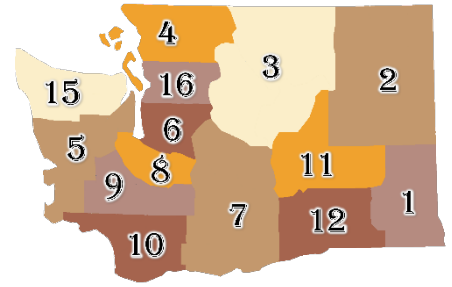




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Evergreen Fiddler – February 2024

Detroit Schottische

2/1/2024 – Author: Kitty Steetle

DETROIT SCHOTTISCHE

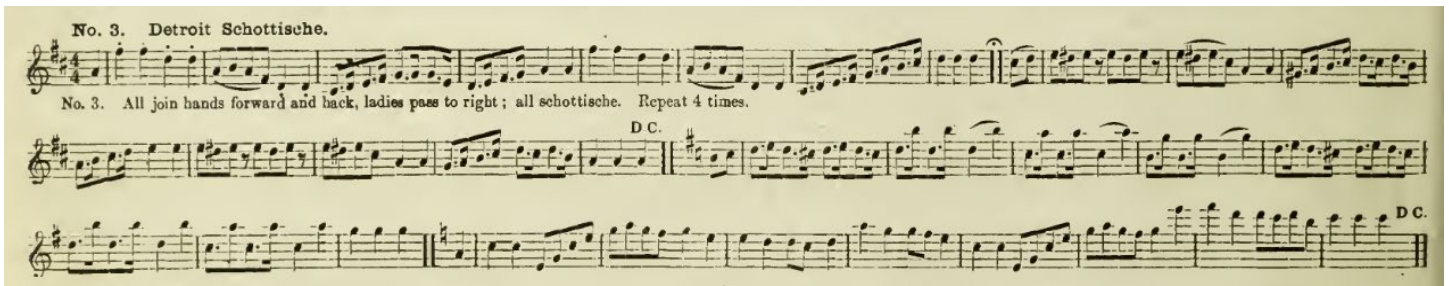
*transcribed from Vivian Williams' version on Dance Music on the Oregon Trail album
by Kitty Steetle*



Detroit Schottische is attributed to Adam Couse, a dancing master who also owned a music store in Detroit, Michigan in the mid-19th century.¹² Adam Couse's Detroit Schottisch³ was published in 1854 as a piano tune with accompaniment and the facsimile can be found on the Library of Congress website.⁴

Elias Howe includes the tune in his Musician's Omnibus No 1, under the section, May Flower Schottische Quadrilles, No 3 Detroit Schottische (1863, p 56).⁵ Here Howe does not give a composer; although this is not wholly irregular for the time period, Howe does use the phrase 'by permission' for other tunes signifying that they have known composers (see Musician's Omnibus No 1, **Dixie's Land** and **Mocking Bird** both on page 8) leading one to think Howe believed the tune was traditional.⁶

The Detroit Schottische is very similar to **Flop-Eared Mule** and **Lop-Eared Mule** with both latter tunes being more popular in the American southeast. There is a strong likelihood that all three share a common ancestor and have no clear single source.⁷



1. https://tunearch.org/wiki/Annotation:Detroit_Schottische
2. Notably, Couse became friends with composer Stephen Foster who dedicated the ballad, **The Voice of By Gone Days**, to Couse.
3. No 'e'.
4. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/music.mussm2-sm1854-230240/>
5. You can download the entire Omnibus at the IMSLP link below. (Snip is taken from the online facsimile.)
6. [https://imslp.org/wiki/Musician's_Omnibus_\(Howe%2C_Elias\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Musician's_Omnibus_(Howe%2C_Elias))
7. Sorry, Adam Couse

District 2, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend O'Reille, Spokane, and Stevens Counties

2/1/2024 – Author: Kyle Peterson

It has been a quiet winter in District 2, with everyone avoiding the icy spots and thinking about warmer days ahead. The monthly performances at the Spokane Veterans' Home are going very well, the Piney Ridge Pickers are going strong, and JayDean Ludiker is still chief psychiatrist for the the Fiddle Therapy Group.

We are looking forward to having some fun at the popular music venues that take place in this area each spring: The Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest will take place April 20 and 21, location to be announced. Fiddlers on The Peak will take place May 10 and 11 (mostly 11) at the Addy Grange on Main Street in Addy. The foodbank fundraiser in downtown Spokane probably will be the first weekend of June.

