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Hello from sunny Eastern Idaho. Well, mostly sunny anyhow. We have unseasonably warm weather which I for one am enjoying. I hope I don't jinx it by saying that.

We have some unexpected interest in our group which is very welcome. We have one new member, Joe Cohea, that sings and is just learning to play the Mandolln. He is taking lessons from a great teacher and I think he will be great very soon. Mauna Kerswell has taken up the bass. Her husband was already a member so she decided to join in. She is doing great.

We have also had about 3 other show up from time to time. . Hopefully they will come and join our district.

Our annual Rigby campout is the First weekend in June. The 5-7th and we are hoping all will come to that and enjoy a great time with us.

Our snowbirds are slowing returning to the nest. I did say slowly right? Some won't be back until May!! That is not even winter anymore. Oh well, we miss them and it will be good to have them back.

Don't forget Hoots the weekend of May 1-3. For all of you who have never come, you need to come experience Hoots. And for those of you that love it like me, we will see you there.

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Not much was reported for the month of March; However, we have to note that we had several beautiful, sunny days in March and Hopefully we can have a lovely spring month in April.

We have one birthday that was mentioned at the April meeting and his

name is Virgil Smitcher. He is turning 90 years old and he would like everyone to help him to celebrate this wonderful occasion on Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Eagle Senior Center in Eagle Idaho. Hope everyone can attend this wonderful occasion. He also requested "no gift"s.

Jerry VanBuren, you were missed this last

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week and hopefully you are feeling better now. Everyone gave you a high five for the work you did while filling in for our chairman, Jack Moon. Great job well done!!!!!!

Leslie Peck has provided us with 2 songs in which to learn and they are Florence Kellen's Waltz and Otis Howard Schottische. I hope that we all will take the time to practice these songs and learn them well. Leslie will be making copies for these songs each month and bringing them to the meeting, therefore, all of you will be able to have a copy. Our chairman, Jack Moon, is trying to get all the bugs worked out so those folks who want their songs sent to you via e-mail will get them.. Patience!!!!

Several suggestions are being made to help support the fiddlers. These suggestions will be talked about more as time passes on in which we make some contacts and find out the proper information in which we can carry these ideas forward. Jack is checking into all these things, so perhaps by the next meeting we will have some solid information to share with everyone.

Jack gave out great 6 great tips for a successful play and they are as follows:

1. Tune your instrument before the play begins.
2. Know the song and the key in which you are going to play before performing.
3. People playing in the background for back up, play softly so you don't over power the performer.
4. While performing listen to the beat and stay on it.
5. Pay attention and know when it is your turn to get up to the mic to perform.

6. Do your part at the end of the play and help take down the equipment and help carry items to the proper place and to help where rooms need to be put back in order, such as chairs and tables.

I think these are all great ideas and will be a great help to everyone involved.

We want to remind everyone of the meeting and jam session on May 2nd and 3rd at Hoots. Get your reservations in early and come out and have lots of fun fiddling, socializing and eating. Someone also told me their would be dancing.... hum, hope that is true!!

I want to remind everyone if there is anything you want to be put in the newsletter each month, please feel free to call me at 208-830-1278 (Linda Lyle). I don't want to leave anyones news OUT.

Keep a fiddle song in your heart and a smile on your face while playing a tune!!!

Your District 5 Reporter Linda Lyle