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District 5

Jam session and workshop draws new members and adds spice to tunes

Betty wishes to thank Marilyn, Eldon, Maxine and Joy who helped District 5 host the program at New Meadows on Oct. 29, 30 and 31. We appreciated all the members who came to play. Those were Willard and Muriel Plush, Bob and June Miller, Marion and Mary Moore, Eldon and Nevelyn Leach, Phoenix and Maxine Fullington, Mary and Dick Lopshire, Betty Gull, Marilyn Williams and the Fewkes Family. We recognized the players who were disguised in dark glasses and black hats. We know who you are.

District 5 members played at all their regular commitments and three special plays at the annual Octoberfest in Horseshoe Bend, at Apple Valley Retirement Center in Emmett and at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise. Maxine's fiddlers had two song practices at Betty's. Her fiddlers will play at Summerwind on Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. This change is because of Thanksgiving.

The Blue Books will be available at the November meeting and jam at the Methodist Church in Meridian. Betty is taking dues.

Bonnie's fiddlers met their regular Monday night commitments. They were joined by Mathew, age 11, on fiddle and Michael, age 13, on guitar at the Springcreek Manor in Eagle. An elderly gentleman at the home brought his 50-year-old Stetson hat for Bonnie to wear for the playing, moth balls and all.

Rex Kite's fiddlers played at the Seniors in Mountain Home and

at the Landers. They also had a jamboree and party at Lyle Powell's home.

Several members attended Jeanie Freeman's funeral. She was a very enjoyable spoon player and also could play Red River Valley on the fiddle.

Hattie Cheney, Bob Baird, and Richard Allen are all taking time out to be sick. The best way to get off the sick list is to show up at the next meeting and jam in Meridian.

Martin reports the third Friday jam and workshop was a success. Three potential new members showed up to jam. Two young men enjoyed the jam so much, they decided to join Bonnie's Monday night group. This is what it's all about. We will have another third Friday jam Nov. 19 and again Dec. 17. During our November workshop, we will be trying something new. We will be taking a very easy and well known tune and teach how to add variations. A great way to add some spice to an old boring tune. See you at 3401 Brazil Street in Boise, at 7 p.m.

—Ava Lutteman

District 2

Blue Book marks 5th decade of IOTFA

What a nice memory, the recent jam at Sagebrush BBQ. Now, and for a few days, our heads will be filled with great tunes. Thanks,



everybody who turned out for this event.

Thanks to Betty Gull and her helpers for taking charge of the New Meadows program, which went very well, despite a few rude interruptions from the sound equipment. Those newfangled contraptions can sure grab everyone's attention.

Welcome, Joy Halliwell, as the newly-elected chairperson of District 4 and newest member of the board of directors. Best wishes to you in your work, and thanks for your willingness to serve.

And to Martin Fewkes and Michelle Armstrong a world of thanks and congratulations on production of the 5th Edition of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers' Blue Book. It formally reminds us that our venerable association is now in its 5th decade of service to the people of Idaho and that the responsibility for its future is definitely in our hands.

District 2 schedule of events was published last month. However, the computer gremlin deleted one. We will play, as we have done for years, on July 4 in the Grangeville City Park. You're cordially welcomed to join us.

IOTFA Founder Mannie Shaw had no patience with timid fiddling. His friendly advice: "If you wanna be heard, you gotta make a noise!"

—FWC

