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Happy New Year Everyone

District 8

It's been a great year here in District 8 for the Old Time Fiddlers. Our December was no exception to the fun as we really enjoyed playing music at our usual resident care facilities in the area. It is such a happy time to see extra smiles on the faces of those suffering difficult health and age issues. They always sing along with Christmas tunes and laugh at Teresa's joke about Rudolph being a female. They even thought it was funny when ask what you call Santa who lives at the South Pole...."a lost Claus".

In addition to our regular plays we were able to enjoy playing at the Crown of Life Church in Rigby and the Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls. We also enjoyed a great jam session and dinner together to celebrate the season at "Catered Your Way" here in Idaho Falls. Delicious food and lots of fun music.

We were happy to have Dave Schjeldahl back with us for a few days from the south country. Seems as though he had a problem with a crown on a tooth that required the aid of Dentist and as the story goes, they don't have any Dentists in St. George so he and Yvonne came home for Christmas. Don't suppose that had anything to do with grandkids, but since we only tell true stories in our group we are willing to accept the crown issue as valid.

We've also enjoyed visits from old friends Martin Fewkes visiting from Boise just before Christmas, and Steve Parks dropped in for our gig at the Museum of Idaho and he also played with us last night, along with his son, at Life Care here in Idaho Falls. Steve is from Twin Falls but spends lots of time in the San Diego area. That man can play the fiddle and sing. It was fun having him and others visit with us this month.

We miss some of our group during the winter as they head south. Ted has been gone for over a month now and we get word he is doing great enjoying the sun in southern Arizona. As noted the Schjeldahl's are in Southern Utah and Darryl and Chris Harris are headed south today or tomorrow. Stay warm you guys, as we enjoy the minus whatever temperatures and snow up to the knees here in Eastern Idaho.

One of the great experiences of the month was the chance we had to give a donation to The Haven (a shelter home for single women and their children). We hope our small donation will be helpful in bringing some needed happiness to these families at this special season of the year.

It's on to a New Year in just a few days, so we wish all a very Happy New Year and we look

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forward to seeing you along the trail sometime in 2017.

Dave Smith

District 12

Those of us here in Salmon continue to dig our way out of the snow in order to go play music. Between the snow and cold weather, that is what I call dedication.

The holidays are now behind us.

We rang in the New Year with Ron and Marlene Moore and Martin and Carla Fewkes all from District 5. We appreciate them coming that distance to be with us. A good time was had by all. We also celebrated Carla's recent retirement.

Tom and I are now ready to make our way to Arizona. Especially after a friend plowed out our driveway-again!

We look forward to seeing all of you in the Spring.

Katie

District 5

Hello Fiddlers:

The holidays are over now and I am hoping everyone had fun times with family and friends.

It is time to get back to fiddling around and learning our new songs for the coming year. Perhaps this year we push ourselves a little bit and try to memorize two songs. Wouldn't that be great???? It would be a great challenge for all of us to conquer. Lets give it a try!! It would be a super thing for us singers to do the same!!!

The Christmas party was held at the Golden Corral, in Boise and we had a great turnout. Thanks to all those that supported that event. The food was good and the Monday night group presented us with some great Christmas tunes and we had a cowboy poet present us with a great poem!!!. The evening was filled with laughter and great conversation!! The Monday night group also entertained our square dancing club, Capitol Squares. They did a excellent job and everyone throughly enjoyed them. Thanks soooo much for doing that for our club.

Betty Gull is feeling much better now and is ready to get back to fiddling, however, she is asking for folks to come and help her group . She needs extra fiddlers. If you can do this on Wednesdays, please call her. (887-2113). Betty would also like to thank her fiddling group for taking charge and taking on the play at Morning Star this last month, when she was unable to attend.

The West group has nothing to report for the month of December except to just move forward to another year of good fiddling. I was unable to get in touch with the Monday night group, so I have nothing to report from them.

I do understand that there will be a fiddling workshop in Moses Lake , Washington in July (11th-15th). If anyone is interested in this event, please contact our state chairman, Monty Mortensen at 208-403-2563. or you may email him at fgmpsi@g.mail for all the correct details of this event.

This is about all the news I know about for the month of December. I just want to remind everyone to be sure and take the time to help with the equipment loading and unloading and setting up at each of the plays for your group. This needs to be a team effort for all.

I am hoping that everyone that has been sick this last month are on the mends and are

back to fiddling.

I want to remind everyone again that anyone that has information they want to put in the newsletter for January to please contact me at 208-830-1278 .

I will be making copies of the newsletters coming out this year and handing them out at the monthly meetings and also we are trying to have it on the Web as well for those that have the access to internet. We want everyone to take the time to read and get involved with what is going on in our district.

Lets all make this a great year of fiddling and having fun as a group !!!!!

Remember laughter is great for the soul!!

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

District 9

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Hello fellow players. Decided to surprise you and just write for one more month only to end 2016 and will try my every two months beginning in January 2017.

I am writing this in January and the snow has been something else. I'm sure most of you

are experiencing the same. Have heard the Boise area has really had a time and we hope will get better soon.

