and practice up for the month of December. We did our usual play dates this month enjoying good times and great meals at many of the meal sites. They are always most thoughtful to feed us for playing. We run anywhere from 9 up to 15 players at the sites we go to and all do enjoy. But next month will be Christmas music

and we are always a bit rusty.

## DECEMBER

So here we are in December and we did our last play date on the 18th. This was the end of a busy week as we had our Christmas party practice potluck on Sunday, our tri-play of 3 different locations on Monday, Deary Sr. Meal site on Tuesday, and Potlatch Sr. Meal site on Friday. That's one party and 6 plays in one week. Wow! I think we were getting the Christmas music down pretty well by the last play date. We start a little rusty, but finally get it together.

We will start the new year next week at Bishop Place on Tuesday and continue from there into our many plays we enjoy. So with that we hope you had a wonderful Christmas season and we wish you all a Happy New Year and happy playing!!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

## District 8

Hello from District 8. I hope you are all wintering as well as you can. I know I am freezing. We have had about 2 weeks of really cold weather. -17 some days. Thank goodness, it is up in the 20's now so I can at least move around.

We all had a wonderful Christmas season this year with many extra plays for churches and parties along with our regular monthly plays. I have the best district ever, because no matter how busy we get, they all just come and smile and play music and have a great time. And that is what it is all about. If you go out and perform and are having a great time, the audience is having a great time as well. There are times when we play certain songs that turn on a light in someone's eyes, or brings a tear to their eye or a smile on their face that I remember why we do this day after day and week and week, and yes, year after year. The love of music and the love of the people is what we are all about.

I hope you all had just as great of a Christmas as we did here in the Idaho Falls area. Now it is a new year and we start over with spring, and the summer and we get busy again. For that, I can't wait.

This month, we are playing for an adult special needs group and I hope we can do good enough for them. They love to dance and love music in general so I think we will be good enough. I really enjoy watching them come alive to our style of Old time Fiddle music.

We have a few of our members that are enjoying warmer weather for the winter and we wish them all well. Maybe with any luck, we can go down and visit for a short time this year. I hear there is some really good music down there.

As always, keep safe, and remember why we do what we do and we wish you all the best.

Teresa Mortensen



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District 5 January 2016

Hello Fellow Fiddlers:

We've come to the end of another month and hopefully you all had a super holiday visiting with friends and relatives. I hope all of you are staying active and healthy and learning new music. We had a successful January meeting with 27 members present. Also we had a couple of new faces, at least to me they were new faces. Everyone was welcomed by our chairman, Jack Moon. We also missed all the members that couldn't attend January's meeting due to illness or other activities. Let's all try and make a super effort to make it next month. First I would like to apologize to the members who's names were spelled wrong in the last newsletter. I really do appreciate folks letting me know when things are put in the newsletter incorrectly as I want to make our newsletter as correct as possible. We had a couple of guests play with us at the January jam and their names were Roy Dyer and Sandy and Andrew Johnston. We all enjoyed their participation. District 5 also had a few birthdays this month and they were Jack Williams, Bob Baird and Eldon Leach. I hope you all celebrated by doing something fun. Don Olsen gave us some tips on Hokum Bowing. We should all try to put these tips to use on our new songs this year. We really appreciate any help that we can get from others. It is always fun to learn a new way of playing a song. We should all give it a try. All the Blue books have been given out, so please let our chairman, Jack Moon, know if anyone didn't receive one. The dues for the IOTF are due, so if you still need to pay please contact Mary Lopshire. There didn't seem to be any new plays listed for each of the groups this month. I understand that they are doing well and everyone is having fun. If there is anyone that would like to join any of the fiddling groups please contact our chairman, Jack Moon 208-898-9727.

Our district 5 is trying to encourage new fiddlers. If anyone has any suggestions on how to get more fiddlers to join the IOTF please contact our chairman or bring your ideas to

the meeting in February. It was suggested by our chairman that we have a fun jam sometime when it is convenient for you folks. This would be a good time to learn some new songs and share ideas with others. We all need to join in and help our organization grow. All of us need to put the Spring Hoots meeting on April 28 thru May 1 on our calendars. Everyone seemed to have a great time last year with lots of jamming and of course the lessons that were given were a treat for those that participated. Our new song for the month of February is Silver Dew on the Bluegrass. This is a fun tune and it is found in your Mannie Shaw Idaho Fiddler book on page 6. The song is in the key of G. Maybe we all could apply some of our new fiddle tips that we learned on this song. I guess this is all for this month so happy fiddling to all.  
"Whoever loves much, performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well." Vincent Van Gohn.

We appreciate everyone that helps out with the IOTF. Keep up the good work!!!

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle  
208-830-1278

Hello from District 8

Winter is in full force here in the Idaho Falls area. I am so ready for summer and melting snow. Everywhere I look, it is white, white, white. The ramifications of living in South East Idaho, I suppose.  
On to brighter things. Our district is keeping busy as usual with our 2 weekly plays and extras that seem to come up every month  
In January, we just

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played our regular monthly plays every Monday and Wednesday. We have been changing our monthly schedule a little as of late. Some of our plays just don't have the audiences anymore, so we are taking them off the schedule for a while and adding new ones. Our goal is to reach as many of the elderly as we can.

