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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

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

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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,

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