But getting back to December -- this was the Christmas songs month and I think we were playing those songs pretty well by the time we finished our play dates. We started with our usual site at Bishop Place on the 6th with a good attendance as all were anxious to hear Christmas music. We are a little rough getting back in the swing of Christmas but all came together and everyone enjoyed. On the 8th we played at Good Sam and then on to Mosby Sr. Meal and Clark Place making quite a run in one day. Then on the 10th we gathered our Christmas Party Potluck and Play for our own enjoyment. It was a snowy day, which kept some from attending, but we played every Christmas song we could think of and a few others. The meal was great and fellowship abounded.

On the 12th we again had a tri-play day with Regency Center, Pullman Sr. Meal, and Circles of Caring. Pullman Sr. Meal was really decorated for Christmas which was even more festive. Many of those attending sang along to the songs they knew and lots of smiles were everywhere. Then on the 16th we played at Potlatch Sr. Meal and on over to Colfax to the Courtyard Sr. Facility. Colfax always has such good attendance and they too did quite a bit of singing.

So that brought us to a total of 9 plays this month along with our Christmas party. We could have scheduled some plays a little earlier in the month so we wouldn't have any dates close to Christmas activities which worked out quite well. And as I mentioned, we were playing music pretty darn well at the last play site.

Now we are in the middle of the snow season going into January and we hope all of you are able to get to play sites and the weather is cooperating. We wish you a great year ahead with lots of good fun and fiddling.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Hello there!

I hope this finds you well! As you may already know, we run an acoustic music camp in Julian, CA, April 11 - 15, 2017. We thought your members & readers would be interested in learning about this event! We were hoping you would publish the info below in your newsletter and calendar. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or suggestions about how to share this opportunity with your music community. Thanks so much!

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District 8

Dear Fiddle Friends,

I've not been very good at getting the letter out before months end and apologize for my laziness this month. Here goes a brief report from District 8.

We spent January in the snow, and plenty of it, here in Eastern Idaho. While there were a few days of what we call the January thaw, the rest of the month was made up of several good storms putting a lot of snow in the mountains and plenty down in the valleys as well. And to top it all off, according to Punxsutawney Phil, its another six week of winter. Wow what exciting news.

Meanwhile, we had a great month of plays at our usual venues around the area. We also had a great jam during the month and worked on a few new tunes.

Some of our members continue their stays in warmer climates. As I write this letter, Elaine and I are enjoying a visit with Chris and Darryl Harris in St. George, Utah. Weather here has been very nice and it hasn't snowed even a flake this week. Two rounds of golf so far and a great gig with the fiddle group in Mesquite this past Monday night where we met up with Dave Schjeldahl who is enjoying the winter in these parts

as well.

The Mortensen's spent a few days in San Diego to enjoy the sun and they took the Idaho weather with them. Lots of rain and wind, but the report is that they enjoyed just standing on the beach with their coats on rather than standing in a snowdrift with the cold wind in their face. I can buy that.

Not too much more news for the month so I'll sign off and look forward to perhaps a little more exciting information in the months again. I have managed to keep my first New Year's resolution – No more dieting in 2017. Been doing real well in that regard.

'Till next time around
have a great month.

Dave Smith

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DISTRICT 5

HELLO FIDDLERS:

WE WERE BEGINING TO THINK THIS SNOW WASN'T GOING TO STOP!!!! HOWEVER, I DO THINK IT WAS PRETTY SITTING AND LOOKING AT IT FALLING FROM THE SKY FROM THE WINDOW INSIDE OUR HOME.

WE HAD A GREAT MEETING AND SEVERAL MUSICIANS ATTENDED OUR LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY. WE ALSO HAD A GREAT ATTENDANCE IN OUR AUDIENCE AND WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THEM COMING TO LISTEN TO OUR MUSIC.

WE NEED TO GET OUR DUES PAID UP TO DATE!. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE

IOTFA FOR TWO YEARS AND ARE OF THE GREAT AGE OF 70 GETS THEIR DUES FREE. THAT'S A GREAT BENEFIT OF BECOMING OLDER

DON'T YOU THINK? THE DUES ARE \$25.00 FOR COUPLES AND \$15.00 FOR SINGLES. SHARON MATHEWS, OUR NEW TREASURER, WILL BE TAKING YOUR MONEY AT THIS COMING MEETING IN MARCH.

THE CD'S ARE FINISHED AND BONNIE LONGSTRETH HAS THE TABLATURE ALONG WITH THE CHORDS FOR THE MUSIC. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE COPIES MADE, THEREFORE ,THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET FOR ANYONE THAT WISHES TO HAVE THIS PACKAGE DEAL. THERE ISN'T A CHARGE FOR THESE IF YOU ARE A IOTF MEMBER. A SUPER BIG BIG BIG THANKS TO BONNIE LONGSTRETH AND ROY VIKIN FOR PREPARING ALL OF THIS MUSIC AND THE CDS FOR ALL OF US . WE ALL MUST REALIZE WHAT DEDICATION AND TIME COMSUMING JOB THIS WAS FOR THEM. YOUR FOLKS ARE DEEPLY

**APPRECIATED!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!. AS OF YET,
THERE HASN'T
BEEN A WORKSHOP
SCHEDULED TO
FOCUS ON USING
THESE CDS.**

**MORE
INFORMATION WILL
COME AT THE
MARCH MEETING.**

**NONE OF THE
FIDDLE GROUPS
HAD ANYTHIING
NEW TO REPORT
EXCEPT BETTY
GULL DID REPORT
THAT SHE HAS
SEVERAL FOLKS**

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OUT SICK THIS WINTER. WE ARE PRAYIING THAT THEY WILL BE BACK FIDDLING WITH THE GROUP SOON.

