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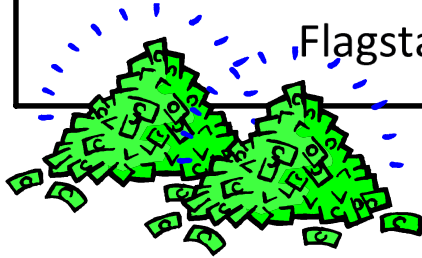
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Thank you!!



RAY SEALING, a long time member of the AOTFA passed away February 8 2020. Ray and his music will truly be missed around the Verde Valley.

Our sincere condolences to the family.



Neal Burgers member of the Cottonwood Chapter of the Old Time Fiddlers passed away in February 2020.

Ruth Fitch pf Cottonwood passed away in Feb 2020.



Pee Wee

- 1 - Aspen Dietrich -
- 2 - Margaret McCusker - Winnepeg, Canada
- 3 - David Fletcher - Chandler
- 4 - Sawyer Dietrich



Sawyer age 5

Junior-Junior

- 1 - Ranelle Dietrich
- 2 - Brie Dietrich
- 3 - Maggie Cuceitro - San Tan Valley
- 4 - Elie Barry - Redington, AZ
- 5 - May McCusker - Winnepeg
- 6 - Ben Barry - Redington

Junior

- 1 - Colton Cortese - Tucson
- 2 - Clay Barry - Redington

Young Adult

- 1 - Heather Parazzo - Mesa

Adult

- 1 - Janet Shelby - Yuma
- 2 - Jess Barry - Redington
- 3 - John Kennedy - Dewey-Humbolt
- 4 - Corrine Garey - Tucson
- 5 - Rick Commo - Sun Lakes
- 6 - Katie Bonn - Salmon, ID

Senior

- 1 - Henry the Fiddler
- 2 - Starr McMullen - Washington
- 3 - Dave Brinkman - Surprise
- 4 - Debbie Dickerson - Spokane
- 5 - Laura Barry - Tucson
- 6 - Cheryl Shirley - Flagstaff

Senior-Senior

- 1 - Jack Darland - Salome
- 2 - Arline Peterson - Salome

Runner-Up Champion

- 1 - Katie Bonn
- 2 - Elie Barry
- 3 - May McCusker
- 4 - Debbie Dickerson
- 5 - Bruce Wurst

Grand Champion

- 1 - Jess Barry
- 2 - Ranelle Dietrich
- 3 - Starr McMullen
- 4 - Janet Shelby
- 5 - John Kennedy

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Twin Fiddling

- 1 - Janet Shelby & Linda Everts
- 2 - Jess Barry & Ben Barry
- 3 - Debbie Dickerson & Henry the Fiddler

Trick & Fancy

- 1 - Henry the Fiddler
- 2 - Aspen Dietrich
- 3 - Heather Parazzo



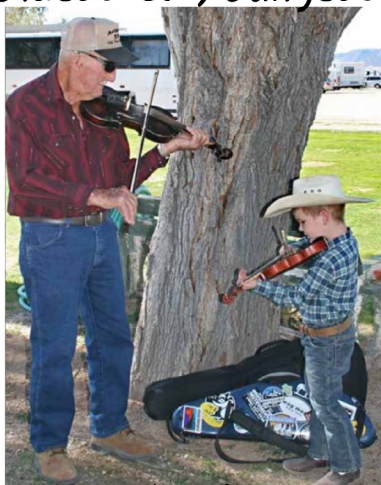
Accompanist

- 1 - Frank Moore - Oregon
- 2 - Brie Dietrich
- 3 - Bruce Wurst - Phoenix
- 4 - Carla Fewkes - Meridian, ID
- 5 - Ranelle Dietrich

Judges

- Gayle Clarity - Oregon
- Dan Everts - Yuma
- Paul Dickerson - Spokane

Oldest & Youngest



Jack Darland & Sawyer Dietrich

Things to do !

