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IN THE SWING OF SUMMER

Howdy from District 9! This newsletter will be for June and July even though we are well into August as I write this. Time just gets away. But August is not over and I will report about that in the next newsletter. As I write this, we are dealing with smoke from the fires all around Washington, and Northern Idaho. It has been quite an undertaking and much concern for so many who are fighting fires and others hoping their homes will still be there when all is over. Our prayers continue for all of those involved.

In June we began our summer schedule which cut back on many of the play sites we usually play for, mostly the meal sites during the day as so many are gone for outings during the summer leaving us with a very small group. We did play for Good Sam and the Tri-Play date where we either play for Whitman or Avalon, Pullman Sr. Meal, and Circle of Caring.

Two of our members, Debbie and Mabel attended Weiser for the fiddle contest. Mabel snagged 4th in her division and Debby said it was enjoyable to just be able to play with so many great fiddlers. Also, Marge McFaul who used to play with us before moving to Spokane was awarded the honor of being the oldest player at the contest this year which she has always wanted to win. She is 90!

July found us again playing for Good Sam and the Tri-Play date, but Bishop Place was a little different this time. In the past we have been playing for their BBQ/Tractor Show, but this year they decided to have Root Beer Float night and man, what a turnout! It was held outdoors which we were a bit worried about since the temperatures had been in the high 90's, etc. for quite a while. They had done research and had us standing in shade

the whole time with a cool breeze going into the evening. There was a great turnout with people seated above us, in front of us, and below us. All enjoyed sipping floats and we were delighted to enjoy one ourselves when finished.

We will be into more plays in August, but I will report on that in the next newsletter. We are scheduled to play for Elk River Days which is always a good time and includes a free huckleberry ice cream cone. They also have a BBQ and invite the fiddlers to partake as well which is always very good.

So that about does it for June and July. Will give you details on the retreat we are scheduled to have in August in the next newsletter. It's not as we had planned, but it will be a good time. We wish you the best as we continue through the rest of summer and may you be enjoying many happy occasions to fiddle with friends and entertain wherever you can.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Howdy from District 8,
Sept 29th, 2015

Whee! It's Fall. And that long hot summer that I thought would never end has ended.

Another summer has come and mostly gone. They sure go by fast. I think I'd like summer better if it was a little more spread out. We had thirteen plays and our annual meeting/jam session this month. We did our usual Monday and Wednesday plays a senior centers and rest homes as well as a very special play on Friday

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Sept. 18th in the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Nat'l Park. What a cool place to play and share our music. We had folks from around the world stop and listen, and a few danced on their way through. What a treasure!

We also played for a Harvestfest commercial fair and Mountain View hospitals employee and family night at the zoo. The alpacas and the Kookaburras are getting accustomed to our music

Our business meeting/jam session was Sept. 15th at Leo's Pizza in Idaho Falls. We elected officers and talked about the upcoming IOTF meeting at Hoot's. Several of our crew will be taking the long trek up to Northern Idaho to attend. Officers remain pretty much the same with one exception- Mauna Kerswell (bass) will be the new vice chairperson. Chair- Teresa Mortensen, treasure- Val Crow, secretary- Karlene Crow. Harold Sorensen will continue to do the calendar and yours truly will continue as newsletter reporter.

The leaves are starting to turn and the nights are cooler. That usually means canning and hunting- BUT it also means politics is in the air. More at the national level this year- well, more republican presidential primary- what a sad mess! And the election is still 13 months away. All of them have something to offer and some of them are offering everything! The big question is 'HOW'

I was at a family gathering last week and overheard three of my female relatives talking, so I listened in and this is what I heard.

My Niece- "I'm gonna marry a doctor so I can stay well for nothing."

My Cousin- "I'm gonna marry a grocer so I can eat for nothing."

My sister-in-law- "I'm gonna marry a preacher so I can be good for nothing."

If things are getting you down let me suggest that you take a drive in the country to view the natural beauty that only Fall can bring. I thank the Lord that I live in Idaho and look forward to one more Fall every year. Better yet, take your fiddle and add some fiddle tunes to the spectacle of Fall.

"May your troubles be less, your blessings more,

And may nothing but happiness, come through your door." Adios, David

DISTRICT 5
SEPTEMBER 2015

Hello Fiddlers:

Hope everyone had a fun summer and learned some new fiddle songs to share with your fellow fiddlers.

First, I would like to make some corrections to the May newsletter. It was brought to my attention that the fiddle practices are being held at Betty Gulls home and not at Pat Ramages home. Feel free to call Betty if you need directions and any other information concerning the fiddle practice. Her number is [208-887-2113](tel:208-887-2113).

Second I said Toni Thornton's husband's name was Bob and his name is Al. Al passed away a few weeks ago and we all miss him very much. Toni our prayers are with you and your family.

Third, the campout that was held up by Lowman this summer was put on by District 5 but is an Idaho State Fiddlers Campout.

The Baird jam was a real "hit" again this year!!! Everyone had a super time. We would like to thank the Bairds for opening their home to all of us fiddlers. Also we would like to thank everyone that brought food and presented their talents .

The big jam at Hoots is October 1-3, 2015. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun event. This year there will be free Mandolin, Fiddle, Banjo, and Bass lessons given by various out of state instructors. There will be a sign up sheets and times of classes in the meeting room. The show will begin at 7 pm to show everyone what we all learned.

There is a brochure that you can get by email or hard copy. Contact Jack Moon for more information.

At the September meeting officers were elected and they are as follows:

Chairman.....Jack Moon
Secretary.....Shirley Moon
Treasurer.....Mary Lopshire
Co-Chair..... Jerry VanBuren
 Betty Gull
 Bonnie Longstreth
Historian.....Pat Ramage
Reporter.....Linda Lyle

Lets all give these people our support to make this a great year!!!

Shirley Moon has set up a folder that will have email addresses and changes that have been made. We would like to have everyone check this out to assure that your email is correct.

I guess this sums up the month of happenings. If anyone has any information they would like to share in the paper please give me a call before the next letter is due . I can be reached at the following number. [208-830-1278](tel:208-830-1278).

Remember to keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face to help make someone else's day a brighter one.....

Your reporter

Linda Lyle