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## DISTRICT 8

Thanks to Teresa for last month's newsletter, I appreciated it. I kind of "dropped the ball", but I had no desire or news to pass along. Needless to say, my idea of an interactive newsletter has not worked out too well! I have not received anything or heard anything from District 8 members, and without input, there is no output!

### **Chicken Little**

Oh! is it time to wake up yet? I think I have been in hibernation for the past five months. I'm kind of afraid to go outside! I'm afraid the sky might fall on me! Ya', I guess that's the "chicken little" coming out in me!

I know, times have changed, I am not the same little boy who read and kind of believed in fairy tales like "chicken little" but look at it this way. In today's world, would you consider taking off on a trip to - say, St. George, Utah, on uncertain road conditions (COVID 19), in an old vehicle that has seen better days, (the elderly) without even buckling up your seatbelts, (face masks, social distances) just so you can "toot your horn" (play and sing)? As for myself, I guess that I do believe in "Chicken Little".

I know many of you may feel as healthy as young pups, I also know that many of us are in a "high risk" group, (over the age of 65, or have underlying health conditions) of contracting the dreaded COVID-19 disease. I also know we are all looking forward to the time we can all get together and "toot our horns".

District 8 is trying to “softly” re-enter our presence in our communities by playing in smaller groups (five or six players), on the outside the facilities doors to maintain social distancing. I guess we all need to “suck it up” and not be offended if we are not all invited to some of the plays. After all, sometimes we would get as many as ten or fifteen players at some of our plays (kind of excessive), but we are now in a pandemic situation and not in “normal” times!

**“What-cha-been-doing”?**

I’m kind of fishing for some response from our readers (if there are any) so humor me and let us know what you have been doing during this “lockdown”? It might be kind of fun to hear of your experience (or inexperience). Have you been improving your culinary skills, or learning something new, or like me, just watching the news on TV? Actually, I have been learning to play my 8-string lap steel guitar and I’m also refurbishing my basement that got flooded last year. Now, wasn’t that interesting? I’ve noticed on Facebook that at least a couple of you are playing music, and Teresa is learning to play the mandolin, and she is sounding really good! How about the rest of you? Send me your experiences and I’ll be glad to include them in our newsletters

We, meaning what members we could gather up, have had a couple of plays that has kind of been “out of the box” plays. We were what you mite say was “curb side” players. Yup, we kind of took our music to the streets of the elderly, right in front of their individual homes. We would play a couple of tunes, get back on our band wagon’s, and paraded off to another house porch. It was fun to see the happiness it gave the, (as well as some of their neighbors). We did this on June 13<sup>th</sup> and today, he 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing it again on June the 27<sup>th</sup>. I’ll have to admit that for a few of us “old duffers” it was quite labor intense. We visited 10 or 12 places each time. That meant loading up our instruments (including the big bass), drive to the next location, play a song or two, load up our instruments, drive to the next house, and we did this scattered throughout Idaho Falls. Just call us “the traveling minstrels”!

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