In the meantime, we'll be practicing, eager for a stage to stand on and a chance to perpetuate this great American art form. I hope to hear you there!

District 4, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan Counties

2/1/2024 – Author: Fred Robbins

- **Feb 1st S/W Sr. Ctr.** 11:30 -12:30 AM 715 Pacific St, Sedro Woolley
- **Feb 2nd Life Care, M/V** play 2:30 2120 E. Division
- **Feb 8th Life Care, M/V** play 2:30 2120 E. Division
- **Feb 9th Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr.** 6:30 -9P.M. Meeting /Jam 1401 Cleveland st.
- **Feb 10 th Bluegrass Jam @** Rhodes River Ranch Restaurant in Oso , 22016 Entsminger Rd,Arlington, 2 -5 pm
- **Feb 15th S/W Sr. Ctr.** 11:30 -12:30 AM 715 Pacific St,Sedro Woolley Sr. Ctr.
- **Feb 16th La Conner Retd. Inn,** Play 3 P. M. 204 N 1st St, La Conner
- **Feb 23rd Mt. Vernon Sr. Ctr.** 6:30 -9P.M. Jam 1401 Cleveland st.
- **Feb 26th Creekside Retd.** Play 3:00 PM 400 Gilkey Rd. Burlington.
- **Feb 27th Village Concepts –** Country Meadow Village, 2:00 play 1501 Collins Rd, Sedro-Woolley,
- **Feb 29th Mtn. Glen, MV** PLAY 3:00 P.M. 1810 E Division, MV Allow time to Park

December / January Highlights:

Thank you Dear Fiddlers for your good spirits and music sharing; all went well at our Dec/Jan. Play-outs and Jams; our music was well-received, and so very much appreciated; and especially grateful for good musician participation!

Our Christmas Potluck and music went well; 20 musicians, 20 in the Audience; a very good evening.

We have about 8 play-outs, and 2 jams it seems a month; all pretty well attended.

Good Yule Fiddlers!

My arrival at the S/W Sr. Ctr. last Thursday was precluded by early birds Jack, Judy, and Dwight; all eager to help set up; I thank you! David, our sound person / singer joined in about the same time to hook up and set the sounds; as well as on his knees much of the time adjusting the sound to help make Diana, Denise, Debbie, Joyce, Sarah, Peggy, Forrest, Jack, Dwight, Steve, Duane, Danny, Gary, Rich, and Greg; 17 of us sound good! We did have a full house of audience. Our music was well received, and we enjoyed a Salisbury steak and mashed potato, salad, and fruit lunch; followed up with good conversation and a time at the piano singing songs with Debbie. Thank you all! Plato: "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."

Twas the 17th eve before Christmas as Fiddler Scout Dwight texted me that at the MV Sr. Ctr. the coast was clear about 2 pm; my immediate arrival found Scout playing his Dulcimer quietly as to not disturb the card players in the adjacent room; we proceeded to get the equipment in the room closer to it's destination as we awaited the upcoming room to be vacated about 4 pm. Time enough to pour the coffee water. Seeing no more card players we sprang into action; chairs up, equipment setting; in walks Danny and Lorene; and they stayed till 9 pm; Carol Oglesebe made a cameo appearance; said to wish all a Merry Christmas! More continued in the with arms of instruments and food; when Sarah arrived with the Ham; many helped to bring us to the table with our hats in hand with Rich offering up a prayer of Thanksgiving for the abundant food and fellowship and provision of God. We had plenty of good food and deserts; thank you everyone for coming and contributing food and your talents for most enjoyable evening! With an audience of 20, listening to sounds of music from Denise ,Hilary, Greg, Barry, Diana, Gary, Rich, Rohxanne, Dwight,Sarah, Crystal, Dennis,Danny, Walt, Sirkku, Steve, Forrest, and Peggy; 20 of us! Special thanks for guest Jana with friend Mark. Jana's first time was brave enough to sing two songs; well done Jana! And thank you Rich for providing transportation from and back to Creekside Retirement for Lynn, and Pauline in our audience! Thank you all helpers! See you all soon!



Wishing a Beautiful Musical 2024 to everyone!

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Calendar Fred Robbins # 206-786-3369 email: fred@robbinsmetal.com

Monthly Jam 2nd and 4th Fridays 6:30 -9 pm, All are welcome! @ M/V Sr.

Ctr. 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon.