RON MOORE REPORTD THAT THE SUMMER CAMPOUT NEAR LOWMAN WILL BE JULY 13TH-16TH. THEY HAVE POTLUCK SUPPERS AND SOME BREAKFASTS TOGETHER, CONTESTS TO COMPETE IN, IF DESIRE TO, LOTS OF FELLOWSHIPING AND LAUGHTER!! LETS PUT THIS DATE ON OUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL RON MOORE, 208-397-7133.

HOOTS IS COMING UP QUICKLY!!! NEED TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IF PLANNING ON GOING. LAST YEAR SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS A REAL HOOT!!!! LOTS OF FIDDLING AROUND AND FELLOWSHIPING AND LEARNING NEW TUNES FROM YOUR FELLOW MUSICIANS. THE DATE FOR THIS OUTING IS MAY 5-7TH. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS OUTING PLEASE CALL OUR CHAIRMAN JERRY VANBUREN. 208-546-8232.

RENA LUTE VOLUNTEERED TO PICK UP THE CHICKEN FOR THIS NEXT MEETING IN MARCH. THE POTLUCKS HAVE BEEN GREAT THESE LAST MONTHS, WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE DOING THEIR PART TO HELP TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

WE DO HAVE A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE TO PLEASE HELP PUT THE SENIOR CENTER BACK TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER OUR NIGHT THERE AND BE SO KIND TO HELP WHERE ELSE IS NEEDED.

BETTY GULL GAVE A EXCELLENT READING ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC. WE FOUND OUT THAT MUSIC BRINGS JOY,PEACE AND RELAXATION AND INCREASES OUR BRAIN KNOWLEDGE. LETS REMEMBER THIS THE NEXT TIME WE PLAY OUR MUSIC!!!!!!! THANK YOU BETTY FOR THAT INFORMATION.

I BELIEVE THIS TAKES CARE OF ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE AND HOPEFULLY I DIDN'T LEAVE ANYTHING OUT OF IMPORTANCE. ANYONE HAS INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE PASSED ON IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME. 208-830-1278.

'SPRING SHOWS WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH A DRAB AND DIRTY WORLD'

VIGIL KRAFT

LET'S ALL KEEP A SMILE ON OUR FACE AND PLAY A HAPPY TUNE FOR EACH OTHER...

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

District 8

February certainly has given us an interesting weather pattern here in Southeastern Idaho. We've had snow, wind, rain, sunshine and everything in between this month. Surprising to us all has been the two weeks of very mild weather coupled with quite a bit of rain that melted most of the snow banks around town. Last week we got snow again to cover the lawn and today it is trying to snow a little without much success. Just think, a few more days and it will be March, then April and May doesn't look all that far down the road.

We have been busy this past month with our regular schedule of plays. Each has been a lot of fun and we always look forward to making our rounds each month to visit all of our friends at the different care facilities we visit. Our monthly jam session at Leo's was a lot of fun as well. We tried out a few new tunes to challenge us all and as we get additional practice we will include them in our play schedule.

We were happy to see some of our regulars return to our plays after missing several weeks for various reasons. Chief among our concerns is our banjo man, Charlie Lahm who has had some health problems that have kept him away for a while now. We hope to see him back with us soon. As well, we are also very concerned for our great friend Bob Butler who has had lots of health problems this winter. We pray for him and hope he can soon be out of the hospital and back home.

Not much more to report at this time, so we'll sign off for another month wishing well for everyone out there in fiddle music land. Have a great month.

Dave Smith

District 12

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. at a new location at Bird's Les Schwab Tire Center where Alicia Bird has a nice dance studio that we jam in one end of. It is very pleasant and great atmosphere.

Our snowbirds flew the coup and left us with a few feet of snow and extreme cold weather carrying into February. It has been quite a winter for all the districts. Won't it be nice to see the ground again. Ironically, the seed catalogs started appearing late in December.

We are so fortunate to have some new participants at our jams. Joining our group are Eric Foss (a local music teacher in our charter school) and his daughters Erykah (age 12) and Ilah (age 10). Erykah is taking violin instruction and playing in her school orchestra. She is preparing for the Solo Ensemble at the Idaho State Competition in Southern Idaho (Rexburg). We had the pleasure at the end of our jam Thurs., Feb. 2nd, to hear her play Csardas by Monti which she knows pretty well by heart already after only practicing it for two weeks! This girl lives to play her music and it shows.