We are definitely missing our snowbirds, Darryl & Chris Harris, Dave & Yvonne Scheldahl. It just is so quiet here on the homefront without them. I know the audiences will be very happy to have them back. They don't hardly laugh at my jokes.

It's all in the presentation, I have been told by Dave Smith, (one of our sassy members) and I just ain't got it! It will certainly be good to get them back home.

We are always trying to learn new tunes. Well, at least, new to us, or bring back some old tunes. I need to remember that most of our group is new so even the old songs I am trying to resurrect, are new to them. They keep threatening me when I play them with no notice. It is nice to have so many dedicated members as we do in our district. We are truly blessed.

February is a pretty quiet month for us here in this area. We will keep hibernating until the snow starts to melt and then we will dive in to busier times as we prepare for summer.

Why did the cowboy adopt a weiner dog? He wanted to get a long little doggie. Until next month, happy trails and playing. Keep warm and we look forward to seeing you at Hoots.





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District 12 Newsletter – Jan. & Feb. 2016

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Regular plays at Discovery Care Centre and The Meadows Assisted Living are on our agenda the first two Thursdays of each month. We are warmly welcomed at both places and enjoy the residents. Then we are off to jam til 10:00 p.m. normally at the recreation hall at the Imperial Apartments.

Our plays at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale are coming quickly in just over a month. April brings showers and May flowers and it seems wind and sometimes more in April at the sales. We are requesting interior space to play as it is tough to play next to an open barn-like door with unpredictable weather. We play in the vendor barn and the vendors seem to enjoy having us both Fri. & Sat. entertaining them and the public for a couple hours each day. We also have an audience of sale mules who hee haw right to the music!

We are very fortunate to have a new member Paul Thompson who has joined with his newly purchased guitar. He is a determined and talented learner who has amazed us with his dedication to our style of music. Paul likes to slip some blues in when he can and is heard strumming when there is a lull or some conversation. We are enjoying his sense of humor. Needed some of that this winter!

Speaking of new members, we are grooming 12-year old Eliza Fisher who is coming frequently to our jams. Our Dianne Spaeth who passed away in October started Eliza and I have been volunteering to teach her and also her little sister, age 8, Gracie. Since our schools are on four-day weeks, Friday lessons work for these sisters and I go their home to help them and, consequently, help myself to learn right along with them. We have a good time and I am so proud of their progress.

We are losing a valuable member Susan Harris who will be moving to Montana soon. She is our secretary/treasurer and a wonderful fiddler. Montana will be gaining a fine musician. We will miss you, Susan! Come back when you can.

Salmon Public Library will be moving down Main St. to a new, larger building this month. It is very impressive. As a former librarian in the junior high school, I plan to assist with the move and shelve

some books. While visiting the library yesterday, I ran across a Dillon, Montana, newspaper The Dillon Tribune with an article about their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Dillon Fiddle Contest which drew 37 contestants from Montana and Idaho. It was held at the Depot Theatre. It appears to be a young fiddlers contest and I don't want to miss it next year around Valentine's Day. Sure am sorry I didn't know about it this year. Would love for our Fisher family to go to that for some inspiration next year.

One last note—We had a very well attended cabin fever jam at the Tendoy home of Jerry and Marian Eastman on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the fantastic music and great food. There were musicians who joined our members with voices and instruments so that it was a very special day for all.

Kay Smith

DISTRICT 5, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

HELLO ALL FIDDLERS & MUSICIANS

I AM HOPING EVERYONE DID SOMETHING FUN AND EXCITING FOR VALENTINE'S DAY.

WE HAD 23 FOLKS ATTEND OUR February meeting, which most of them were players. We welcome those that just come to visit and listen to the music and hope they enjoyed what they heard and will come back again soon.

The Bluebooks that were passed out recently will go to all members of the IOTF group every 10 years. These books are really awesome and this way we can get to know the folks we are playing music with.

All the plays are still taking place. The night group lead by Bonnie is on Monday and If anyone has a question concerning this group, you can contact Bonnie

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Longstreth at 208-343-9638. Betty Gull's group is still playing on Wednesdays and Jerry's group is playing on Tuesday. Betty's number for questions is 208-887-2113 and Jerry's number is 208-466-4402.

We want to remind everyone again of the Meeting at Hoots beginning April 28th through May 1st. There is free R.V. parking and local motels. Put these dates on your calendars and plan to be there. There is lots of jamming and dinner is served on Saturday night, which is a buffet. Several workshops also available. If anyone would like more information concerning this event feel free to call our chairman, Jack Moon 208-898-9727. Rena Lute, 208-891-2111, mentioned that if any lady would like to stay there in a room with her, she is welcomed to do so, just let her know as soon as possible.

Bonnie Longstreth mentioned that she has some workshop materials, such as cassettes which could be put on CDs to share if anyone is interested. This subject was to be voted on by the club if we want to do it. More information on this will come later by the club.

Phoenix Fullington offered his library of songs to give to folks also if they would like to have them.

