

The Arizona Fiddler



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Plan on starting off the contest season by joining us here in Yuma at the Worthen Memorial Fiddle Contest, Jan 6-8. Evening shows and dancing, all day jamming, contest Saturday and Sunday. In addition to age categories we'll have Husband/wife, Twin, picking, and other stringed instruments. Something for everyone!

January 13 - 15
Desert Fiesta Music Jam
Salome AZ
Linda Darland 928-671-0474

Grande Fiddle Championships will be held Jan 20 & 21, 2023 at the Pinal County Cowboy Church, 18171 W Hopi Drive, Casa Grande.

This will be a free event with dry camping, jamming, and a Friday night pig roast. The band contest and twin fiddle will be held Friday night in conjunction with the pig roast beginning at 5:30 on the outdoor stage. Indoor bathrooms and kitchen will be open 24 hours Friday Sunday. Age divisions will be held inside the church on Saturday beginning at 9. We will be offering a \$1000 prize to the open winner this year as well as paying to top 10 in open, top 5 in age divisions, accompanist & novice and top 3 in the band contest & twin. We will be giving away over \$6000 in cash and prizes. We want to honor our wonderful accompanists and have added a "Claire Davis Accompnist Award" in addition to our regular accompanist division.

A special thank you to AOTFA & SOS for sponsoring our youth divisions which ensures that every youth who enters will be going home with something special.

For more info contact Tiffany @ 520-709-0150. Prize money breakdown, schedule & judges will be announced in November on Pinal County Cowboy Church

Happy Birthday to You !!!

Donna Cook	1	1
Janet Shelby	1	11
Bud McKirryher	1	14
Brenda Coderre	1	17
Mickey Long	1	30
Darlene Selle	1	31
Noe Alvarado	2	1
Ivan Judd	2	5
Starre Barnett	2	7
Jordan Brambila	2	8
Ed Johnston "	2	15
Barbara Armstrong	2	18
Guy Selle	2	25
Dan Everts	2	26
Arline Peterson	2	26
Omer Coderre	2	27

DUES

Arizona Old Time Fiddlers dues will become due on
January 1 2023
Individual or Family \$15
 (under 18 or going to school included)
Over 80 years of age \$10
 Send to Noreen Johnston 696 S Maricopa St
 Chino Valley AZ 86323
Thanks

Happy Anniversary

Ivan & Fran Judd	1	15	1959
Darwin & Arlene Kimball	1	18	
Tracey & Carol O'Brien	1	25	1969
Bob & Linda Williams	2	16	1971
Tracy & Barbara Armstrong	2	18	2000

AOTFA Officers	2023
President	Nancy Reynolds
Vice Pres	John Kennedy
Secretary/Treasurer	Linda Darland
Membership Secretary/Editor	Noreen Johnston
Board Members	Ross Riggs
	Amy Barry
	Tiffany Dietrich
Thank You!	

Music Music Music

January 6 - 8 2023
Worthen Fiddle Contest
Yuma AZ

January 13 - 15
Desert Fiesta Music Jam
Salome AZ
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January 21 2023
Grande Fiddle Contest
Casa Grande
The twin fiddle and band contest will be on
the evening of Friday January 20
More info later

Blythe Bluegrass
Cancelled for 2023

February 2 - 5
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Ajo Country Club
contact Linda Darland
928-671-0474

February 10 - 12
Safford Fiddle Contest
Safford AZ

March 11 9am - 5 pm
Tucson Fiddle Contest
Steam Pump Ranch
10901 N Oracle Rd
Oro Valley AZ 85737
contact Amy Barry
ireland77@gmail.com

March 17 18
Spring Campout
Salome Lions Club
Linda Darland 928-671-0474

Territorial (Yuma) 2022-2023 Officers

President - Dan Everts
Vice President - Helene Geer
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Recording Secretary - Sandy Woods
Newsletter Editor - Dennis Russell

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State Board Member - Guy Selle

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Arizona Old Time Fiddlers
administered by Jim Page



For Fiddlers About Fiddlers
post videos, requests,
buy or sell fiddle related items
visit with other fiddlers
list news items, contests, schedule of events

Chapter Meetings

Territorial
contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079 Yuma

Rim Country
contact barthelhome@gmail Payson
1:30 2nd Sunday Rock of Ages 204 W Airport Rd Payson
4 p 4th Thursday Rock of Ages Luthern church 204 W
Airport Rd Payson

Verde Valley
contact Nancy Reynolds 9280300-2113 Cottonwood
Senor Citizens Center 6th Street
NEW DAY Third Sunday of month

Happy New Year from the Territorial Chapter of the AOTFA

Our December was busy starting with the 1st and 3rd Saturdays playing at the Capri RV Park from 1 to 3 pm. They furnished the sound system and the room was large enough to prevent over crowding.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays were at the VFW on Hwy 95, from 4 to 6 pm playing for an audience with a tip jar beckoning to be filled. Actually the tip jar was left home one performane so Fred Lapcheska set his cowboy hat on the table and it filled up with tips. Our December playdate brought 20 musicians to demonstrate their playing and singing skills. Evidently the audience liked the music as we had plaenty of dancers.