We also had young Sarah Tucker (age 9) who is beginning fiddle join us with her proud dad Jim sitting nearby. Our Eliza Fisher appears periodically and asked Santa for a chello for Christmas so it will be interesting to hear how she is doing teaching herself to play. I believe there will be some YouTube lessons.

We have played recently at Betty Morton's home on Carmen Cr. and just a few days ago we had our February Cabin Fever get-together at Jerry and Marion Eastman's residence, playing with a packed house full of musicians. We all had a great time with the variety of instruments, voices and great snacks and soups. Our friends make winter bearable—like rays of sunshine!! Good grief, this has been a long old season.

We are looking forward to the horse and mule sales, a reunion and possibly a wedding. Happy Almost Spring!!!!

Kay Smith

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In some ways it looks like spring is here or it's well on the way in Eastern Idaho. That is to say, you never know what the next hour will bring but we have had some pretty nice weather this past week. Right now, however, it's back to cloudy and overcast again. That means it's spring doesn't it?

We have had a busy month in March with ten plays and a jam, which makes for lots of good music and visiting with friends at each of our venues. We are taking this week off as Monty and Teresa enjoying some time in Albuquerque working and doing some

recording with family. Hopefully they are enjoying some good weather.

At our jam session we reviewed all the fun campouts scheduled just down the road and it looks like a very busy summer. I forgot to write down all of the dates and places so I'll need to get that information in the next newsletter.

With the coming of spring our snowbird gang

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begins their journey back to “good old Idaho” and we hope to see many of them real soon now. We understand some of them are on the way and we wish them all safe travel.

It’s a pretty brief report for the month, but we send our best to all our Old Time Fiddler friends around the state and look forward to seeing you as the year moves on.

Dave Smith

District 6:

Three members helped play for a two-evening benefit dinner concert for the Buhl community in March. The theme was focused on “Irish” since it was just before St. Patrick’s Day and along with several other musical groups, we provided entertainment while the patrons ate dinner. One performer told jokes with an Irish accent and even played a smaller but quieter type of bagpipes which was rather unique but very enjoyable. Hopefully this performance provided a bit of advertising for our organization.

Our snow birds are slowly returning and we will resume our regularly scheduled monthly plays at the assisted living facilities on April 3rd so if you are in the area, come join us.

Mary Baldwin,

Sec/Tr/Reporter

District 9

January-February 2017

IS IT SPRING YET???

Hello from northern Idaho. I am writing to you in the middle of March, but this is the newsletter for January and February, so will hold March for next time. At least we are snow free and there are some signs of spring in the flower beds.

JANUARY

So as you are all aware, January was a pretty bad month for snow and travel not very nice. We managed to get to our first monthly play at Bishop and the residents we're so very glad to see us. It was nice to give them an uplift after the holidays and we were glad we could entertain them. Then we had to cancel our meeting-practice day as there was a very bad storm and it just wasn't worth trying to get out. The next day after what would have been meeting day we usually have our tri-play day where we visit a care center, play for a Sr. noon lunch site and finish with a visit to the Circle of Caring Sr. day care center. Well, that too all had to be cancelled because of the continuation of the storm from the day before. Was a bit discouraging, but better safe than sorry.

We were finally able to get out and play at Good Sam, Kendrick Sr. Meal Site, Moscow Sr. Meal Site and Aspen Care Center rounding out the month. All residents were so glad to see us to give them a little cheer with all the bad weather coming and going. What a month!

FEBRUARY

This month things were better and we were able to visit Bishop Place, Good Sam,

have our meeting and practice, do all three sites for tri-play day and even go to Potlatch and Colfax. Then we rounded out the month with Moscow Sr. Meal site and Clark Place. It was a good feeling to be able to make all the play dates again and enjoy smiles and some laughter at the sites.

So now we are able to continue commitments and look forward to some extra times to play as Spring approaches. We wish you a happy spring and great times ahead this year with fiddlin and fun.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

DISTRICT 5

Hello Fiddlers:

Once again we had a great turn-out for our meeting and jam session. Thanks to everyone that brought food for the potluck and thanks goes out to the folks that stayed and helped put the equipment away and the clean up duties that needed to be done.

We want to remind all the folks that haven't paid their membership dues, that they are due now .

The members of District Five have decided to purchase more of the music books along with the CD's to those that still would like to receive one. Please be sure to let our chairman, Jerry Vanburen, if you are interested in one of these books. His number is 1-208-546-8232.

There isn't much news to report again this month. All of the fiddle groups didn't have anything new to report. All their plays are doing well and folks seem to be staying well.

It is time to start thinking about the responsibilities of the IOTF for next year. Jerry Vanburen has decided to stay chairman for one more year, however, the other duties of treasurer and secretary and co-chairman are left to have folks take part and run for these offices. To keep our club running successfully we all need to take our turn and take part in the leadership.

We elected a nominating committee and these people are Marjean Viken, Linda Lyle and Judy Vanburen. We will be asking people to think about these positions and decide which office you would be interested in doing for the next coming year. Please contact Linda Lyle at 208-830-1278 if you have an interest.

Folks will be going to Hoots the first weekend in May, therefore, our IOTF meeting will be postponed until the 2nd Thursday of May and it will be the same time and etc.