The song of the month for February is Silverdew On The Bluegrass. This is a GREAT tune, so lets all try to learn this piece.

Jack Moon, our chairman, gave us a tip on bowing. He wants us all to try to put emphasis on the down beat of a tune and that will give the song more expression when we are playing. I think we have had some good tips this these last two months from different individuals , so we should all make a effort to try some of these methods and see if we can't make our tunes sound better!!

I am hoping everyone that has been out sick will be back on the mends by this next meeting March 3.

We really had a GREAT potluck this month!!! Lots of variety and GOOD chicken. I am asking everyone to join in for this dinner and bring your favorite dishes to go along with the chicken, which the club provides. Also, this is an opportunity to visit with our fellow musicians and get to know them...

Remember ..... if anyone wants something mentioned in this newsletter please call me at 208-495-2040. I would be glad to write it up for you.

I read this in another newsletter somewhere and I would like to quote it in our newsletter. " Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Keep up the good music and learning new tunes to share with someone!!!

Your Reporter, Linda Lyle

Hello from District 8

I am a happier girl now that the sun is starting to peek through the clouds a little more and it is a touch warmer, the sun is not setting too early. I love summer.

Charlie Lahm, the Web master, has been nagging me to get this newsletter out. So I decided I better "get er done." I will be glad when the regular news guy gets back to do this. He is much better at writing exciting news.

Our district has been busy with our regular plays and we have not had many specials this last month. We are gearing up for our 3rd annual food drive concert to benefit the Idaho Falls soup kitchen. The Sites violin students will be joining us again. They are so fun to listen to. This is an easy way to give to our community doing what we love to do anyway.

We have been changing our schedule around a little and that gets tricky remembering where to go next. Good thing we have a good calendar man, Harold Sorensen, to keep us on track. It is really nice to have our Ted Kirkpatrick back from down south and really really good to have our Dave Smith back from his mission for the last two years. Our group will be complete again, once we get Dave Schjeldahl and Darryl Harris back from down south. They just can't hack the cold up here.

With summer coming, don't forget the first get away is Hoots. This year, it is the weekend of April 28-May 1. There will be workshops again. I am working on the schedule with Mike and Tari Conroy, our wonderful teachers. I can tell you there will be fiddle bowing, backup, and double stop classes, Bass classes, Mandolin lead and chord classes, and Guitar lead classes. Also a banjo class or two. Keep your eye on the web page for the flyer to come shortly.

Then the first weekend in June is the first campout of the summer here in Rigby. More to come on that.

Happy trails to all of you until we meet again. See you at Hoots

## Obituary: Lucille Stevens, 93, of Moscow

Posted: Saturday, January 30, 2016 12:00 am

Lou Stevens, a longtime Moscow resident, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at Community Health and Hospice in Longview, Wash. She was 93.

Lucille Lorene "Lou" Steele was born Jan. 16, 1923, at Sedalia, Mo., to John Milton and Sarah Ann (Sallie) Meyer Steele. She grew up there and graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1942. That year she married Dave Sumner in Missouri.

Lou started her career with telephone companies first in Portland, Ore., and then in Kansas City, Mo. In 1963 she transferred to Moscow with Pacific Telephone, later GTE and Verizon before retiring in 1983.

On Aug. 16, 1963, Lou married Charley A. Stevens in Moscow. Over the years Lou has been active in the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, playing piano, guitar and singing. She enjoyed playing cards, was a member of the Senior Citizens, Telephone Pioneers, and was an active member of the United Church of Moscow.

Charley died in 1997. Lou has a son and daughter-in-law, David T. Sumner III and Sharon. She also has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lou had four brothers and four sisters who have died.

A memorial service will be held at United Church of Moscow in the spring and urn placement will be at the Moscow Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the United Church of Moscow or to the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Short's Funeral Chapel of Moscow and condolences may be left at [www.shortsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.shortsfuneralchapel.com).



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Hello from District 8.

All of our snowbirds are home except Dave Schjeldahl. I think he is staying down south just so he won't have to write this newsletter. We will be glad to have him back someday, but it is very nice having all the rest home.

We have had some new members lately and we are very happy about that. Dave Black, Steve Adams, both play guitar and sing. Steve has been a member for about 6 months and Dave for about a month. We hope we keep finding new members. Now we could use some new fiddle players. Most of the time, we only have 2-3 out of our 15-20 members at each play. You might think we are the Old Time Guitarists. But we do love all of our members and we do have fun.

We are going to try a couple of new facilities this month and see if we can fit them into our schedule. Homestead living in St. Anthony and the Rosslaire apartments in Idaho Falls. We have dropped a few due to lack of attendance so I think this will fill us back up nicely.

April brings us to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Drive. We will be holding it in Idaho Falls and benefitting the Idaho Fall Food Basket. We have some free advertising this year which will be wonderful to help us spread the word. We are very excited about this benefit every year. The Sites Music Students join us, because, let's face it, the public will always come to watch kids play music. Some of these students are national champions and some have gone on further than that and won the Grand Master award and even played at the Grand Ole Opry. They are wonderful to watch.