Campouts have always been part of the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc. music, jamming, socializing, etc. however, let's face it sitting in a circle playing the same tunes you played earlier in the day can get a little monotonous especially for the young folks. This was the issue we faced with our two sons. So in order to keep them involved we decided to come up with what we called an anti-contest. Our first attempt required the fiddlers to go out and find a large stick we could write their name on. We had a panel of two judges. The contestants gave their stick to the judges and played their tunes. If the judges liked what they played the stick was returned for the next round. If not it was tossed in the fire and they were out. The last contestant with a stick won. Folks really enjoyed the contest and our sons liked running the show.

Each year we changed up the contest with different skills the fiddlers had to execute. Stealing from the TV show Hee-Haw we set up a picket fence with corn stocks and scare crows as a backdrop. The contestants were required to jump up from behind the fence tell a corny joke and play a tune. They were judged on the regular contest criteria as well as audience reaction to their joke and their playing. Prizes given out were acquired at yard sales and thrift stores such as record albums, anything with a fiddle on it or certificates. The grand prize was a cardboard training fiddle which was a traveling trophy which required the winner to return the next year.

Some of the other skills in following contests would require the fiddler to play with a raw egg balanced on the fiddle scroll, or to shake a ping pong ball while playing out of a Kleenex box strapped to their backside. We've used a roulette wheel, giant dice, and even large Plinko board to determine what type of tune or a specific tune must be played. We created a reusable back drop added a sound system and show cased family bands. The event became a real production. The fiddlers loved it, my sons stayed interested and the audience keep coming back. At the end of the show we would serve cookies or homemade cinnamon rolls with ice cream to the audience. I'm not sure if it was the show or the treats at the end but we would draw in a large audience anywhere from 50 to 150 people from the local area and campgrounds. The forest service has been very generous to allow us to use a spot large enough to accommodate our RVs and the large audience we were attracting.

This next year will be our 14th year. If you are in our neck of the woods and are interested in attending you can contact at Monty Mortenson, president@iotfa.org.

Submitted by,
Martin Fewkes



Welcome	New Members	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
Jim & Colleen Dane	Reno NV	Elsa Steffanson		Pine AZ
Dave Holt	Buckeye AZ	Ed Strain		Payson AZ
George & Janet Slocum		Bruce Wales		Payson AZ
Rachel Ericson	Twain CA	Caitlin Wilson		Payson AZ
Jane Alloway/Jeanne Clarke	Payson AZ	Emily Wilson		Payson AZ
Ani Beach	Chandler AZ	Shelly Wilson		Payson AZ
Lawrence Buchholtz	Payson AZ	Robert & Sadie Hucko		Payson AZ
Jeanne Brown	Payson AZ	Tom Barthel		Payson AZ
Anni Eichberger	Payson AZ	Jack Michael Whitson		Payson AZ
Elden McKenzie	Payson AZ	Richard Quigley		Payson AZ
Daniel J McLeod	Payson AZ	H L Green		Kingman AZ
Kelsi McMartin	Payson AZ	John & Bette Branch		Hot Springs SD
Julie Miller	Payson AZ	Marilyn Schnibble		
Faith Molnar	Fountain Hills AZ		& Lon Johnes	Vvancouver WA
William Morris	Forst Lakes AZ	Norm & Judy Trujillo		Yuma AZ
Anne Morrison	Payson AZ	Sandra Woods		Yuma AZ
Denise Murray	Payson AZ	Alex Cheeney		Yuma AZ
William Rinesh	Payson AZ			
Roy & Sylvia Sandoval	Payson AZ			