The 20th we played at the Foothills Library from 2 to 4 pm.

Smaller jams were available all around Yuma so a fiddler could find a group six days a week. Alex Cheeny and Rhodene Shauer hosted an open mic event downtown for two Saturdays.

Our December meeting was held at the Caravan Oasis. Dan Everts was nominated as President, Helene Geer as Vice President, Janet Shelby to continue as Treasurer, Sandy Woods as Secretary, Fred Lapcheska as membership chairman, Dennis Russell as news editor and Helene Geer as co-editor.

The club members agreed to purchase 4 new amplifyers like the ones they had borrowed for the last three performances. They work very well and are much lighter in weight than the previous ones. They are Powerwerks 50.

Our end of the year potluck party was held at the home of one of our fiddlers, Brad and Rhodend Shauer. Thank you Brad and Rhodene.

January scchedule has been pretty much the same as December with the exception of the Foorhills Library. Play dates are January 3rd and 17th. They cancelled our original play dates so we have to reserve one month at a time it seems.

We do have three new members, one of them being a young man who is the grandson of one of our long time members.

The Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddle Contest oin Yuma will take place January 6,7,8, 2023. More information on it is elsewhere in this newsletter.

We wish everyone a great 2023 with many gatherings of like minded fiddlers and happy faces.

The Territorial Chapter of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers.

Rim Country Chapter News

1:30 pm the 2nd Sunday of each month at Rock of Ages 204 W Airport Rd Payson
A Z 85541.

4 pm the 4th Thursday of each month at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church 204 W
Airport Rd Payson Az 85541.

For inforamation about meetings, jams, concerts, please contact Tom Barthel,
president at rimcountryfiddlers@gmail.com or tjbart@live.com.

Board members at large, Tom Martel, Beth Davis, Chad Lawson Caitlin
Wilson Faith Molnar.