Hoots is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April –May 1<sup>st</sup>. Workshops are scheduled and teachers are ready to go. I, for one, am very excited to join the workshops again this year. If you haven't been to these, you really need to come.

That's it for this district for this month. Hope to see you at Hoots. Music is good for the soul. Play as often as you can for as many as you can. This is a true blessing in our lives.

Teresa Mortensen District 8 Chairman

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Hello from District 8.

We just returned from our trip to Hoots. We had 13 people from our district up there this year to enjoy the workshops that were given by Mike and Tari Conroy. These workshops are wonderful and I feel very blessed that we have the opportunity to learn from such accomplished musicians and teachers. If you have not attended these workshops you need to make the attempt to make it there next May. They are very much worth it. If you have attended, I hope you appreciated them and enjoyed them and we'll do it again next spring

Our district has many new members which is very exciting. But also very crowded at some of our venues. So we have split our group into two separate groups that will take turns playing. Hopefully that will make us a tighter group and also give each member a little more time to shine and show off.

Our snowbirds are all back now which is nice to have them all around. With Summer creeping up on us we will be very busy and it's always nice to have all of our members here as much as possible.

We also played at a couple of new venues this month to try them out.. If it works for us and for them will put them on our schedule. As always we are always looking for new members. Right now we could really use some more fiddle players. Are times I am the only one and there are times when we have about 5.

Dave Schjeldahl should be back to writing a newsletter next month so be ready for some new jokes. Happy Fiddlin' to all and we will see you on down the trail

Teresa Mortensen

DISTRICT 5

HELLO FIDDLERS:

I AM SORRY NOT TO GET A NEWSLETTER OUT LAST MONTH, IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE PRETTY BUSY AND ALSO NO ONE HAD ANYTHING NEW TO REPORT. HOPEFULLY EVERYONE IS STAYING HEALTHY AND FIDDLING SOME NEW SONGS!!!!

ON OUR LAST DIST 5 MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, WE HAD 17 MUSICIANS AND 1 VISITOR, ROY VIKEN. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL COME BACK AGAIN AND BY THE



WAY THIS GUY IS ALSO A SQUARE DANCE CALLER IN THE BOISE VALLEY AND I MIGHT ADD THAT HE IS VERY GOOD.....

OUR AUDIENCE WAS A BIG ONE AND THAT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. IT IS ALWAYS FUN TO SEE LOTS OF FOLKS TURN OUT TO LISTEN TO OUR MUSIC.

IMAGINE THIS!!!! NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH..... HMM..... NO REPORT WAS MADE OF ANYONE BEING ILL, SO I THINK WE HAD A GREAT MARCH.

ONE OF OUR MUSICIANS, CECIL SHORT, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE PLAYED THE MOUTH HARP IN THE EAST GROUP. PHOENIX FULLINGTON AND CECIL WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS, THEREFORE, PHOENIX GAVE US A PRESENTATION OF SOME OF THE GREAT MEMORIES THAT THEY SHARED TOGETHER AND WE ALL APPRECIATED PHOENIX'S TALK. CECIL WILL BE MISSED!!!

ROY VIKEN HAS OFFERED TO PUT THE WORKSHOP CASSETTES (THAT BONNIE HAD) ONTO CD'S AND WE

THANK HIM VERY MUCH FOR THIS. OUR CHAIRMAN, JACK MOON, SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE THIS WORKSHOP THIS SUMMER FOR OUR MUSICIANS AND THIS SUGGESTION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE MAY MEETING. I DO KNOW MANY OF US TRAVEL A LOT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND IT IS HARD TO PLAN THESE THINGS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE WORKSHOPS PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CHAIRMAN, JACK MOON. 208-898-9727.

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SHIRLEY MOON HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PUT A NEW ADDRESS BOOK TOGETHER, SO ANYONE THAT HAS A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS PLEASE LET HER KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HER NUMBER IS 208-898-9727.

DISTRICT 5 HAS VOTED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A JAM ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JUNE THROUGH AUGUST AT 6 PM. THIS WILL BE JUST A JAM WITH NO POTLUCK. ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING PLEASE COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME.

THE LOWMAN CAMPOUT WILL BE JULY 7-10 AND THE CAMP GROUND IS CLOSE TO LOWMAN AT MILE POST 79.8. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS CAMPOUT PLEASE CALL RON MOORE FOR FURTHER DETAILS. 208-398-7133.

IT IS TIME TO VOTE ON NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE A NONIMATING COMMITTEE THAT HAS VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO HELP FIND GOOD CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THESE POSITIONS. THE PEOPLE ON THIS COMMITTEE ARE JERRY VANBUREN, SHIRLEY MOON AND MYSELF, LINDA LYLE. CHAIRMAN, CO-CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND NEWSLETTER REPORTER. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE POSITIONS PLEASE NOTIFY ME AT 208-830-1278. ALSO, IF ANYONE WANTS TO KEEP THEIR EXISTING POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE SUPER!!!!

