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District 4

Open acoustic jams are huge success with large attendance

Again in February, the Open Acoustic Jam was a great success. It was well attended by musicians and restaurant patrons at Cold Mountain Creek here in Emmett. The main purpose of the jams is to try to recruit new members, which happened in January but not in February. The restaurant owner is delighted with the format and wants us to continue. So we are holding another jam on Saturday, March 14. Hopefully, we can find some other new members. In order to meet this main goal, this jam is limited to District 4 members along with prospective new members.

We (Ron and Marlene) have returned from the Arizona desert...just in time for our March meeting last night. We were delighted to have Marian and Bob Baird join us along with Coy from Eagle. We also had a couple of spectators. It's always nice to have others join us. We had a wonderful time down south and enjoyed playing music at many different places. Plus it was wonderful to travel with other IOTFA members! But now, we'll have to wait until Hoots to get together again!

In February, the usual plays at the health care facilities were held. Thanks again to Ken Tooley, Glenda Rogers and Don and Beverly Ikenberry for doing the set-up work, refreshments and planning/preparation to keep up with the scheduled plays, meetings and the Open Acoustic Jam while we were gone. We really appreciate all of your efforts!

Now that we're into March, we will be returning to the Horseshoe

Bend Senior Center for the potluck/jam sessions on the third Saturday of each month. The jam starts at 5 p.m. with the potluck at 6 p.m. We'll plan to play until around 8:30 or so. Hope to see everyone there on Saturday, March 21!

-Marlene Moore

District 5

Music of the season keeps fiddlers busy

District 5 hometowners (not snowbirds) have made it through another winter. We are looking forward to the spring and summer campouts, maybe workshops, Hoots, Weiser, and picnics. The love songs are finished and we are now onto Irish songs. We need a workshop on Irish songs to get ready for next year.

I have been checking on some of our lifetime members so here are a few rumors about them.

Ruth and Dee Smith over in Nampa are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary at the New Hope Baptist Church on March 28, at 1:30 p.m. Only yesterday they were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Ruth and Dee.

Marion and Mary Moore are sticking close to home. Marion is getting treatment for his back.

Willard and Muriel Plush, last we heard, were at Karcher Estates. We hope Willard got there with his banjo so he can keep on entertaining those around him.

Our chairmen report a good show for the regular plays where some new songs are being presented. For our play at the Veterans in Boise, Buck Lee played "Over The Waves," an all time favorite with us. Buck is truly an old time player. Old time fiddle is an art. It requires instinct and memory rather than exact measurements.

We were honored by a visit from our President Jerry Eastman. He really gets around and we enjoyed getting him for our meeting.

I have another rumor. The National Oldtime Fiddlers' Office will be moving from their current location to Slocum Hall. This is one of the buildings at the Institute across from the Weiser High School. It is the one next to the Snake River Heritage Museum. This will give them much needed room to develop the Fiddle Hall of Fame and Museum. So when we go to the National Contest we can check it out.

Bonnie is planning to go ahead with her monthly workshop. That is a help to us all. Thanks Bonnie.

And that's about all.

-Ava



May 1 and 2 - Spring Jam at Hoot's Cafe at Whitebird.

May 29, 30, 31 - State Fiddle Show at Cedar Park Golf Course, Rigby, Idaho. More info coming.