Music is life! Take a moment to visit the W.O.T.F.A. Home Website <https://wotfa.org/> / See The Tune of the Month! AND lots of other information!!!

Respectfully submitted,
On behalf of the Fiddlers,
Fred Robbins

District 5 Report (Kitsap, Mason, Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties)

2/1/2024 – Author: Sandra OKelly

Happy 2024 friends! Hope you are warm, safe and enjoying your music, friends and family. Basic ingredients for a good life! District 5 has been keeping busy jamming once a week and dressed up to play Christmas tunes for the Retsil VA facility. Fun times. We'll be playing *Breaking Up Christmas* for a few last times until next year.

We just found out that The Rock Wood Fired Pizza in Silverdale is permanently closed for business and we are actively looking for another free venue to keep up our jamming on the alternating Tuesdays we are not in the Community Room next to Dick's Sporting Goods. Stay tuned to updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WOTFA5/> We love getting together and playing tunes and meeting new folks who drop by to listen or play. The shoppers really enjoy happening by our jam and always want to know more about Bill's banjo bass. The cell phones come out for photos. This public venue is great visibility for WOTFA.

In the meantime, we are **still jamming** next door to Dick's Sporting Goods in the Silverdale Mall the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month from 1-4pm. Come on by and bring some friends.

Our January meeting was moved to an earlier date due to the need for our regular meeting space by others. When we meet on the third Saturday for our next meeting we will meet from Noon to 3, February 17th as several members plan to attend the Oly Old Time Festival. Our Old Time Jam without music will resume for the March meeting at 11 am. We're having lots of fun and building confidence doing this!

Have you renewed your membership? Check it out. Best deal I know. Now, start thinking about Fiddle Camp 2024....some warmth to look forward to during these cold days of January and February.

Playouts January 10- Crista Shores and Jan 24 Willows

February 2 Canterbury

February 28 Country Meadows

March 11 Retsil VA facility

Our new playout list includes Skater's Lament, Hard Times Come Again No More, La Bastringue, Winder Slide, Maple Sugar and other standards. What are you playing these days? Any favorite new tunes?

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Keep playing. Invite your friends to learn about Old Time music!

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Respectfully submitted: Reporter, Sandi O'Kelly s_okelly@msn.com

District 6 Report (King County)

2/1/2024 - Author: Jenny Swanson

Welcome to 2024 everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful time at Christmas and New Years with family and friends. Our Christmas party was great fun. We had a nice group of people and a variety of instruments. The food was yummy and we had ham left over, so many people got to take some home. I know we ate well for the rest of the

month! A big thank you to Tyler, who bought and cooked the ham. Also, Earl had some Christmas cookies to give to everyone which was a great surprise. I think that was my personal favorite Christmas present (I got to eat a variety of yummy cookies that I didn't have to bake). The pictures below are from this party.



Our January meeting and jam was a hit as well. We had a smaller group than in December, but it was fun in a different way. We each got to pick more songs and we played so much we packed up about 3:30 pm. We were tired, but happy! And, by the way, Tyler, that was the best meeting we have ever had. Thanks! It's been great fun to play music with Tyler since he's been the chair of District 6. I've included some pictures below and the first one features Tyler. The second one features Cici Smith playing her first song on the fiddle for us. Way to go Cici!



Upcoming events for District 6:

February 2024:

On the first Sat. in February, we will have our meeting and jam which falls on the 3rd. It will be held at the DesMoines Masonic Lodge from 11 am until 4 pm.

On the fourth Sat. of the month we will have a circle jam only. This falls on the 24th in February and will be held at the same place as the first one. The difference is the time. The jam is from 1 pm until 4 pm.

March 2024:

On the first Sat. in March, we will have our meeting and jam which falls on the 2nd. It will be held at the same place as the others and run from 11 am until 4 pm.

On the fourth Sat. in March, we will have our circle jam. It starts at 1 pm and goes until 4 pm.

All events can be found on the calendar on the WOTFA.org site. This will tell all the details if you click on the District 6 event on the calendar.

Thanks again to Tyler, Bernie and Ena (our officers) for all the work they do. Also, to Earl who really runs the show as he opens the doors and does set up, tear down, and clean up for each event we have at the DesMoines Masonic Lodge.

Keep playing. Music is great for the soul.

Any questions or comments, please email me at timbuktoe@yahoo.com

Have a great February, I'll see you in March. In the meantime, try to laugh a little!

Jenny Swanson

District 8 Report (Pierce County)

2/1/2024 – Author: Barbara Peterson

Fabulous February!

