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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!!!

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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.