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Vice President Injured by Uninvited Guest at Salmon Campout.

President seeks revenge. Details to follow.

District 9
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SUMMER TIME AND THE FIDDLIN IS EASY

Well, here it is almost half way thru August and the July newsletter is not out yet. But hope your summer is going well and there's lots of fiddlin going on.

With it being summer our District did not have very many play dates this month. But this gave all of us an opportunity to enjoy events with other friends and family. We are now looking forward to our campout down at 3-Rivers which will be coming up this weekend and will be a great time for all. Those dates are Aug. 16-18 and everyone is welcome. We will have workshops, jamming, eating and merriment for all. If you can make it, you will have fun.

Debbie Lovel-Carlson gave me a report on our District's participation at Weiser this year which I will include as follows:

"Several members participated in the 2013 National Old Time Fiddle Festival again this year. Mabel Vogt and Sister Debby Carlson played together in the twin fiddle division and also competed in their respective age

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divisions. Mabel won second place in her age group.
Congratulations Mabel!

Fiddlers participating from different states take turns serving as "host state" for any given year. Mabel and Debby helped this year's host state members (Idaho) play on stage each night before the evening performances. Part of the Idaho group played music while riding on a parade float on Saturday.

As usual, the weather was unpredictable and wetter and colder a few days than preferred, but those who stuck it out for the duration were not disappointed in this annual gathering of new and old friends and family. Jack Lyman camped and jammed all week. Brian Banister and family were also in Weiser and watched several days of the competition. Brian Brent, former UI student from Weiser who played with our district for several years, frequented the campground in the evenings and got in on some good jams."

Thank you, Debby.

So that is about all the news we have to offer this month. We were glad that some of our members were able to make Weiser this year and enjoy the event. There is some great fiddling that goes on.

We wish you a great summer as it comes to an end and there is school just around the corner for many. May your fiddle gatherings be the best and will be chatting again next month.

Marge Nelson

Howdy From District 8
August 12, 2013

Ooops! I missed reporting in July. I'm sure there was a good reason for missing it, but I can't remember what it was right now. Our regular Monday and Wednesday plays are going great guns. We've also had a couple of extra plays that were pretty special. We played a concert on the river at the Art Museum gazebo on July 23rd to a great crowd. Then we played a special for Senior Day at the Zoo. Again a great turnout with regular participation from the animals near-by.

I missed the campout at Salmon but I heard great things, as I would expect. Word has it that Ted Kirkpatrick is out for some paybacks. His turn came to name a tune. He called "Little Coquette". The fiddlers started and rudely quit it early. So, if you fiddlers are looking for bass backup in the right key and at the right rhythm don't be surprised if Ted collects!

And the politics concerning the VP and the Pres, well it turned out the VP Ron Moore got bit by a bee. Pres. Monty Mortensen staged a one-man rampage on every bee in the vicinity. Word has it that the bee sting didn't hurt Ron's fiddle playing any.

And also, a young fellow who was working in the Salmon forest somewhere showed up and knocked everybody's socks off with his bass-playing. He also sang, played guitar and banjo and could have done more if we had an instrument for him. He was a pleasant surprise for everyone and entertained us both Saturday night and Sunday morning. We wish him well and hope to see him again sometime.

A bus full of politicians is driving cross-country and wrecks on this guy's farm. He runs out and sees the wreck. It is horrible. So he starts burying all of the politicians. The police show up and ask him if he is sure they are dead? He says, "Well some of the them said they were alive, but you know how politicians lie".

Adios, David Schjeldahl

Obituary

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Ralph E. Peterson

Ralph E. Peterson, 88, of Washington, Utah, formerly of Iona and Idaho Falls, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2013, at Beehive Living Center in St. George, Utah, following a battle with leukemia. Ralph passed peacefully away with his wife, Laura Peterson, and other family members by his side.



Peterson



Ralph was born in Ririe, Idaho, on March 16, 1925, to Nellie and Clay Peterson. He graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1943, and then began his military service. He served two years in the 551st Bombardment Squadron. He also served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1958 to 1961 and in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1962 to 1969.

He retired from the Idaho National Laboratory in May 1987 after working at the MTR, ETR, and ATR reactor facilities.

Ralph was an accomplished guitarist and life-long member of the Old Time Fiddlers. He joined the Fiddlers in 1965 and served as Idaho Chairman of District 8 in 1975 and 1976. In 1994, he served as president of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. In Utah, he served as District Chairman of the Dixie Chapter and has been an active member for many years.

Ralph was a High Priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Over the years, he has served as High Priest Group Leader and Gospel Doctrine Teacher, as well as in many other callings. He was an avid genealogist and spent many long hours serving in the Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Peterson; daughters, Raline (Blaine) Rowley, Janis (Robert) Sadzewicz, Ginger (Robert) Meeks, Charlene Smith, Vickie (David) Ahlstrom, Christine (John) Campbell and Brenda (Michael) Shadler; son, Loren (Elaine) Peterson; stepsons, Lyle Pederson, Brent (Brenda) Pederson, Tom Tomita and "Bill" Tomita; and stepdaughters, Laura Lee Tomita, MaryLynn (Greg) Nelson and Becky Jo Tomita.

Ralph was formerly married to Barbara Oswald (1947-1963) and Peggy Pederson (1963-1984).

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 22, at the Washington 6th Branch LDS Chapel, Washington, Utah. Graveside services will be at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday at Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery in Idaho Falls. Military rites will be performed by the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team and Idaho Honor Guard. The family will visit with friends from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at Wood East Side, 963 S. Ammon Road.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com.