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Howdy From District 8
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Well we made it through another- busy December and year. Christmas season is over, but what good memories. In addition to our regular Monday and Wednesday plays we had eight special plays this month and a wonderful Christmas party and jam at the Harris' home. Thanks Chris and Darryl for hosting us. Our last, sort of, Christmas play will be on Dec. 26th at the Idaho Falls Museum from 2 - 3 P.M.

December is a special time to share Old Time Fiddling. Tunes like Jingle Bells, Silent Night and Santa Claus Is Coming To Town become standard fare and easily put smiles on faces of kids from two to ninety-two. Santa arrived during several of our plays. What a great time of the year.

December was a big time birthday month for our group too. A great big Happy Birthday to Harold Sorensen, Charlie Lahm and Monty Mortenson. Just remember boys, with age come skills. It's called multi-tasking. I can fiddle, laugh, cough, sneeze, and pee all at the same time. Dang!! My advice to you is don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up!

Many of us are getting ready to head south til spring. Dave Smith will be heading to Mexico for a two year church mission. Darryl Harris will be heading to Mesquite, NV where he is helping to organize a group of

musicians for jamming and invite plays. Ted Kirkpatrick will be heading south soon. Yours truly will be heading south til it warms up. Not sure yet on the where and when. The adventure continues. Right now we're looking forward to warmer weather, but before long we'll be looking forward to getting back home and to playing with our fiddle friends again.

My New Year resolution is going to be to relearn some of my favorite fiddle tune. Tunes like Fisher's Hornpipe, Rachael, Sailor's Hornpipe, Cookoo's Nest, Beggar Man (aka Red Haired Boy), Ook Pick and St. Ann's Reel. All great tunes, I don't know why I ever quit playing them. Time to

rediscover them again.

Don't forget to put the Spring Fiddle Contest on your schedule. It is currently scheduled for May 9th and 10th, here in the Idaho Falls area. It will NOT be a certified contest so we are not bound by Weiser rule. It will be a fun contest with many special categories.

I want to end with a special "Thank You" to all my Old Time Fiddler friends here. They are so kind and generous with their talents, time and their

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music. It is a pleasure to be with them and a very special blessing for me to be able to play with them. Thank you.

May your neighbors respect you, may trouble neglect you and may the Angels protect you now and on into the New Year.

Happy New Year
Dave Schjeldahl