Jerry and Judy Vanburen will be bringing the Chicken for the Potluck for the May meeting and Jam. Thank You!!!!!!

I guess this sums up the report for the month of April. If anyone has anything to report and want to be put in the newsletter, please contact me at 208-830-1278. Also if there is any corrections to be made to this letter.

Did you know that the first dental school in the United States was established at Harvard University in 1867??

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds: and the pessimist fears this is true. James Branch Cabell

Suck on an ice cube before you take a bad tasting medicine. Ice helps deaden the tastebuds.

I hope all of you have a great Easter!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

Hello there!

I hope this finds you well! As you may already know, we run an acoustic music camp in Julian, CA, April 11 - 15, 2017. We thought your members & readers would be interested in learning about this event! We were hoping you would publish the info below in your newsletter and calendar. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or suggestions about how to share this opportunity with your music community. Thanks so much!

The Julian Family Fiddle Camp

April 11 - 15, 2017

Guitar • Mandolin • Fiddle • 'Ukulele • Banjo

Old Time ~ Bluegrass ~ Texas Style ~ Traditional & Swing 'Ukulele

A 5-day music immersion program for people of all ages and musical abilities. The camp is held each April at a beautiful family retreat center near the historic mining town of Julian, CA. All meals, instruction, camp-based activities (swimming, archery, climbing tower) and evening concerts are provided for a single fee. Instructors include: Molly Tuttle, Joe K. Walsh, John Mailander, AJ Lee, Matthew Hartz, Anthony Mature, Avery Merritt, Nina Weisman, Henry Barnes, Craig Lee, Sarah Maisel, Dan Gelbert, Jennifer Albrent and Luke Price. Questions? Email info@familyfiddlecamp.com or call (760) 522-8458. Register online at www.FamilyFiddleCamp.com.

Best wishes,

Rachel Wohlander

Coordinator

Julian Family Fiddle Camp



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District 12 Newsletter – March & April 2017

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

We still jam every Thurs. evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 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. at a new location at Bird's Les Schwab Tire Center where Alicia Bird has a nice dance studio that we jam in one end of. It is very pleasant and great atmosphere.

We look forward to the annual horse and mule sales (April 7 & 8 this year) at our County Fairgrounds where we fiddle and enjoy entertaining. This year, the building that the sale is in collapsed under the weight of the snow and ice. It caused quite a turmoil as the sale is always in April and that did not give enough time to rebuild! So,

a huge eight-pole tent was rented and transported to Salmon (I believe from Jackson Hole, MT). We ended up in the tent hoping that it wouldn't blow down on us! The weather wasn't ideal with some rain and wind, but it turned out to be the highest income sales to date for both the mules and horses. Fred Snook does a great job promoting this event and I'd bet that they have a start on it now for next year already. Our playing is sponsored by the Eagle Valley Ranch.

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I have been visiting with locals lately and am just amazed at how many musical groups there are in Lemhi County. There are jam sessions going on in several locations that most in the community are unaware of. One link, I have discovered, is our very own Jerry Eastman, who belongs to at least four groups. Good for you, Jerry! He is such an interesting person who can play several instruments, and sing too!

I picked up a little tidbit in our own weekly Recorder Herald: The fiddle was named the state musical instrument of Missouri in 1987. This made me wonder—does Idaho have a state musical instrument?

Happy playing and keep on smiling!

Kay Smith

Salmon, ID

District 8

Hello Everyone,

We send greetings to all of you from here in South Eastern Idaho where winter is winter, spring and fall are winter and if doesn't warm up soon, summer will be winter. However, the biggest sign of a change is the steady arrival of our snowbirds returning home from the south over the past few weeks. It's good to have them back in the group as we enjoy their friendship and contribution to Old Time Fiddle music.

We have had our usual busy month of scheduled plays with a few extra gigs thrown in from time to time including a fun play we had last Saturday playing at a breakfast sponsored by the Shelley Senior Citizens. It was a fun morning and we were glad they fed us well to start the day because after 2½ hour of great music some of us were pretty tired.

Upcoming events for everyone's calendars include the following dates:

District 8 Campout - Weekend of June 5th (Friday – Sunday)

Cedar Park Golf Course – Rigby, Idaho

Lowman Campout – Weekend of July 15 (Thursday – Sunday)

Lowman, Idaho

Salmon Campout – Weekend of August 12 (Friday – Sunday)

Salmon, Idaho

We look forward to seeing many of our great friends at these events and at Hoots this weekend.

Here's to a great summer (if it ever gets here), and watch out for any ducks you see flying upside down, they tend to quack up.

Dave Smith

District 8 –

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Lowman Campout – Weekend of July 15 (Thursday – Sunday)

Lowman, Idaho

Salmon Campout – Weekend of August 12 (Friday – Sunday)

Salmon, Idaho

Howdy From District 8

June 5th, 2017

I'm back and still fiddlin'. The weather is finally, really looking like summer. Speaking of which another Cedar Park Campout has come and gone again. Attendance ranged from 26 to 35 with folks participating from Salt Lake City to Weiser and Salmon to Pocatello. The World Championship Putting Contest was closely contested with Darryl Harris coming through for his third win. Harold Sorenson was a close second.

