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

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

Salmon, Idaho

District 8 News for July,

It's July in Southeastern Idaho and we are enjoying the warmth that makes our cold winters a distant memory. We are enjoying every minute of it.

Our group has been very busy over the past four weeks not only with our regular stops around town, but some special events we all enjoy this time of year. We had a great time playing for passersby at the downtown Farmers Market in late June. A change of venue was very well received as we moved from the bank parking lot to Memorial Drive along the Snake River. There seemed to be a much bigger crowd this year and it was a lot of fun. That afternoon we played for a picnic lunch hosted by the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center. It was a large appreciative crowd held in a well-groomed back yard garden on South Hitt Road in Idaho Falls. Lots of fun people who really enjoyed the music and we really enjoyed the food as well.

We've been in Island Park and Virginia City this past weekend playing for some great people at Darryl Harris's cabin and at the Red Rock RV Park. Good crowds at each place. We even escaped an afternoon rainstorm at the RV Park which started as we arrived and stopped just in time for us to enjoy a great meal and another great play. We always enjoy playing for this great group of people.

The following day we drove to Virginia City, Montana for two events. Our first play was at the old remodeled Torch Theater along Main Street in Virginia City. The audience was folks walking along the boardwalks of this old historic Montana town who were visiting the shops and eateries available. It was a fun play and we enjoyed meeting and visiting with a lot of interesting folks from many parts of the country.

The evening performance was held at Elling House Mansion located off Main Street above the main part of town. This beautiful old home is the meeting place of the Arts and Humanity group in Virginia City who filled the performance area with a group of interesting and enthusiastic folks from many parts of the Country. We had so much fun playing for these folks who were so receptive to the music

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and laughed at our jokes. We came away commenting what a great day we had in Virginia City.

Before we returned home we played two additional private gigs in Island Park at the Harris Cabin and enjoyed a fantastic backcountry ride in OTR vehicles up over the continental divide into Montana for lunch at the Elk Lake Resort. What a spectacular ride and delicious lunch.

We are looking forward to a lot more fun and good times for the rest of the month, including our jam session and potluck on July 18th.

Hope everyone else is having as much fun as we are this summer. See you all down the road somewhere.

Dave Smith