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FALL IS UPON US WITH LOTS OF PLAYS

Hi from District 9. We are well into October, but the heat is finally gone. In fact, it has been down right cold with a hint of snow already. So will review summer and the start of fall.

JULY

We got in 10 good play dates this month beginning with our usual Bishop Place where the folks always turn out in good numbers and really enjoy the music. We also covered Pullman Sr. Center where we enjoy a great meal each month and then on to Circles of Caring. We were able to play at a BBQ in Rosalia which we've done in the past few years. Seniors are bused from around the area and it turns out to be a lot of fun when the weather cooperates. We've had to deal with wind and rain, but they have a covered area which helps. Then we played at Good Sam where we play in 2 locations to cover those who can't get around well and then independents. Some attend the second play who were at the first and we get a good turnout. Then in the

middle of the month we played at Troy Days outside in a gazebo and enjoyed BBQ after the play. We rounded out the month with 4 more regular play sites which were well attended.

AUGUST

The month began with the Scenic Six Fiddle Show which one of our members, Mabel Vogt, always sets up for local performers to entertain folks in the area. She also has a group of young people called the Jr. Jammers whom she has taught fiddle to and they perform together and individually during the show. It turns out to be a great evening with many of our own fiddlers playing along with others from around the area. We then covered Bishop Place and Good Sam with many enjoying the music.

We played our two locations on the same day -- Pullman Sr. and Circles of Caring which were well attended. We then enjoyed our annual Dist. 9 fiddle campout at the Lewis and Clark Resort down by Kooskia. This is a weekend affair with lots of fiddlin and just enjoying plays with all who can attend. We have workshops on

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Saturday and then everyone performs in the evening the songs they have learned at the workshop. We even have local folks come to listen to the music. We had 4 more plays the end the month which were all senior sites. Was a good time.

SEPTEMBER

Our last month began with the usual play at Bishop Place. Then we had a special play at the White Springs Ranch where we were invited to perform. I wasn't able to attend, but did hear it was a great time. Pullman Sr. and Circles of Caring were the next plays of the month and then we played at Deary Senior which we don't play each month, but we look forward to it as there is always a great crowd and a yummy meal following. We then covered Good Sam, and on to playing at the Latah County Fair. The outdoor stage had been recovered making it much cooler and nicer than years past. We don't get a big crowd but people walking by always stop for a bit to listen. And the music is on mic which gets out around the fairgrounds. We then continued into the month with Palouse Hills, Avalon, and Regency. We played at Kendrick Sr. which we only play once in a while but they always look forward to our coming. We then finished the play dates with Moscow Senior and Aspen Park. Our final event of the month was the IOTFA Meeting at Hoots which several members were able to attend.

That about covers the third quarter of 2109 and we hope fall will be beautiful with lots of colors and maybe not snow too soon. We wish you all a happy fall with lots of fiddlin and places to play!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

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Spring has sprung, fall is fallen, keep them instruments tuned up for more
"hummen' and strummen"! Hee - haw! ♪

Are **WE** having fun yet? Good question. Are we showing our audience that we are having fun, or just "get on with it so I can get home and catch the football game"? Where are the smiles and interactions with the audience? We always seem to get a lot of compliments from the people we play for, they seem to enjoy it, but are **we** enjoying it? Just a thought! On to something else.

An idea came to me while standing in the shower (the shower is my "think tank ") how many of **us** actually read, or get these newsletters? It does no good to write a bunch of words about what we already know! I don't want our newsletter to be a "report card"! That is just "junk mail" to me, so I came up with an idea. (Oh boy, what's he come up with now?).

We could make our newsletters have a little bit of interactivity (that's a big word) among us? Kind of a "forum" or have a part of it reserved for comments and ideas from the readers (that's you). For instance, "I'd like to learn the song - - -" or "what was that crooked cord that Terry played - - -?" Or "I'd like to introduce the song - - - here are the chords - - -, would it be a good song for us?" Or whatever! District 8, you could send your comments to me and I would include them in our newsletter for all to read. It would be a good place to post a "heads up" for the next "business meeting/jam" What do you think about that? Let me know. District 8 members can text me at (208) 569-9496. Or email me at **BBPicker45@gmail.com**.

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Signing off for District 8