Tom Barthel (928) 612-8463 President

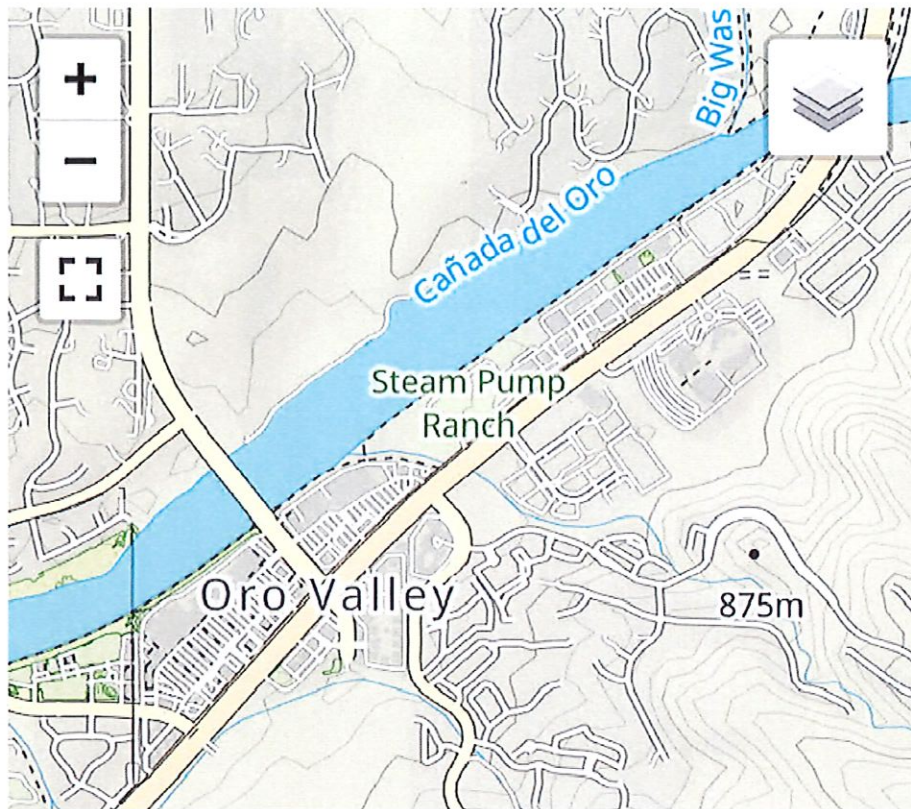
Bethany Barthel Secretary

Elsa Steffanson (602) 531-0260 Vice President & Treasurer

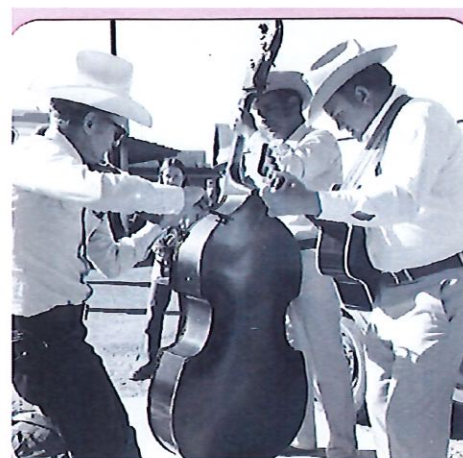
TUCSON FIDDLE CONTEST LOCATION

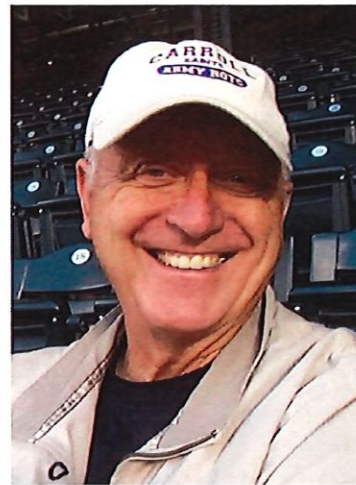
Address: 10901 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

The performance takes place on the south side of the big house on the property, on the wooden raised stage.



gone but not forgotten





Ronald (Ron) Moore was born in Council Idaho on September 6, 1942 and passed away in Boise, Idaho on November 4, 2022 at the age of 80. He was raised in McCall, Idaho by his parents, Jess and Maxine Moore. He has an older sister, Barbara. He graduated from McCall-Donnelly High School in 1960. He played trumpet in the band, and was on the football and basketball teams.



Upon graduation from high school, Ron enlisted in the US Navy and continued with his music by playing trumpet in the Drum and Bugle Corps.

While in the Navy, he attended Radioman "A" school and was stationed for 18 months in the Philippines. He returned to San Diego for Radioman "B" school and met the love of his life, Marlene, when out on a double-date. They only knew each other for a week when he asked her to marry him; and while it seemed crazy to others, they apparently knew it was meant to be. They were married on February 16, 1963. They had two daughters, Denise and Lavetra, while he was stationed throughout California. Ron proudly served aboard the USS Gurke (DD-783) and was deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin in 1963-64 during the initial bombing of Vietnam. As a Radioman 1st Class Petty Officer, his final duty station was in San Diego where he spent three years teaching radio communications to naval officers. Ron also maintained his amateur radio license throughout his life with the call sign WA7MPK.

Ron received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1968 and they moved back to Ron's home state of Idaho. He served two years with the Boise Police Department as a dispatcher and attended Boise Jr. College (now BSU) majoring in accounting and playing on the baseball team. In 1970, Ron began his career with the Idaho State Police as a radio dispatcher and spent many hours riding with several different officers. In 1972, he was promoted to the patrol division, received his first patrol car and became ISP Trooper 512. He patrolled the Treasure Valley area until 1983 when he was promoted to Sergeant and moved into headquarters as the Planning and Statistical Officer. In 1986 he was promoted again, this time to Captain of District 2 in Lewiston. Then, in 1991, his hard work and dedication to the ISP was recognized by then Governor Cecil D. Andrus. Gov. Andrus promoted Ron to the position of Superintendent of the Idaho State Police where he served alongside Dick Cade who

was the Director of Law Enforcement. During this time, he oversaw many changes in the agency, a lasting legacy is the move to their current facility and Headquarters Building in Meridian. Ron proudly served as the Colonel of the Idaho State Police from 1991 until his retirement from service in June 1995.

Ron was an avid fisherman and hunter throughout his life and loved spending time outdoors. He operated a steelhead guided fishing business when he resided in Lewiston and then in retirement another fishing guide business for king salmon in the Hanford Reach area of the Columbia River in Washington. He enjoyed running his jet boat on the Snake and Columbia rivers and various Idaho reservoirs. Ron enjoyed many adventures, camp-outs and pack trips with his family and treasured friends over the years.

He taught his daughters and grandchildren a love of the outdoors as well.

In retirement, he originally kept busy playing golf and also worked several years selling boats at Idaho Marine in Boise. After retirement, Ron and Marlene lived in Emmett, Meridian, and Nampa, Idaho. In 2006, while Ron was visiting his mom at her assisted living residence in Emmett, he recognized retired ISP Trooper Don Ikenberry playing with a fiddle group. Ron talked with him afterwards, and suddenly music was back in Ron's life. He joined the group and began playing his guitar with them. Ron talked Marlene into getting a fiddle and playing as well.

