

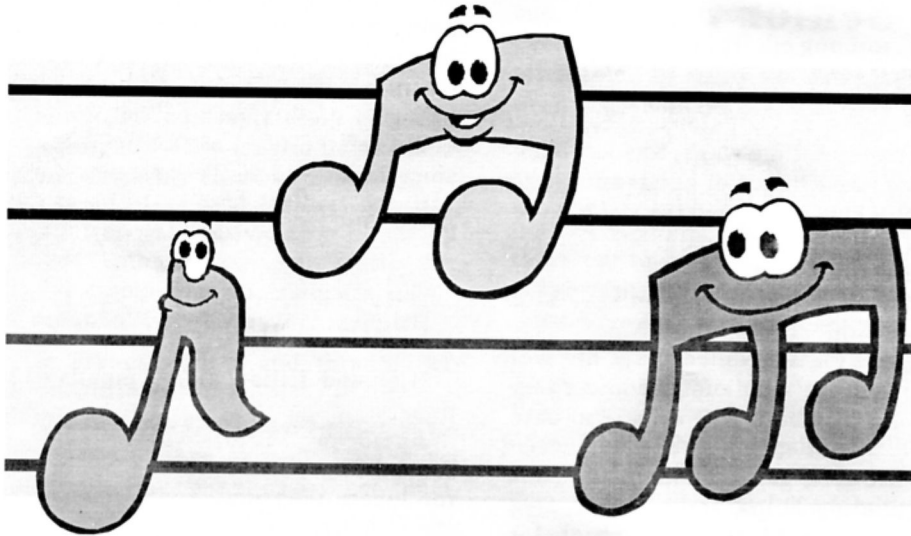


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District 2

Get-together at State Jam at Hoot's was a memorable event

The State Jam at Hoot's this year was a memorable event, especially for our District. I was particularly glad to see old friends Inez and Howard Altman who made it to Hoot's one more time. And Chloe Byrd, one of our District's Associate members, managed to make it to Hoot's again from Vancouver, Wash. Although overall attendance at Hoot's was down from last year, the jam sessions were very good throughout the whole weekend, with some that started as early as Thursday afternoon. (This was a long weekend for yours truly, as I was packing up the sound equipment around 1 a.m. Saturday night when the dancing wound down, and by 9 a.m. I was frying hamburgers in

the Legion concession at the Riggins Rodeo.) Marian and Bob Wikoff departed the activities at Hoot's a bit early so that Marian could provide guitar backup for Sharon Wolfe's fiddle students at her recital in Lewiston.

We are encouraged to see that Netta Ellsworth is again getting around and attending fiddle plays. It never ceases to amaze me how our members still continue to stay involved in spite of some very serious health and age challenges.

With the end of the school year, Fran Caward's student fiddlers in Riggins are starting the break for the summer. Working with student fiddlers is becoming a prominent part of the activities of several of our District members

who actively assist area fiddle teachers on a regular basis.

In the District Two area, there are currently around 30 fiddle students that we have been involved with, and it really is about the only way we now have to pass on the old fiddle tunes and the older ways of playing them. Actually, several of our current regular players started out as students. It is some of these folks who are now starting to pick up some of the fiddle playing load behind those who have gone from us, making it possible for us to still present an hour or more of solid old fiddle music that reflects well on our organization and upholds its main purpose.

Upcoming Play Dates:

July 4 at Grangeville City Park Pavilion at 2 p.m.

The Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood is coming up the first weekend in August, but the hours haven't been set yet. Watch for more details.

—GMS



June 19-24 — National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Festival in Weiser.