*I GUESS THIS SUMS UP THE REPORT THIS MONTH. WE DO WANT TO REMEMBER BEFORE WE LEAVE AT NIGHT AFTER THE JAM THAT WE HELP OUR LEADERS CARRY THE EQUIPMENT OUT AND ALSO HELP RESET UP THE TABLES AND ETC.*

*SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPLYING FOOD FOR THE POTLUCK AND ALSO TO SHIRLEY MOON FOR TAKING HER TIME TO GET THE CHICKEN FOR US. THIS NEXT MEETING IN MAY WE WILL BE SERVING PIZZA..... FUN!! WE WOULD LIKE GREEN SALAD TO GO WITH THAT, SO PERHAPS WE COULD GET A FEW TO MAKE UP SALADS... THINK ABOUT THAT.....*

*SEVERAL FOLKS ARE GOING TO HOOTS SO WE WISH THEM ALL A SAFE TRIP AND ALSO TO LEARN SEVERAL NEW TUNES AND NEW TIPS IN WHICH TO PLAY OUR MUSIC BETTER.*

*REMEMBER TO KEEP A SONG IN YOUR HEART AND A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.*

*YOUR REPORTER*

*LINDA LYLE*

*208-830-1278*



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DISTRICT 5 MAY 2016

HELLO FIDDLERS

- MAY HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH! OUR MAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND WE HAD 21 MUSICIANS AND MANY IN OUR AUDIENCE WITH ALL THE SMILES ON THEIR FACES , I BELIEVE, WE MADE THEM HAPPY WITH OUR MUSIC!!
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IT WAS GREAT TO SEE PATTY BACK AGAIN !!! ALSO BETTY WAS BACK PLAYING THE PIANO AND SMILING AS ALWAYS. MARYRILN WAS BACK AGAIN IN OUR AUDIENCE AND THAT WAS FUN TO SEE HER AGAIN..VELMA BENIDICT HAS BEEN ILL AND THE FIDDLERS SENT A CARD AND FLOWERS. WE ALL WISH HER WELL.

MARY LAMPSHIRE VOLUNTEERED TO BRING THE PIZZA AND WE ALL APPRECIATED THAT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU MARY.

MARJEAN VOLUNTEERED TO BRING ROOT BEER AND MAKE FLOATS FOR EVERYONE. FUN!! FUN! THANKS AGAIN MARJEAN.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR MONTHLY JAMS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH THIS SUMMER. THEY'RE WILL BE NO POTLUCK, JUST JAMMING. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN FROM 6PM TO 8PM.

OUR CHAIRMAN, JACK MOON, RAISED THE CONVERSATION OF DOING SOME WORKSHOPS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THIS WAS DISCUSSED AND PUT ON HOLD FOR LATER DISCUSSION.

BETTY GULL WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE FIDDLER PRACTICES IN HER HOME THIS SUMMER.. CALL BETTY FOR TIMES AND LOCATION. 208--8872113

HOOTS WAS A REAL HOT TIMEi!!!! EVERYONE THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY FUN AND LOTS OF LESSONS WERE GIVEN. THE TEACHERS WERE OUTSTANDING AND HOPEFULLY THE FOLKS LEARNED SOME NEW TECHNIQUES. THEY HAD A BUFFET DINNER ON SATURDAY NIGHT WITH A DANCE FOLLOWING AND DIFFERENT DISTRICTS PERFORMED. FOLKS ENJOYED THE FOOD, MUSIC AND CONVERSATIONS AND ACCOMANDATIONS AS WELL AS THE JAMMING. PUT THIS EVENT ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR

NEXT YEAR.

DISTRICT 5 IS HAVING A IDOTF PICNIC AND JAM AT THE BAIRDS ON JUNE 11TH FROM 10 A.M. UNTIL THEY KICK US OUT!!! THIS WILL BE A POTLUCK AND THE CLUB WILL BE PROVIDING CHICKEN. ROOT BEER FLOATS WILL BE SERVED ALSO AND LOTS OF JAMMING!!! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS EVENT PLEASE CALL 208-392-3776. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!!!!

FIDDLING IN THE PINES WILL BE JULY 7-10. SOUNDS LIKE THERE WILL BE LOTS OF JAMMING, AND GOOD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS AVENT PLEASE CALL RON MOORE. 208-398-7133.

OK, THAT ABOUT SUMS UP MAY FOR THE FIDDLERS, HOWEVER WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL BE COMING UP THIS SEPTEMBER, SO IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN KEEPING THEIR POSITIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR EITHER SECRETARY OR CHAIRMAN OR TREASURER OF REPORTER GIVE ME A CALL 208-830-1278. WE WILL BE GLAD TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT!!!!

EEVERYONE TRY TO GET SOME NEW TUNES TO WORK ON AT THESE JAMS THIS SUMMER

EVERYONE STAY HEALTHY  
AND HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER!!!!!!!

AT THE END OF EACH DAY  
LIFE SHOULD ASK: "DO YOU  
WANT TO SAVE THESE  
CHANGES?"

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

208-830-1278

Howdy From District 8.