There are many opportunities to play music with us in Pierce County! Come and see! Bring a friend!

Membership in 2024 will be a significant loss so far, down 51%. Please consider renewing your membership. Click on Membership, then Pay My Dues, or let me know if you'd rather have a paper form. wotfa.org

Ongoing Jams

- 3rd Sundays 2PM District 8 Meeting and Jam. See you February 18. We will meet at the Mid County Community Center (MCCC). We'll have a short meeting followed by longer circle jam at 10205 44th Ave E, Tacoma 98446. Behind the school, there's plenty of parking. Bring a friend and an instrument. Meet some nice people! Finger foods welcome.
- Mondays! 1:30PM-3:30 Circle jam at Puyallup Senior Center – 210 Pioneer Ave. Again, easy to find, easy to park. Note: the Senior Center is closed on Federal holidays.
- Mondays 5:30-8PM 1st and 3rd Mondays Dance Band at MCCC above. We are getting this popular dance band activity going again! Plans are to play at Folklife Festival in 2024. Check it out.! contact Barbara bmacleanp@comcast.net
- 1st Fridays 3:30PM-6:00 Gig Harbor Circle Jam. For current location, contact Matt 202.631.34147
- Other Fridays 1PM "Live Music Friday" at the Golden Rose Mobile Park community center in Puyallup. NOTE: This one is on hold. If you are interested let Barbara know. 6220 107th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98372.

Mark your calendars for these Playouts!!

- 3rd Thursdays 11:00 Luncheon at Mid County Community Center above. Contact Barbara
- 2nd Thursday, 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones see below: December, March, June, Sept.
- Mar. 12 1:30PM Brookdale Allenmore Assisted Living on the (L) Contact Carol ccgav@msn.com
- Mar. 14 1:30PM Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Comm. Contact Ron ronduncan596@gmail.com
- Mar. 21 2PM Brookdale Allenmore Independent Living on the (R) Contact Carol above.
- Mar 9 Fred Oldfield at Puyallup Fair Grounds celebrating Fred O's art. Contact Barbara bmacleanp@comcast.net

Upcoming Events Click on the hyperlinks

- Contra Dance every 3rd Sun. 3:00-6PM now at Fircrest Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Drive, Fircrest. 3PM a workshop for new dancers. You really should try this! Check their calendar. <https://tacomacontradance.org/>
- Feb 16-18 Olympia 15th Oly Old Time Music Festival <http://olyoldtime.weebly.com/>
- Feb. 22-25 28th Wintergrass Music Festival at Hyatt Regency Bellevue <https://wintergrass.com/>
- April TBA Northwest Regional Fiddle Contest in Spokane Valley <https://www.northwestregionals.com/>
- May 24-27 53rd Folklife Festival in Seattle <https://nwfolklife.org/festival/home.html>
- May TBA Fiddlers on the Peak Fiddle Contest in Chewelah <https://fiddlersonthepeak.org/>
- May 31-Jun 2 Tenor Guitar Foundation Gathering in Astoria <https://www.tenorguitar.org/>
- July 1- 8 Fiddle Tunes Workshop in Port Townsend since 1977 <https://centrum.org/program/fiddle-tunes/>
- July 15-19 WOTFA Summer Camp in Moses Lake since 1988 <https://www.facebook.com/wotfa.org/>
- Aug 10-15 21st Centralia Campout <https://www.centraliacampout.com/>
- Oct TBA 2nd Seattle Oldgrowth Old Time Music Festival <https://oldgrowtholdtime.org/>

FREE: A Yamaha EMX 5000 mixer board with 12 channel capacity? Sticker says it once was ~\$999, but I don't know how old it is.

Interested in a nice stand up 3/4 bass fiddle with soft case? Contact Dennis D 253 209 7181c or 253 904 8881.

Throwback to 1990! Recognize any of these fine folks?



District 9 Report (Lewis & Thurston Counties)

2/1/2024 – Author: Christie Easter

Hi Everyone! Happy Valentines Day. For the month of February we have some fun things going on for WOTFA District 9:

The first is our regular 1st Friday meeting and acoustic jam happening on Friday, February 2nd, 2024 from 10 am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, located at 436 Coal Creek Rd, off I-5 exit 79. We will be in the middle building in the church complex.

The jam is free and open to the public and all ages and abilities are encouraged to come. You do not have to be a WOTFA member to come to the jam.

