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District 12 Newsletter – March & April 2017

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

We still jam every Thurs. evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Regular plays at Discovery Care Centre and The Meadows Assisted Living are on our agenda the first two Thursdays of each month. We are warmly welcomed at both places and enjoy the residents. Then we are off to jam til 10:00 p.m. at a new location at Bird's Les Schwab Tire Center where Alicia Bird has a nice dance studio that we jam in one end of. It is very pleasant and great atmosphere.

We look forward to the annual horse and mule sales (April 7 & 8 this year) at our County Fairgrounds where we fiddle and enjoy entertaining. This year, the building that the sale is in collapsed under the weight of the snow and ice. It caused quite a turmoil as the sale is always in April and that did not give enough time to rebuild! So,

a huge eight-pole tent was rented and transported to Salmon (I believe from Jackson Hole, MT). We ended up in the tent hoping that it wouldn't blow down on us! The weather wasn't ideal with some rain and wind, but it turned out to be the highest income sales to date for both the mules and horses. Fred Snook does a great job promoting this event and I'd bet that they have a start on it now for next year already. Our playing is sponsored by the Eagle Valley Ranch.

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I have been visiting with locals lately and am just amazed at how many musical groups there are in Lemhi County. There are jam sessions going on in several locations that most in the community are unaware of. One link, I have discovered, is our very own Jerry Eastman, who belongs to at least four groups. Good for you, Jerry! He is such an interesting person who can play several instruments, and sing too!

I picked up a little tidbit in our own weekly Recorder Herald: The fiddle was named the state musical instrument of Missouri in 1987. This made me wonder—does Idaho have a state musical instrument?

Happy playing and keep on smiling!

Kay Smith

Salmon, ID

District 8

Hello Everyone,

We send greetings to all of you from here in South Eastern Idaho where winter is winter, spring and fall are winter and if doesn't warm up soon, summer will be winter. However, the biggest sign of a change is the steady arrival of our snowbirds returning home from the south over the past few weeks. It's good to have them back in the group as we enjoy their friendship and contribution to Old Time Fiddle music.

We have had our usual busy month of scheduled plays with a few extra gigs thrown in from time to time including a fun play we had last Saturday playing at a breakfast sponsored by the Shelley Senior Citizens. It was a fun morning and we were glad they fed us well to start the day because after 2½ hour of great music some of us were pretty tired.

Upcoming events for everyone's calendars include the following dates:

District 8 Campout - Weekend of June 5th (Friday – Sunday)

Cedar Park Golf Course – Rigby, Idaho

Lowman Campout – Weekend of July 15 (Thursday – Sunday)

Lowman, Idaho

Salmon Campout – Weekend of August 12 (Friday – Sunday)

Salmon, Idaho

We look forward to seeing many of our great friends at these events and at Hoots this weekend.

Here's to a great summer (if it ever gets here), and watch out for any ducks you see flying upside down, they tend to quack up.

Dave Smith

District 8 –

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