It is a pleasure to be home  
and playing, once again,  
with the best bunch of OTF  
folks around. While down  
in southern Utah I got to  
play with the Dixie Chapter  
of the Utah Old Time

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Fiddlers as well as a bunch of musicians that go by, "Strings and things", down in Mesquite, NV. I sure enjoyed my time with them, but it is especially nice to get back to my fiddle friends up here in Eastern Idaho. I'd like it better if they could warm it up some here and settle the wind down a bit.

By the time you get to read this bit of news, another celebration at the 8th annual Cedar Park Fiddler's Campout will be over. I sure hope you didn't miss it.

We gathered at Cedar Park campground starting around noon on Friday, June 3rd with greetings and jamming. We moved down to the inside shop for a jam session that evening with about 50+ that's right, FIFTY people in attendance! Fiddler's, family and friends showed up from Twin, Meridian, Weiser, Salmon, Pocatello, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana and eastern Idaho. We had to enlarge the circle about three times to get everybody included. We had to use the sound system to get the leader heard, but it all worked until late the night.

We kicked off Saturday with a great breakfast thanks to Darryl- pancakes, Monty-bacon, Harold- eggs and others for juice, fruit, sweets and coffee. Next we headed to the putting course for the annual putting contest. The stakes were high on the course with five returning champions; Ted, Darryl, Ron, Harold and yours truly. The tension was electric, interrupted by giggling, hooting and outright laughter. After some serious math, a new champion was crowned! Congratulations Harold Sorensen on becoming our new King-of-the-rough. Former Champion, Ron Moore said to Harold, "Follow me." But Harold didn't listen. He went right past Ron. Harold now ranks as a two-time winner. Congrats to all. The dubious honor of high score went to Corbin, from Nevada.

Next we headed to the shop for a band scramble. Five teams dazzled the judges requiring a one-tune showdown. The winning team featured a duet from Sonja and Teresa that was a show-stopper and clinched their win. Hats off to all the contestants.

The evening kicked off with the Greg's famous BBQ ribs dinner that has become a tradition at the camp out. About fifty campers were very satisfied and very full. Yum, YUM!!!! Thanks to Greg and crew. More jamming followed. Again, new faces showed up. I left about ten, but I'm told that the night was pretty well used up before the rest quit.

Sunday brought about a Dutch oven breakfast- thanks Tom and helpers. The traditional Gospel Circle followed. The numbers were thinned but the spirit was strong. I guess you could call us the "Hard Core". But such good times with such good people. I don't know the dates for the 2017 camp out, but I'd recommend that you mark the first weekend in June and plan to attend. My hat is off to Teresa and all her helpers for a great fiddling weekend.

Here's a toast to fiddlin', singing and us.

Together we travel many miles.

We, alone, count as none,

But together we are one.

Our music turns tunes to smiles.

Adios, David Schjeldahl



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District 9

March, April, May, 2016

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

After reviewing my last newsletter, I noted I was going to try and send a newsletter every 2 months. Well, that went out the window and now I am finally sending one for 3 months and hope I can at least handle that plan. My, the time just flies and I've been trying to keep up with fiddling and other commitments and just staying above ground. So will get this going and hope your fiddling dates are being well received.

### MARCH

We had a good month with 8 play sites with some dates including more than one play site. We find it better with some sites to be playing more than one time per day since we are already out and about. We enjoyed meals at 5 of the sites as well. Was a good month and good attendance where we played.

### APRIL

This month turned out to be very busy with us playing at 11 sites. We had a couple of sites we only play at 3 or 4 times a year which added more activity to the month. Again, all were well attended and we even played some songs where people got up and did some dancing. That is always fun and makes for more entertainment.

Also, Mabel and sister Debby attended the N.W. Regional Fiddle Competition in Spokane this month. Mabel took first place in Senior-Senior Div. and Debby took forth in Senior Div. Way to go gals!!

### MAY

We were almost as busy this month with 10 play sites and a first time play at Genesee Sr. Meal which is a small town close to Moscow and turned out to be a good time and great meal offered after we played. There weren't too many in attendance, but they really enjoyed us as we did them. They want

us to come back and we will for sure. We also played live music for the local square dance club which we have done for the past 4 years. Four of us belong to the square dance club including the caller who did call for the dance and we were pleased to play that night rather than dance. It was sure tempting to want to dance and listen to the fiddling, but duty calls. We had a good turn-out and after the dance ended, we played some additional music for their listening pleasure or free dancing. Was a good evening.

That brings us up to the start of June which will begin next week with our first play date at Bishop Place in Pullman which we usually begin our months with. Today our thermometer reads 92 and I sure hope that drops a bit. Too hot too quickly when we have been in the low 70's and such. So we wish you a good month ahead and as we head into summer, we will continue to fiddle around a lot. Enjoy the upcoming events!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Howdy From District 8

July 1st, 2016

Another June has slipped by. We had eleven plays. They included all of our regular plays and a two-hour play at the Farmer's Market and a new play for the Humanitarian Centers annual picnic. The Center's picnic was held at a local historic farmstead south of Idaho Falls. It reminded me of brush arbor from days gone by.

The month of June started with the annual Cedar Park Campout- three days of fiddlin', eating, and putting around. It was so good to see friends from near and far.