There will be coffee and tea and some snacks but it won't be a potluck.

The next thing happening in the month of February is our regular 2nd Wednesday playdate happening on Wednesday, February 14th from 4:00-5:00pm at Colonial Stillwater Residence, located at 2700 Colonial Drive in Centralia, just off Cooks Hill Drive, past Providence Centralia Hospital. We will be playing in the music parlor, just inside the main entrance and to the left.

Also happening in February:

February 10, 2024 from 1:00pm-4:00pm- WAMA Hope Grange Slow Jam (not a WOTFA event) in Winlock, Wa very fun and free beginner friendly large slow jam including a potluck lunch and open mic. www.wamamusic.com

February 16-18, 2024-Oly Old Time Music Festival. Two day Old Time music and dance festival in Olympia, Washington. Workshops, performances and dances each day. Tickets are \$20/day and events are in downtown Olympia and at the South Bay Grange just North of town. www.olyoldtime.weebly.com

February 22-25 Wintergrass Bluegrass Music Festival-Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bellevue, Washington. All kinds of fabulous music performances and workshops over three days in Bellevue. <http://www.wintergrass.com>

CHAIRPERSON: Christie Easter 360-791-5185. mrwillys@aol.com

JAM INFO: First Friday of every month 10am-Noon at Faith Baptist Church, 436 Coal Creek Rd, Chehalis

District 11 Report (Grant & Adams Counties)

2/1/2024 – Author: Charlie Root

January was a difficult month in District 11. The covid and flu hit our area pretty hard, and several playouts had to be cancelled. Several members of our group have been down sick this month so some of the playouts we did have were with a smaller than normal group of musicians. Our monthly jam and meeting were held on January 21st. It was a scaled down jam with less than half of our musicians. Because of the bad weather that day, our audience was also very small. Though it was small it was enjoyed by those who were there. The weather has improved, and most of us have recovered, so we are looking forward to a better month in February.

We are having an additional playout in February. We will be playing at the Monroe House in Moses Lake on February 12th at 1:45. We were going to play there last month, but with so many of our members sick we had to cancel. Though it is not on our regular monthly schedule, we have been well received there, so we will probably be playing there some more in the future.

On a sad note, two of the members of our District lost a spouse in the last month. John Wehling, the husband of our secretary Genie Wehling passed away on January 20th. John was part of the audience at our jams for a number of years until his health no longer allowed it. Skip Boyd who has been involved with our group for several years, lost his wife June on December 30th. Skip and June had a jam at their home for several years, which a number of the district members attended. Our thoughts and prayers are with Genie and Skip during this time of loss.

Monthly meeting: 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM – Jam 2:00-4:00. Moses Lake Senior Center, 608 E. 3rd Ave. Moses Lake

Playouts

2nd Tues. 1:00 PM Othello Care 495 N 13th Ave, Othello
2nd Tues. 2:30 PM Coventry House Assisted Living, 430 N. 2nd Ave. Othello
2nd Wed. 10:00 AM Pioneer Village, 816 Sharon Ave. Moses Lake
2nd Wed. 1:30 PM Avamere, 8425 Aspi Blvd. NE, Moses Lake
3rd Tues. 10:00 AM McKay Healthcare & Rehab Center, Soap Lake
3rd Thurs. 10:00 AM Brookdale Hearthstone, 905 S. Pioneer Way, Moses Lake

4th Tues 10:30 AM The Cambridge 301 H Street SW, Quincy
4th Thurs. 10:00 AM Summer Wood, 830 NW Sunburst Ct., Moses Lake

District 16 Report (Snohomish County)

2/1/2024 – Author: Dianne Gooch

We continue to meet for the 2nd & 4th Friday night jams at Sisco Heights Community Club. We begin at 3:00 pm and the jams continue until about 9:00-10:00 pm.

Sisco Heights Community Club is at 13527-99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. We also have coffee and welcome finger treats to enjoy.

We have a playout scheduled for February 23 – 10:30 am at the Stilly Valley Center,

18308 Smokey Point Blvd.

We will also be playing there in March and May.

Our next WOTFA Midway Jam will be Sunday, February 25, 1:30-4:00 pm, at the Lynnwood Library (19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood). We have 15-20 musicians at these jams. We welcome new musicians as folks share these jam dates. We have a great time playing fiddle tunes, bluegrass tunes, some swing tunes and being challenged with new tunes. We are thankful to the Lynnwood Library for freely welcoming us to use this great room.

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