David Smith took over the barbeque ribs supper on Saturday evening and hit a big one by adding smoke brisket to the menu. Way to go Dave! And hat's off to all the cooks who contributed to the great potluck on Friday and the pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. Writing all that down makes it sound like we ate more than we jammed- but we didn't. We ate a lot but we jammed more. We jammed til our fingers hurt and then jammed some more.

The band scramble was closely contested with some controversy over the winning team that included the boss (AKA Teresa). Politics were alive and well. All of the bands were darn pretty good.

If you missed it this year's Cedar Park Camp Out, mark your calendar for the first weekend in June 2018. It will be here before you know it.

To help save the economy, president Trump announced that he will start deporting seniors in order to lower Social Security and

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Medicare costs. He said old people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home.

As usual, our June calendar is busy with eleven plays including a couple of extras- a Farmer's Market and an appearance at the Humanitarian Center.

Adios, David Schjeldahl



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Upcoming events for everyone's calendars include the following dates:

Salmon Campout – Weekend of August 12 (Friday – Sunday)

Salmon, Idaho

District 8 News for July,

It's July in Southeastern Idaho and we are enjoying the warmth that makes our cold winters a distant memory. We are enjoying every minute of it.

Our group has been very busy over the past four weeks not only with our regular stops around town, but some special events we all enjoy this time of year. We had a great time playing for passersby at the downtown Farmers Market in late June. A change of venue was very well received as we moved from the bank parking lot to Memorial Drive along the Snake River. There seemed to be a much bigger crowd this year and it was a lot of fun. That afternoon we played for a picnic lunch hosted by the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center. It was a large appreciative crowd held in a well-groomed back yard garden on South Hitt Road in Idaho Falls. Lots of fun people who really enjoyed the music and we really enjoyed the food as well.

We've been in Island Park and Virginia City this past weekend playing for some great people at Darryl Harris's cabin and at the Red Rock RV Park. Good crowds at each place. We even escaped an afternoon rainstorm at the RV Park which started as we arrived and stopped just in time for us to enjoy a great meal and another great play. We always enjoy playing for this great group of people.

The following day we drove to Virginia City, Montana for two events. Our first play was at the old remodeled Torch Theater along Main Street in Virginia City. The audience was folks walking along the boardwalks of this old historic Montana town who were visiting the shops and eateries available. It was a fun play and we enjoyed meeting and visiting with a lot of interesting folks from many parts of the country.

The evening performance was held at Elling House Mansion located off Main Street above the main part of town. This beautiful old home is the meeting place of the Arts and Humanity group in Virginia City who filled the performance area with a group of interesting and enthusiastic folks from many parts of the Country. We had so much fun playing for these folks who were so receptive to the music

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and laughed at our jokes. We came away commenting what a great day we had in Virginia City.

Before we returned home we played two additional private gigs in Island Park at the Harris Cabin and enjoyed a fantastic backcountry ride in OTR vehicles up over the continental divide into Montana for lunch at the Elk Lake Resort. What a spectacular ride and delicious lunch.

We are looking forward to a lot more fun and good times for the rest of the month, including our jam session and potluck on July 18th.

Hope everyone else is having as much fun as we are this summer. See you all down the road somewhere.

Dave Smith



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District 8

Greetings from all of us here in District 8, and what month we have had. In addition to our regular plays around town on Monday and Wednesday evenings we did three private parties in Island Park at Darryl Harris's Cabin, a special afternoon play at Harriman Park Days, and also a performance at the Mud Lake Museum as part of their Pioneer Days Celebration. All of our audiences were exceptional and we were able to engage them in the fun music we played, including great participation in the "wiggle."

We also had a great time at our monthly jam session with a delicious potluck dinner and for the first time this season we had unburned chicken. With a little practice we are finally learning how to cook chicken on the barbeque and actually be able to eat it without having to scrape all the black off it. Things are looking up.

We are also happy to have our entire group back from vacations and have enjoyed listening to their travel experiences. It's always fun to listen to their experiences and share in any new jokes they may have heard along the way.

Speaking of jokes, you should know that Elaine and I were picking our car up at the dealership the other day after it had been serviced, and we were told the keys had been accidentally locked in the car. So we went out to the service department and found a mechanic feverishly working to unlock the driver's side door. Elaine walked around on

the other side of the car and instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was unlock. She announced to the technician, “it’s open.” He replied, “I know, I already did that side.”....Better check the oil soon, don’t you think?

Hope you all have a great August. Looking at our schedule tells me we’ll be “on the road again” for a lot of fun and good food.

All the best,

Dave Smith

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District 6 News for Summer, 2017

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



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District 8

Greetings from Southeastern Idaho where fall has arrived the past two weeks with lots of rain and cold temperatures. I haven't completely given up on golf yet, but I took the clubs out of the trunk and put them in the garage anticipating at least a few more sunny days before the snow arrives.

