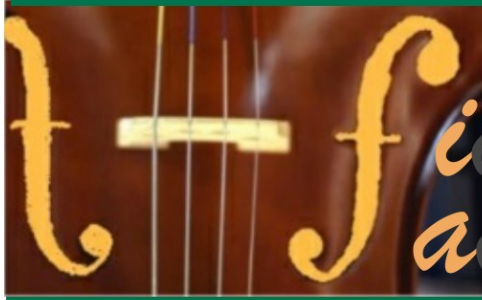


California State Old Time Fiddlers Association, District #5



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California **S**tate **O**ld **T**ime **F**iddlers **A**ssociation, District 5 (CSOTFA #5) is dedicated to preserving and enjoying authentic old-time music, providing a welcoming place for musicians of all levels to jam and perform, and passing down the traditions of old-time, country, folk, and bluegrass music to our families, friends, and interested musicians.

Presidents Message



Jeff Gebhart

Hello to all members and supporters of District 5. We held our last Orangevale Grange jam on Sunday, March 8th. right on the verge of the covid-19 quarantine. The usual pancake breakfast before our meeting and jam was canceled. The coronavirus has interrupted and upset all of our lives, and our musical sessions have fallen prey to it. We are determined to survive as a viable organization, and we appreciate your support, patience, and help during these uncertain times. Our goal is to get back on a regular schedule as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we have had several online Zoom meetings to plot out an interim course. We will keep you informed of important updates. We miss everyone and hope to see you soon...on the positive side for many of us, there is a lot to time to fiddle and practice whatever your instruments might be!

Sincerely, Jeff Gebhart.



This is a story written by Doug Dempster back in March near the start of this Covid19 crisis about Don & Lisa Spike, long time District 5 members.

“Longtime District 5 member Don Spike and his wife, Lisa, left on a 15-day cruise to Hawaii on Feb. 17 and aren’t home yet. Yep, they were two of the thousands of passengers aboard that Princess Cruise ship stuck in the ocean outside San Francisco about 10 days ago with no place to go. 22 passengers tested positive for coronavirus, Lisa said. Finally the ship was allowed to dock at Oakland and Don and Lisa along with hundreds of others were bused to Travis Air Force Base for an enforced quarantine in a hotel.

But as soon as they walked in the lobby, Don felt chest pains and received a 6-day detour to a Vacaville hospital. There he got every imaginable test including one for coronavirus. It came up negative and Don feels fine now.

Back at the Travis hotel, Lisa and Don spend most of their time in their room with meals brought to them.. If they venture out, they have to wear masks. Don, who is

seldom without his guitar, played in the lobby the other day. Several cruise mates took advantage and got up to dance. Old favorites like Tennessee Waltz, Don said

The food is delicious - almost like being on the cruise ship, Lisa said. But they feel bad they can’t eat everything served. Leftovers are thrown away.

“We’re all in this together,” she said of the worldwide virus attack. “There’s no point griping and complaining.”

Lisa said their main diversion besides eating and Don’s music is phoning to cancel appointments to doctors, tax preparers and the like.

This is the second time in this young year that Don and Lisa have been cooped up and isolated. From Jan. 3-28, they had the flu which turned into bronchitis.

Their 14-day quarantine ends early next week. They’re not sure yet how they’re going to get home to Sacramento but said they will be glad to step through the door.



Upcoming Events



October 22–24, 2020 3rd full week of October
 – Western Open Fiddle Contest
 Red Bluff, California
 Thursday October 22 – Gospel Singalong
 Fri & Sat October 23 & 24 – Fiddle & Picking Contest

CSOTFA District 5 Web Site

The screenshot shows the CSOTFA District 5 website. At the top is the logo for the California State Old Time Fiddlers Association District 5, featuring a fiddle and two fiddlers. Below the logo is the text: "CALIFORNIA STATE OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT #5 preserving and enjoying authentic old-time music, providing a welcoming place for musicians of all levels to jam and perform, our families, friends, and interested musicians. Be sure to look at the [D5 Blog](#) for up-to-date messages and activities." There is a "2020 Jam Schedule" section with a table of dates and times for various events. Below that is a detailed schedule for the day, starting from 12:00 noon with a board meeting and ending with a cleanup at 4:00 p.m. At the bottom, there is a navigation menu with links for "Up Coming Events", "Jam Pictures", "Membership Form", "Fiddle Kids Program", "Historical", "D5 Chronological", "Videos", "Historical Gallery", "Location Directions", "News Letters Archive", "CSOTFA Other District Information", "D5 Blog", "Bands", and "Latest Note SoundPost".

www.csotfa5.org

District 5 maintains a website from which you can access a number of types of information:

- Upcoming Jam dates
- Overall jam day schedule
- The footer section contains links to various resources:
 - Pictures from a recent jam
 - News Letter Archives (D5 Fiddler's Facts & State SoundPost)
 - Fiddlekids program
 - Links & Info on other Districts
 - Link to the D5 Blog site
 - a section with link to various current and historical photos and videos
 - For Web site questions / Updates email lyle@dateq.net

The poster features the text "38th Annual Western Open Fiddle Championships" in a large, stylized font. Below it, the dates "October 22-24, 2020" are displayed. The background is a large, golden fiddle. In the bottom right corner, the location is given as "Elks Lodge 355 Gilmore Road Red Bluff CA". There is also a logo for "Western Open Fiddling - Our Heritage" and a "Comfort Inn" logo.

[Historical](#)
[D5 Chronological](#)
[Videos](#)
[Historical Gallery](#)