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Hello from District 8.

All of our snowbirds are home except Dave Schjeldahl. I think he is staying down south just so he won't have to write this newsletter. We will be glad to have him back someday, but it is very nice having all the rest home.

We have had some new members lately and we are very happy about that. Dave Black, Steve Adams, both play guitar and sing. Steve has been a member for about 6 months and Dave for about a month. We hope we keep finding new members. Now we could use some new fiddle players. Most of the time, we only have 2-3 out of our 15-20 members at each play. You might think we are the Old Time Guitarists. But we do love all of our members and we do have fun.

We are going to try a couple of new facilities this month and see if we can fit them into our schedule. Homestead living in St. Anthony and the Rosslaire apartments in Idaho Falls. We have dropped a few due to lack of attendance so I think this will fill us back up nicely.

April brings us to our 3rd Annual Food Drive. We will be holding it in Idaho Falls and benefitting the Idaho Fall Food Basket. We have some free advertising this year which will be wonderful to help us spread the word. We are very excited about this benefit every year. The Sites Music Students join us, because, let's face it, the public will always come to watch kids play music. Some of these students are national champions and some have gone on further than that and won the Grand Master award and even played at the Grand Ole Opry. They are wonderful to watch.

Hoots is coming up on the 28th of April –May 1st. Workshops are scheduled and teachers are ready to go. I, for one, am very excited to join the workshops again this year. If you haven't been to these, you really need to come.

That's it for this district for this month. Hope to see you at Hoots. Music is good for the soul. Play as often as you can for as many as you can. This is a true blessing in our lives.

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