As has been the case over the last few months, September was another busy month. In addition to our regular plays we had a great time playing for a high school class reunion group where those participating were the age of many, but certainly not all of our group. They remembered how to dance the two-step and to waltz as well. And, the food was outstanding, as you would expect.

Our Business meeting was held on September 19th in conjunction with a monthly jam and a potluck dinner. We had good attendance and we re-elected Teresa Mortensen as our Chairman, Mauna Kerswell as Vice Chairman, Val Crow as our Treasurer and Karlene Crow as our Historian. It was a spirited election with all candidates being elected by acclamation and we did not have to listen to any campaign speeches. Harold Sorensen agreed to continue as the Calendar Guy, and I'll plug out a Newsletter from time to time.

We wish a speedy recovery to our fiddle friends Laura Alderdyce who has had some heart problems, Janet Richardson who had knee surgery and one of our bass players Mauna Kerswell who will be recovering this week from shoulder surgery. Hope they are both back with us real soon.

I've been noticing some things of late that indicate I'm getting a little older like; the little older grey haired lady I helped across the street the other day turned out to be my wife Elaine; and, even though I know most of the answers, nobody asks me any questions anymore. My knees buckle and my belt won't, and it is really bad when you enjoy hearing about other people's operations.

Have a great October everyone and keep on playing that great fiddle music.

Dave Smith

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District 5

Hello Fiddlers:

Our September Jam was a great time of getting together and kicking off the next season of fiddlin around. An interesting jam dominated by fiddlers – and that was good. There was some really good music played that night and our audience really enjoyed themselves. Our business session was of interest also. All three of our playing groups, the Night Group, West Group and the East Group were well represented. It was encouraging to see a few new faces there as well as some “old” faces too. No insult intended.

Our officers for District 5 were elected as follows: Chairman-Jerry Van Buren; Co-Chairs; East Group –Betty Gull, West Group –Richard Mathews, Night group Bonnie Longstreth; Treasurer – Mary Lopshire; and Historian-Patty Sharp; Reporter – Linda Lyle. Thanks to all those who volunteered to lead District thru the next year.

The monthly jam at Eagle Sr. Citizens is a performance jam open for public attendance. Virgil Smitchger was a regular attender at our jam. He died and one of his requests was that honorariums be given to District 5 in his name. We were honored to receive a total of \$675 in memory. RIP Virgil. At times you may wonder if we make a difference; this says loudly, we do. K

Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 7 and the place and time to be announced.

We sure hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful fall weather and also we

pray that everyone did well over the summer months and learned a new tune or fixed up a old one!!!

Not too much to report this month of October. The highlight of district five this year was the celebration of Phoenix Fullington and his 90th birthday, and also a plaque was presented to him for the 50 years of service with IOTF. He sang and played his guitar and entertained us all. Phoenix also was a World War II veteran. He is a great man, a great musician, and always a crowd pleaser. A great big thanks to you again Phoenix for sharing your talents with us all!!!!

We were able to attend the annual meeting this year at Hoots on October 13-14. This was our first time to attend this fall meeting. What a beautiful drive this time of year to come to Hoots and enjoy all the activities. We were soo thankful that we didn't run into any snow on the roads, like others did coming from different directions. Next year the fiddlers have decided to set the date up to the LAST weekend in

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September. Perhaps this will make driving conditions and other reasons for not being able to come easier on everyone. Please put Hoots on your calendars for 2018, we must keep this event going!!!! If you don't have reservations yet, perhaps now would be a good time to check the dates and book a hotel room. We had lots of jamming and lots of catching up on news with old friends and we also learned some new songs. Saturday night was a Hoot!!! we had a enough folks to divide for three groups to play for the dancing. They even had people we didn't know dancing!!!! The music was great in all groups!!! The dinner Hootie put on for all of us again was fantastic!!!!!! Our appreciation and a big THANKS! goes out to her and her staff.

If anyone has information or things of interest to put in the newsletter please feel free to call me (208-830-1278) or email me (laly7060@aol.com)

Remember to always keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face. This always makes a happier day for everyone!!!

Your reporter

Linda Lyle

Lets praise God for all OUR musical talents!

District 8

We trust all are enjoying the arrival of fall here in Idaho with the customary fall colors, frost in the mornings and the always-present wind. Nonetheless, the pleasant days (for the most part) and the change to cooler or colder nights signals the changing of the seasons in this special part of Idaho.

For our District 8 group we had a pretty busy month highlighted by the semi-annual trip to White Bird for Hoots. We had five of our members attend the event and everyone enjoyed a great time. The music was outstanding, the pancakes and eggs were as good as ever, and the association with great friends was the highlight of the trip. President Mortensen conducted the business meeting in his usual outstanding way and business was completed one minute ahead of last year's record time.

We have been very busy with our regular plays here in the District this past month and have a busy schedule set for November as we approach the Holiday Season. Our Sun Birds, Darryl Harris and Dave Schjeldahl have headed south for the winter and Ted Kirkpatrick won't be far behind we understand. We will miss them but will continue on with our busy schedule during the fall and winter months. We are also looking forward to music workshops we have planned with the Conroy's from Montana on November 17th and 18th. Should be a great experience.

