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My, how time flies when you're having fun! Are we still in the "dog days of summer"? What am I complaining about? At least it's not winter – yet! It's always fun when we can get together and make music together, no matter the season!

On a sad note, Our hearts go out to one of our district 8 good members, Dave Black, who's wife Kathy passed away in July.

A subject that came up at one of our "Jams": Are all the songs that we play, or sing appropriate for audience(s) (generally elderly people that are pretty much "captive" for us)? Some of which you might say "on their last leg of life" or strapped into a wheelchair or worse. Does our music bring them joy or does it bring sadness to their hearts? I myself would probably be a "crabby 'ol geezer" if someone sang "all my friends are now gone, and my little puppy ran away, or was encouraged to get up and dance when I only one leg to stand on" I would probably yell out, "what the Sam hill do you expect of me? However, we do get many comments of appreciation for what we are doing. Just a thought to keep in mind.

Did I mention how time flies? I'd like to put a bug in your ear! September is "the back door to summer"! 'ya-it-is! By next month, stores will start putting out Christmas decorations! "ya-they-will! Maybe, I say **Maybe**, we might start **thinking** of some Christmas music to learn (or re-learn). Did I mention how time flies? Wouldn't it be great that by the time the radio stations start playing Christmas music, the Old Time Fiddlers might be prepared with some great sounding Christmas music also? Did I mention how time flies?

But, until then, May you all enjoy all the summer that Mother Nature gives us and keep a “hummin’-and-a-strummin’ because “**Time flies when you’re having fun!**”

This is Terry Kerswell

for District 8

District 12

We had a great turn out for our campout that was held August 2-4 at Jerry and Marion Eastman's in Tendoy.

It was a beautiful setting with plenty of room for r.v parking, shade, good food, friends, and music of course. Thank you Jerry and Marion for your gracious hospitality. I encourage everyone to put the District 12 campout on your calendar for next year the first weekend in August.

We had musicians from Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and then special guests,

John and Carolyn Bacon from Dillon, Montana and Arleen Watkins from Tucson, Arizona.

I'm pretty sure that I played more than 10 hours alone on Saturday. Here in Salmon we continue to play at our 2 nursing homes every month for an hour each as well as jam afterwards and there is a jam session every Thursday night. If you are planning a trip to our area, we would love to have you join us.

I encourage everyone to attend our Fall gathering at Hoots September 27th -29th. It is at these gatherings as well as the campouts where you can learn a new tune, make

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new friends, enjoy the ones you already have, and learn more about our organization. I always come away from these meetings not only tired but with a "high " feeling from having had such a great time and encouraged to learn a different tune or technique. I have been playing for 48 years and I am still learning!
But music is so good for your soul.
Looking forward to seeing you all at Hoots!

Katie