I'm hoping that everyone had a great and safe Fourth of July weekend. I always look forward to summer but then end up wishing it was a little

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more spread out. We are enjoying a week off of fiddling. Then we are back with four plays a week for the rest of the month with Farmer's Market on the 16th, Iona Day on the 23rd and a new play at the Mud Lake Museum.

We are continuing with our members split into two groups; "A" group and "B" group, because we have too many members. What a great problem to have. Guitarist, Daryl Lopez, is back after a six weeks tour of Iceland and Northern Europe. Glad your back Daryl.

I asked my wife, "Do I come across as grumpy to you?"

"Honestly?" she asked.

"Of course", I say.

"Well, yes. At times you do come across as Grumpy. Other times you come across as Dopey or Sneezzy." That's when the fight started.

"May you live as long as you like and have all you like as long as you live."

Adios, David Schjeldahl



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Howdy From District 8

August 1st, 2016

I always look forward to summer but then end up wishing it was a little more spread out. And maybe a little less hot. I was able to slip off to Lake Coeur d'Alene with family for five days, which helped beat the heat. Teresa and Monty took a week off too that shortened the monthly play schedule.

We squeezed in most of our regular Monday and Wednesday plays and added three very special plays in addition. Playing for the Mud Lake Museum, on the afternoon of the 20th, was special. They were making fresh churned butter to slather on home made bread topped with garden fresh jams and jellies. It was too good to taste just once. The crowd of listeners wandered in all afternoon and most stayed- some even danced.

Our monthly business meeting and jam session/practice is scheduled for the 2nd of August at the Mortensen's home. As they say in the song, "Ya'll come".

A mugger in a ski mask jumps a well-dressed man in Washington, DC. He says, "Give me all your money!"

The man says, "You can't do that to me, I a U.S. Congressman!" The mugger says, "Well then, give me all my money."

We are looking forward to the month of August- the only month with no major holidays. August is aka- dog days of summer. No dog days for us though. We'll carry on with our regular plays in addition to special plays at the Zoo, for Senior Day, the Jefferson Co. Fair and BBQ, and a Republican Rally and picnic.

Stay cool and keep on fiddling.

Adios, David Schjeldahl

District 9

June, July 2016

## GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

Hello from District 9. I am finally making my goal of sending out a Newsletter for 2 months. Just by chance, but am squeezing it in. Hope your summer plays have been good ones and not too hot! My, we are experiencing the heat and it keeps me

working on trying to keep a garden and flowers watered. The lawn is not the best, but we don't have to mow as much.

### **JUNE**

We go into our summer schedule in June which means less play sites. Since so many members are gone during the summer, we only play for the retirement centers and not for the noon luncheon sites. This month that included

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Bishop Place, Good Sam, our Tri-Play day -- Whitman Center, Pullman Sr. Meal, and Circle of Caring. We include the meal site since we are playing 3 times and can play for them and receive a meal to continue to our third play. And then we also played at Clark Place for their family night which was a nice time for all. And this was the month for the National Fiddle Show in Weiser, ID. Our own Mabel Vogt achieved the honor of winning First Place in the Senior Senior Division which has been a goal of hers for quite a while. We were so happy for her and one of the local papers included an article and picture showing her win. Way to go Mabel!!! Her sister, Debby Lovel-Carlson also participated in her division and did very well placing 12th. Way to go, Debby!!

## JULY

Along with our regular plays we also played at Avalon Care on our tri-play day in place of Whitman Center. We trade the 2 back and forth to have a chance to play for both every other month. We also played for a county-wide senior picnic in Rosalia which is north of us and a good turn-out of fiddlers was well received. But it turned out to be a very cold day and windy which was not real pleasant. But we did our best and enjoyed a nice luncheon after our efforts. And we were scheduled to play for Bishop Place for their annual Root Beer Float evening, but this had to be cancelled due to an illness that was going around at the center. Too many people were not feeling well, and it was not the best idea for us to take a chance of catching whatever they had. We are scheduled to play at some later date which will take place.

So we are now into August and the weather, as I mentioned, has been very hot! Am so thankful the sites we play at are air conditioned as it makes playing a lot more tolerable. Will report about August in the next newsletter as we will be enjoying our fiddler retreat this coming weekend which is always a good time and we have fun just having fun. So we wish you a good end to summer and the start of fall. The colleges in the area will be in session soon and all the activities that go with that. And that means a lot more young people in the area.

We wish you happy fiddling and will be jotting a few notes again, hopefully the end



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Howdy From District 8

September 1st, 2016

Can you believe it! Summer is on the way out. School is starting, Fairs are in full swing and the geese are gathering. Summer sure went by fast, but I can't complain. Fall in Idaho is my favorite time of the year and football is back!

The "Dog Days" didn't let up on our plays at all. A high light was playing for the Jefferson Co. Fair BBQ in Rigby, Idaho. We played in a nice bandstand, and they fed us a great chicken dinner. We had a quality crowd and some good dancers brave a barren dance floor and showed off how it used to be.

Did you ever notice that there is a "highway to hell" but only a "stairway to heaven"? It must say something about the traffic.