Ron, never one to let a challenge go, taught himself how to play the mandolin and the fiddle, in addition to guitar. Ron served as Vice President of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association for a time as well. Until the pandemic hit, they played weekly at various nursing homes in the Boise area and enjoyed bringing music in to others' lives. Their old-time fiddle music adventures took them to Arizona over several years during the winter. They camped out in the desert, played in nightly jam sessions, and attended a variety of fiddle contests. Every summer for many years, they also attended the Fiddling-In-the-Pines Camp-out near Lowman and the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Weiser. Ron loved to perform for others and even competed in some of these events on his fiddle and would play his guitar as accompaniment when Marlene would play her fiddle in competitions too.

Ron was not ready to give up any of his outdoor or music adventures despite his official diagnosis with Lewy Body Dementia in 2020. He continued to try and get Denise and her husband Donnie to take him hunting up at Lick Creek near McCall and he encouraged Lavetra and her husband Del to learn to play the guitar. Although he didn't have the physical stamina to climb mountains anymore, and his memory to recall beloved songs was in and out, he fought his diagnosis with every ounce of his spirit and could still make us laugh.

Ron's battle with Lewy Body Dementia finally ended on November 4, 2022. Ron leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Marlene Moore; daughters, Denise King (Donnie) of Kuna, Idaho and Lavetra Morgan (Del) of Sittee River, Belize; granddaughter, Jessica Myers (Greg); and great-granddaughter, Danika Myers of Long Beach, California; grandson, Logan Castles of Denver, Colorado; Ron's sister, Barbara Bernard of California and her family of, Kirby Bernard, Kyle Bernard, Charlotte Jolley, and all of their children and grandchildren; and his cousin, Paralee Gates of

Sandpoint, Idaho and her family.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 10:00 AM at Cloverdale Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel located at 1200 N Cloverdale Rd, Boise, ID 83713 with support from the ISP Honor Guard. Visitation will be held immediately before the services at 9:00 AM. The Committal Ceremony will be immediately following the services at 1:00 PM at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery located at 10100 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Boise, ID with military honors.

The family is especially thankful for the care and compassion Cascadia of Boise and Bluebird Hospice provided to them and Ron over his past few weeks of life. The family recognizes two important organizations which donations can be made in his honor if desired. They are the Lewy Body Dementia Foundation (www.lbda.org) and the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial (www.idahopeaceofficersmemorial.com)

"Blessed are the Peacemakers"



Linda L. Barnett was born on July 27, 1933 in Glen Elder Kansas to Dexter and Alice Barnett. Grew up in the logging camps of Colorado and Idaho. Had a pretty busy life that included logging, a sand and gravel construction business and later became the owner of the Airport in Kamiah Idaho. While there she flew hunters into remote areas of Idaho, Patrolled forest fires and spotted drops for fire retardant planes and later added a helicopter spraying service for crops in Idaho and Washington states. After retirement began traveling around to music jams and festivals and last but not least, boondock camping in the Arizona deserts. Many good times with the music.



She was preceded in death by her Husband John Altmiller Son Edward , Daughter Cleo and 2nd Husband Royce Ebert and both Parents.

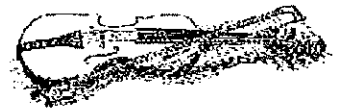
She is survived by sisters Starre and Alice and brother Tim Barnett, daughter Johann, 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren..We like to think of her as off on a new journey of unknown adventures.



Desert Fiesta Country Music Jam

Salome Lions Club
January 13 - 15 2023

Free Admission
Public Welcome to
Join us at all events



Old Time Fiddling
Country & Bluegrass Music

Starts Friday at 7 pm

Saturday 1 pm to 4:30

7 pm to ????



Parking Lot Picking all days
Gospel Sing Sunday 10 AM

Lions Club Complex ~ Center & Hall Streets

For more info call 928-859-4621

All proceeds go back to the Community



Spring Fiddlefest

MARCH 17 & 18

Bluegrass - Country -
Fiddling
Jamming
Stage Performances
Gospel Sing
Sunday 10 AM



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43rd Annual

Ajo Old Time Fiddlers Contest Ajo, Arizona

Feb 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2023

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



Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association
Application for Membership
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member Renewal Change of Address

Please print

Name _____

Summer Address _____

Summer City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If Different

Winter Address _____

Address _____

Winter City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Man's Birthday _____ Lady's Birthday _____

Anniversary _____ Year _____

Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rim Country | Payson area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAOTF | Tucson area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial | Yuma area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verde Valley | Cottonwood area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | Anywhere |

Members may join one principal chapter.

and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary
696 S Maricopa St Chino Valley AZ 86323



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!