

# The Arizona Fiddler

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**Larry Squire**, from Edmonds, WA, peacefully passed away on November 21, 2018 after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia and as a result, his loved ones have been missing him for many years.

Larry was born to Lela and Albert "Punk" Squire on February 1, 1933 in Wilbur, WA. He married the love of his life, Margaret Ziegler on November 1, 1953. Larry served in the Army during the Korean War, then used the GI Bill to attend Eastern Washington University. He was a 6th grade teacher in the Edmonds School District for over 30 years, as well as the Outdoor Education Administrator and was honored as a Legendary Teacher. One of his legacies is co-founder of Puget Sound Guitar Workshop. He was a skilled guitarist, yet a rare "non-performing" musician. Besides his love for his family his passion was to share and teach



music to young and old around the campfire, at family reunions or jammin' with friends. In retirement, Larry and Margaret wintered in Arizona to visit with family and attend many music festivals where he would be playing with friends, old and new, on a camp chair among the RV's. Larry was also a tinkerer, a craftsman, and a trickster. He loved to make family and friends laugh. We all loved to hear him sing 'I just don't look good naked anymore'. He was the family photographer, an avid runner, fisherman and even climbed Mt. Rainier. Larry is survived by his love and devoted wife, Margaret, daughters, TK Leathers, Denny (Jim) Bowles, Kathy 'Mo' (Carr) Squire, as well as 11 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren and counting.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE AS OF  
JANUARY 1, 2019**

**DUES ARE \$15.00 PER YEAR PER  
FAMILY.**

**PLEASE SEND TO NOREEN JOHNSTON  
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## AOTFA Officers and Board for 2019

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**Bob Nible 1929 - 2018**

**Robert Wesley, the son of Charles Wesley and Laura Gertrude (Oswalt) Nible, was born on June 29, 1929 in Beloit, KS. The oldest child and only boy; Bob moved with his family to Ridgeway, MO and later to Norwalk, IA when he was a young teenager. When in school he enjoyed working at his dad's business Norwalk Auto and racing stock cars. He graduated from Norwalk High School with the Class of 1947. Following school, he met his sweetheart, Virginia Mae Kochheiser, and drove a delivery truck for her father. They were married January 12, 1951 at the First Open Bible Church in Des Moines. To this union they had four children, Sandi, Wes, Jeane, and James.**

**In 1951, Bob served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed overseas, along with his wife at the Army Base in Manheim, Germany. Bob worked as a gun mechanic, specializing on the repair of the guidance and radar systems, while his Virginia was a secretary on the base.**

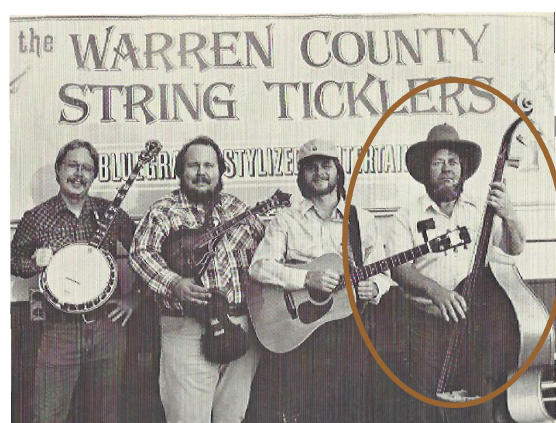
**They returned to Norwalk where he worked as the U.S. Postmaster in Norwalk. Bob and Virginia started the company, Contract Transport in Norwalk and later moved to Des Moines. They specialized in highway contracting for the U.S. Postal Service. Initially, Virginia, his dad and father-in-law drove the trucks while Bob continued to work at his other full-time jobs. Bob and Virginia retired in 1989 and moved their home to Arizona living in Green Valley and later Tucson. Since this time, they spent their winters in Arizona and then travelled to Iowa, living in their motor home during the summer.**

**Bob was a string musician playing the banjo, slide guitar, acoustic and electric six string guitar and upright doghouse bass. He enjoyed playing Western Swing and Blue Grass music the most and was a member of the Warren County String Ticklers. Virginia was his biggest fan, she would make pies and cookies for the members of the band and often traveled in their RV to events. In Tucson, he was a member of the Fun Band, he also enjoyed just playing for fun and sometimes at church too. In his later years, he would play at retirement and nursing homes. He enjoyed sharing and teaching his gift of music to everyone.**