We are missing Sonja Sanders who is out for a few weeks while recovering from a broken foot. While she's out we are expecting her to prepare a new song or two. She does such a nice job.

Six of our regular plays are scheduled for September with five extras everywhere from Pocatello to Rigby. “No rest for the wicked,” but us righteous don’t need it. We are still split into two groups so it’s not much of a strain on anyone and we are sure making some new friends who appreciate Old Time Fiddle music.

Our annual election, business meeting and jam session/practice is scheduled for the Sept. 13th at the Darrel and Nancy Lopez’ home on the Journey’s End golf course near Shelly. As it says in the song, “Ya’ll come”.

So here’s to the good old days, which we are having right now!

Adios, David Schjeldahl

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## Howdy From District 8

The Newsletter is moved up a little this month for several reasons. Not the least of which is that our calendar guru is going on a cruise. Bon Voyage Harold Sorensen. Here's wishing you smooth sailing.

Not to be out done, Darryl Harris is cruising on the Mississippi as I write this. I might get to cruise to Rigby, if I'm lucky. Can you tell, I'm a bit jealous?

Our Monday and Wednesday plays are going as usual. The hook is that the some start times are moved up at several plays to accommodate residents. We are very well trained to be ready to play at a seven PM start time. Not so much at a six PM start time. Sooo, better late than never.

Our monthly business meeting/practice/jam was held on the 18th at Leo's restaurant in Idaho Falls.

The big news this month was the big 500-mile trek up to Hoot's. But it was worth it to those of us who went. Our own Monty Mortensen was re-elected president of the Idaho Old Time Fiddler's in a close, hard fought election campaign. Actually he was unopposed. I'm guessing he's doing something right. Our Chairperson, Teresa Mortensen was

awarded the Elroy Woerman Service award and guitar player/singer, Terry received the Rookie of The Year Award.

The scandal of the Hoot's event was bassist Ted Kirkpatrick was caught dancing with a very slim partner. Not only was Ted's new dance partner skinny but she was also very quiet. Ted didn't mind the silent treatment because he found his new partner was light on the feet and let him lead.

Adios, David Schjeldahl

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District 12

Greetings from Salmon!

We have been enjoying a beautiful Fall here in Lemhi County.

Besides our nursing home commitments and weekly Thursday night jams, Ed, Liz, Jerry, and Katie went to Hoots where a good time was had by all.

Betty Morton welcomed us into her home on the 20th. She does not drive after dark anymore but enjoys it when we bring the jam session to her. That evening we celebrated Eliza Fishers 13th birthday. Eliza started taking lessons a year ago with Dianne Spaeth. Now Alicia Bird and Katie are working with her. We also welcomed 2 new members. Dad ,Eryk and daughter, Erykah. Eryk plays guitar but is learning to fiddle. Erykah fiddles and is 13 years old. We are very blessed to have these folks join us. And the best part is that they are as addicted to this music as we are!

Alicia Bird had invited us to have our weekly jams at her dance studio which is behind her house. We now have more room and better acoustics. Thank you for the hospitality Alicia!

We wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

And you know what is just around the corner, so we need to start practicing those Christmas tunes!

Katie

## District 8

Howdy Everybody,

I've been asked by our leader Teresa to write the Newsletter for our group until the wondering Norwegian, Dave Schjeldahl and his wife Yvonne return from winter hibernation and their early fall trip back home to Minot, North Dakota where they enjoyed serving and tasting ice cream at the annual Norwegian Hostfest. I'm sure they had a great time and we are looking forward to the details when they return.

We were talking to a nice lady the other night at one of our plays and we ask her if she knew who we were? She looked at us a little puzzled and said: "No, I don't, but if you 'll walk down to the front desk, they will be able to tell you." Thank goodness for the

front desk.

Lots of fun gigs around town this past month but have missed a few of the gang who have been traveling eastbound and elsewhere making new friends. I started bragging about seeing nine shows in four days while visiting Branson recently only to be outdone by Darryl Harris who took in 12 show in four days. He also visited Heber City, Utah to attend concerts by he Bar J Wrangles and Michael Martin Murphy. One

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thing we can say about the visits, great music everywhere. Even enjoyed visiting the music store in Branson where I purchased a new Mountain Dulcimer. Now the work begins learning how to play Whiskey Before Breakfast. Wish me luck.

Ran into Katie Bonn from Salmon the other day at Walmart and had a nice visit. I ask her what she was doing in town. She said Tom had to have some surgery on one of his fingers and it looks like he won't be picking his nose or his bass with that finger for a while. Anyway, get well soon Tom.

Teresa and Monty have been in Pasco, Washington this past week for Monty's work and to also celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary. Hope they had a great time and congratulations.

I suppose we will all be happy when the election is over this Tuesday. At least we can then start complaining about who won and who lost for what it's worth, but at least we won't have to endure all the commercials from the candidates trying to tell us what they have done, or will do, for our well being! Wow, I'd rather listen to, and play Old Time Fiddle Music any day, how about you?

We are looking forward to a busy fall schedule with our usual plays around town along with a few special plays that make this season so much fun.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and we'll see you next time around.

Saludos y hasta pronto,

Dave Smith



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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