We are happy to report that Mauna Kerswell is recovering well from her recent surgery and is back playing the bass again. We also understand that Laura Alderdyce is feeling better and we hope she will be able to rejoin us soon. As well, Janet Richardson is on the mend following her surgery and we anticipate she will be back fiddling soon. We are sorry to report the passing of one of our long time friends and supporters Dora Goldman whose funeral was held this past Monday here in Idaho Falls. Dora loved Old Time Fiddle music and we enjoyed seeing her at many of our plays each week. She was a great lady and lived a long and productive life.

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone and don't get caught like I did the other day. I tried to straighten out the wrinkles in my stockings only to discover I didn't have any on. One of those getting old things I guess.

Dave Smith

District 12

Hello to all from Salmon!

It seems like our pretty Fall season was cut short. In October we were getting snow in our higher mountains and cooler temperatures and rain down here in the valley.

Ed and Liz Jenkins, and myself made it to Hoots once we got past the snowy, slick roads past Salmon and Lost Trail Pass. Funny what we musician's will do just to get together and play music. It was a smaller attendance but those of us there enjoyed the hours of playing and fellowship.

We have been learning some new fiddle tunes and even practicing those Christmas tunes. Tis the season especially when you only play those tunes for 1 month out of the year. You need to shake the dust off of them!

For those of you who would like to learn some new tunes, I have a couple of sites to offer you.

Patti Kusturok 365 days of fiddle tunes playlist on You Tube

Dave Brinkman <https://sites.google.com/site/banjos/home/fiddle-and-banjo-tunes>.

I enjoy Patti's and Dave's style of playing. Patti is Canadian and a great musician. Dave lives in Surprise, Arizona. He was a professor of music and is a personal friend of mine. He plays fiddle, guitar, and banjo in bluegrass bands in Arizona, teaches, and writes his own tunes. Charlie, there are banjo tunes for you!

I hope you all enjoy these 2 sites as much as I do.

Until next month, when the weather is bad outside, work on a tune.

Katie



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A Good Winter Afternoon to All,

We've been wondering for a long time now about the coming of snow and winter. It arrived last night and while it is a chilly sunny day today allowing for some melt off on the streets, we are finally into the winter season.

November was a great month for our group. We kept busy with our usual plays around town and were happy to have Janet Richardson and Laura Alderdyce back with us following recent health issues. They help fill up our group now that our snowbirds have headed south for the winter.

The highlight of the month was a two-day workshop session featuring instruction from our friends Mike and Tari Conroy from Conner, Montana. We had one hour teaching sessions each day with Mike and Tari on fiddle, guitar, bass, mandolin, banjo and dobro; and, we even threw in a few minutes on the mountain dulcimer.

It is so good to get instruction from these two talented professionals to help with many aspects of old time fiddle music. We are hopeful this can become an annual event for our group each year to help us with all sorts of things to make our music sound even

better. We also enjoyed Mike and Tari joining us for a play a Parkwood Assisted Living Center the evening of the 17th. The addition of those mandolin runs really made the evening a big hit for everyone.

We've launched the month of December with our regular monthly play schedule and are anticipating lots of fun spreading some Christmas cheer about town.

In the meantime we extend the best of Christmas wishes to everyone anticipating you will enjoy the season with family and loved ones wherever they may be.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year,

Dave Smith reporting.

Tribute to a great fiddler
friend.

At this Christmas Season
District 8 would like to
salute a very special
member of our group,
97-year-old Inga Tyler
who we believe to be the
oldest active Old Time
Fiddler around these
parts. She certainly
holds that distinction

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Inga continues to participate in as many of our events as possible. She even has a new case for her guitar which she says is much nicer than the old case which had snap locks on it that seemed to always “snap” open rather than remain closed for moving from place to place with her guitar.

Inga is one of the most interesting persons you could ever know. She has lived a long productive life full of extraordinary experiences and has contributed much to her community, church and family.

She has been a life long musician taking up the piano at an early age and bridging her piano experience into playing the organ where she served for many years playing at many of her church meetings. Sometime after her marriage to Fenton Tyler in 1977 (her first husband Clayton DaBell passed away in 1975) she took her son Verlyn’s questionable guitar into Chesbro Music in Idaho Falls to see if could be fixed up. As she puts it, “I came out with a new guitar.” That same year she attended Education Week at BYU in Provo and took five guitar lessons in five days. “Tender fingers” was her reaction to this experience but soon thereafter her next instructor, Jerry Cotterell, got her involved with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers who made her feel warm and welcome.

Inga has traveled the world including visits to Egypt, Jerusalem, Russia, Hawaii, and several other LDS Church History tours. In 2009, at age 89, she visited all of her children, driving solo to Las Vegas, Nevada; Bremerton, Washington; and Omaha, Nebraska.

She now tells us her three sons gave her a zero turn lawn mower “which is great for keeping the acreage in good shape. I have it good,” she remarks.

So a big year-end Christmas salute to our great friend and true Old Time Fiddler, Inga Tyler. We hope you have many more years allowing us to enjoy your music and your great legacy of a truly grand pioneer lady. Thanks Inga for everything and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and another great New Year.

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