**He was a member of the Mercedes Club and a former member of the Norwalk United Methodist Church. Bob always wore his cowboy hat and boots regardless of where he was, often embarrassing his kids with his unique dress attire.**

**Bob passed away peacefully after sharing time with his family on Thursday, November 29, 2018. He lived 89 years and 5 months. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Charlene Riggs.**

**He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his four children, Sandi (Allen) Bergman of Dallas Center, Wes Nible of Altoona, Jeane Nible of Des Moines, and Jim (Judy Broxmeyer) Nible of Van Meter; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Laura Anne Hopkins of Des Moines; and a host of other family and good friends.**



**You can view the rest of the pictures or order a slideshow at [O'Learyfunerals.com/notices/RobertBobNible](http://O'Learyfunerals.com/notices/RobertBobNible)**



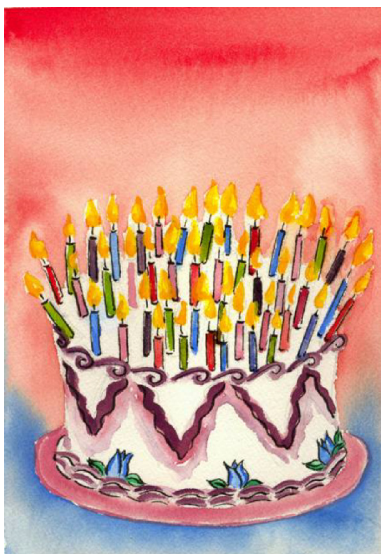
# January Anniversaries

Dan & Cheryl Hall	1	5	1980
Roger & Clara Sommers	1	10	2007
Hal Porter	1	14	1949
Ivan & Fran Judd	1	15	1959
Robert & Melinda Frankot	1	16	1988
Darwin & Arlene Kimball	1	18	
Ruth Cook	1	20	1977
Dorothy Powell	1	25	1944
John & Sharon Robertson	1	27	2017
Curt & Bertha Adrian	1	30	



A blonde was sitting in class when the professor asked her if she knew what the Rowe vs. Wade decision was. She sat there for quite a while pondering this very profound question and finally sighed and said, "I think that is the decision George Washington made prior to crossing the Delaware."

# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Phil & Sharon Schaede	2	1	1964
Lee & Dora Davis	2	03	1946
Bill & Lynn Breen	2	04	1972
Jim Stogsdill	2	05	1938
Kent Chamberlin	2	09	1956
Al Nance	2	14	1947
Donald & Joyce Hondrop	2	16	1946
Ron & Marlene Moore	2	16	1963
Bob & Linda Williams	2	16	1971
Bob & Renie Slagle	2	17	1991
Tracy & Barbara Armstrong	2	18	2000

## Southern Arizona Chapter Tucson

As well as changing our meeting location, we have also changed the place and date of our Fiddle Contest.

The fiddle contest will be Saturday, February 23, 2019 between 8:00am and 5:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ 85711 just east of Swan.

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Marilyn Schroeter	1	1
Donna Cook	1	1
Vicci Seaton	1	1
Tony Berwald	1	3
Dave Jeffrey	1	7
Wilma Bramwell	1	7
Wanda Maxwell	1	7
Bob Slagle	1	9
Ralph Griffin Sr	1	9
Janet Shelby	1	11
Robert Frankot	1	12
Bud McKirryher	1	14
Madge Holmes	1	17
Brenda Coderre	1	17
Bill Williamson	1	20
Don Shrum	1	22
Mae Camp	1	22
Marlene Moore	1	22
Connie Taylor	1	27
Georgia Brown	1	28
Mickey Long	1	30
Darlene Selle	1	31

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Dana Coar	2	1
Noe Alvarado	2	1
Jeanne Portanova	2	2
Bill Elsclager	2	3
Judy Fraser	2	5
Linda Lebow	2	5
John Heim	2	5
Joseph Commo	2	5
Gayl Ratigan	2	5
Ivan Judd	2	5
Mrs Backe	2	6
Starre Barnett	2	7
Betty Wilcutt	2	7
Dot Williamson	2	8
David Hinkleman	2	10
Keta Robinson	2	13
Nettie Spiker	2	14
Shirey Helsdon	2	15
Mary Caulkins	2	15
Judy Mosher	2	15
Ed Johnston	2	15
Rosemary Shrum	2	15
Barbara Armstrong	2	18
Robert Benson	2	21
Deanie Schilling	2	22
Guy Selle	2	25
Clara Sommers	2	25
Arline Peterson	2	26
Emmett Gundy	2	26
Dan Everts	2	26
Omer Coderre	2	27
Billie Helm	2	27
Steve Hartwell	2	28

This message needs to get out to pretty much everyone these days...





## Chapter Jams

January 11-13 2019  
Worthen Memorial Fiddle Contest  
Jaycees Clubhouse 2577 E County 14th St  
Yuma AZ

January 18-19  
Desert Fiesta Music Jam  
Salome Lions Club Salome AZ  
Jamming-Stage Performances-Food-Fun  
Dry RV parking by donation  
928-671-0474 or ldarland53@gmail.com

February 2019

Jan 31-February 1-3  
Ajo Fiddle Contest  
Ajo Country Club 77 Mead Road Ajo AZ  
Thursday 7 PM Fiddle Show  
Friday & Sat dance 7:30 PM  
Contest Sat & Sun  
Sunday Gospel Sing 10AM  
Dry parking \$5 per day Admission \$5 per day  
928-671-4074 or ldarland53@gmail.com

February 8-10 2019  
Eastern AZ Old Time Fiddle Contest  
Safford AZ

March 15 - 16  
Spring Fiddlefest - SALOME, ARIZONA - Salome  
Lions Club  
AOTFA Spring Campout and Board Meeting  
Jamming - Stage Performances - Parking Lot Picking -  
Food - Fun - and more Jamming - Dry RV parking by  
donation - For more info contact ldarland53@gmail.com  
or call 928-671-0474

June - third week  
National fiddlers contest  
Weiser Idaho

If you have an event that you would like to see included  
in this newsletter, just email [fiddlerslady@aol.com](mailto:fiddlerslady@aol.com)

### NEW PERMANENT LOCATION

**Southern AZ - Tucson Area  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
4831 E 22nd Street  
Tucson AZ 85709**

**starting August 14 2018  
6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086**

**Territorial - Yuma Area  
Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079**

**Valley - Phoenix Area**

Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm

920 N Barkley

Mesa AZ 85203

**Contact Crystal Shu 480-851-8362  
crystalw86@hotmail.com**

**Verde Valley Cottonwood Area**

First Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Senior Citizens Hall

500 E Cherry

Cottonwood AZ

**Contact Fran Judd 928-634-7963**



Yuma's Silver Spur Rodeo, Inc.  
and The Territorial Chapter of the AZ Old Time Fiddlers Association  
presents the

# The 43rd Annual Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddlers' Contest

January 11-13, 2019

Grounds open for RV's Tuesday January 8th  
Fiddle Tune Workshop Friday January  
(small donation requested for the workshop)

To be held at The Jaycee's Clubhouse  
2577 East County 14th Street; Yuma, Arizona

For more information check our website or contact Dan Levenson by e-mail at: [Clawdan@Clawdan.com](mailto:Clawdan@Clawdan.com)

Please put "Fiddle Contest Inquiry" in the subject line

Schedule and rules at <http://YumaOldTimeFiddlers.com/contest>

-- Small admission charge at the door each day --

Contest begins Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM.

Jr. Jr. - 4-12; Junior - 13-17; Young Adult - 18-39; Adult - 40-64; Senior - 65-79; Sr. Sr. - 80 and over

Twin Fiddle; Husband and Wife (one must fiddle, other accompanies)

Trick and/or Fancy; Accompanist; Other Stringed Instruments (mandolin, banjo and etc.)

Grand Champion - Sunday only (must have placed in your age division to qualify)

Cash prizes - Trophies!!!

This year's Judges are Henry The Fiddler, Dan Everts and Emmy Truckenmiller

Open Stage Friday and Saturday night - Sign up at the door

Dry Camping - donations requested!!! Jams!!! Contest and Performances!!!



## News from Territorial Chapter Yuma AZ

Most of our members are gathered here now, already several performances, new officers installed, the same ones except Dorothy Barstad took over the Secretary position. Cant keep track of what is going on most of the time, we have a lot of gigs to attend.. so all you fiddlers out there, if you are not getting enough music time its your own fault. Our contest is just around the corner. Some of our members are going to try twin fiddle competition, been practicing for it all the time. Our next membership meeting is soon, going to fix a ham dinner and pot luck Mabey I will make a big mess of blackeyed peas and a big pan of cornbread.

One of our members Ed Dobson is going to move to Oregon soon. His family lives there, I guess his kids. Or grown kids . He is suffering from some sort of ailment and decided to sell his place out in foothills, and move up north. Going to miss his Appalachian style of playing his guitar and his singing, he is from West Virginia. He said he used to play with a bluegrass band many years ago, sure going to miss him and his wife Candy..

Contest here is fast approaching I am sponsoring the trophies like always except that 90 % are from a local jewelry store, I am making grand champion trophies and the other category championship trophy, getting too hectic and running out of ideas for awards, plus my Arthritis won't allow me to do work I used to do. Better quit hope to see everyone at our end of year jam and pot luck

Editor Dennis Russell



Yuma Fiddlers in Parade 2017

### 2019 Officers and Board Territorial Chapter (Yuma)

President	Frank Moore
Vice President	Dan Evert
Treasurer	Janet Shelby
Secretary	Dorothy Barstad
Membership	Fred Lapcheska
Editor	Dennis Russell
YT Board Rep	Dick Lyons
YT Board Rep	Rosco Perry
State Rep	Terry Schwindt
State Rep	Guy Selle

Congratulations and thank you

The AOTFA officers and board are proposing a change to the by laws concerning the number of members counted for a quorum at the general meetings. The by laws state, a quorum is 5% of the full membership, the revision will state, a quorum is 5% of the paying membership. This will allow not counting the members 80 years + that no longer pay dues. A vote will be taken at the next general membership meeting in November 2019. Plan to be there and vote.

41st Annual

# Ajo Old Time Fiddlers Contest

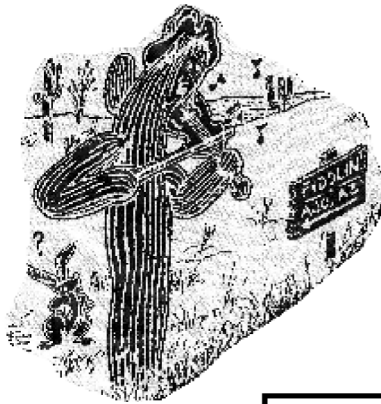
Ajo, Arizona

Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2 & 3, 2019

Held at the Ajo Country Club

A "Community Club"

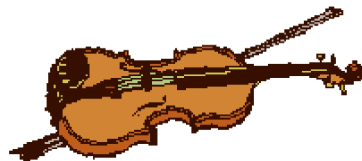
77 Mead Road



**Fiddlers Show**  
**Thursday - 7 PM**

**Dances**  
**Friday & Saturday - 7:30 PM**

**Contest**  
**Saturday & Sunday**





## NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Kulik	Mesa
Alton & Nancy Swingley	Tucson AZ
James Howard	Tucson AZ
Judy Daniel	Tucson AZ
Roger Arshagovni	Tucson AZ
Kris Selby	Tucson AZ
Shay Cardell	Winkleman AZ
Jim Headley	Oro Valley AZ
Robin & Leona Roberts	Marana AZ
Keith Pickering	Paragould AR
Sue Myers	Tucson AZ

A graphic with the words "NO NEWS" in a white, bubbly, outlined font. The text is set against a brown background with a subtle, darker brown shadow effect behind the letters, giving it a 3D appearance.A graphic with the words "NO NEWS" in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "NO" is red and "NEWS" is yellow. Both words have a black drop shadow, making them stand out against the white background.A graphic with the words "NO News" in a green-to-blue gradient font. The letters have a 3D effect with a dark shadow underneath. The word "NO" is in all caps and "News" is in title case. The background is a light gray.

ARIZONA OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP,  
RENEWAL OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ANNUAL DUES \$15.00 PER FAMILY

(INCLUDES CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 AND LIVING AT HOME)

NEW MEMBER     RENEWAL     CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(IF DIFFERENT)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

WINTER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MANS BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ LADYS BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIVERSARY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES & BIRTHDAYS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 LIVING AT HOME

\_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE PRINCIPLE CHAPTER**

Catalina Mountain

Mtigh High - Prescott

Southern - Tucson

Territorial - Yuma

Valley - Phoenix

Verde Valley - Cottonwood

Independent - no chapter

You may pay your dues to the Chapter Treasurer or send them to  
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