Worthen Fiddle Contest Yuma AZ

Jr Jr

1. Ranelle Dietrich
2. Aspen Dietrich
3. Brie Dietrich

Junior

1. Clay Barry

Adult

1. Jess Barry
2. Janet Shelby
3. Katie Bonn

Senior

1. Henry the Fiddler
2. Starr McMullen
3. Dave Brinkman

Sr Sr

1. Gayle Clarity
2. Arline Peterson
3. Jack Darland

Husband & Wife

1. Katie & Tom Bonn
2. Marlene & Ron Moore
3. Jack & Linda Darland

Trick & Fancy

1. Henry the Fiddler
2. Ranelle Dietrich

Accompanist

1. Ranelle Dietrich

Other Stringed Instrument

1. Dave Brinkman
2. Ranelle Dietrich
3. Dennis Russell

Twin Fiddle

1. Janet Shelby & Linda Everts
2. Elle Barry & Jess Barry
3. Dave Brinkman & Katie Bonn

Grand Champion

1. Jess Barry
2. Janet Shelby
3. Henry the Fiddler



Rim Country Chapter

We have a new chapter. It is named The Rim Country Chapter of the AOTFA. The Wilsons petitioned the AOTFA to have a chapter in Payson AZ because that is where the state fiddle championship is held every September. They are having two meetings, the 1st Sunday of each month at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church. It is located at 204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ. Times 2 pm. The other is the 3rd Thursday of the month Mt Cross Lutheran Church located at 601 E Hwy 260 Payson AZ Time 6 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Beginners to professionals. Enjoy music..

Rim Country (Payson area) Officers & Board Members 2020

President	Caitlin Wilson
Vice President	Bill Rinesh
Secretary/Treasurer	Faith Molnar
State Rep	John Kennedy
Board Members	Annie James
	Ric Quigley
	Jack Whitson
	Tom Barthel
	Bruce Wales



Ed & Noreen 1960

March & April Anniversaries

Ed & Noreen Johnston	3	06	1960
Jim & Crystal Shu	3	08	1986
Leonard & Laura Cook	3	17	1955
Ann Shaw	3	29	
Priscilla Burgers	3	31	
Ross & Fran Riggs	4	02	1965
Phyllis Brese	4	06	1965
Dean & Carol Porter	4	16	2009
Ruth Julson	4	17	1978
Sam & Georgia Brown	4	19	1993
Jon & Janet Shelby	4	22	1994
Tom & Katie Bonn	4	28	1984

Well Dear Friends of the AOTFA, I sent a request out on the internet about two weeks ago for members to forward any news they had about themselves or any of our events but only one person sent anything in. Here is a note I recently got: Guitar Raffle has started - will be selling tickets @Casa Grande contest , also the drawing will be there, the winner will be contacted and also on the AOTFA website.

The Guitar is a copy of a Martin D28 with herring bone trim and same around sound hole, I built several years ago for deceased wife/s nephew in Arkansas, who decided he didn't want it, I never finished it , it just lay in a case in my workshop for about two years, I gave it one of our members to sell at our yard sales. He lives up in Oregon, they got together, had it finished with plenty of coats of Guitar Finish and polish, it's a nice guitar hope someone deserving wins it.. I got the kit from Stewart Mc Donalds guitar shop supply, I have built several of their guitar kits and sold them and gave them away as awards in contest in past years. I have built several acoustic guitars from scratch just blueprints and lots of courage and different hardwoods materials, some didn't turn out, some did.

OK on with the newsletter going to be tough getting this finished I just had Gall Bladder surgery about a week and a half ago, still feeling sore, and for some unknown reason lost some of my appetite, I also had a Umbilical Hernia repaired and still feeling goofy from the Anesthesia., My doctor gave me a sealed jar yesterday with about a dozen gall stones, I laughed with my friends, they said Dennis let them dry out put black dots on them and use them as dice in a craps game.

Getting ready for big Yard Sale this weekend but by the time you get this it will be over, the monies to be used for prize monies and expenses for our chapter. There is a photo of some of our newly elected officers but for some strange reason I couldn't get it to open, so it wont be included mabey next newsletter. Some of us got to perform at the Annual Silver Spur Rodeo, this is the third year now I hope that this continues but need to get a rail around the elevated stage they made for us. We don't perform next to the Rodeo Arena but in an area just as customers came in through the gate to get in., got to perform for about two hours just about everyone that plays a instrument got a chance to perform in all three days of the rodeo. I hope that the Rodeo Committee keeps using us to start off their big event. I remember yesteryear in the announcers stand on the other side of the arena Charlie Worthen and his fiddle and two guitarist used to play a hoedown just as a cowboy started through the chute chasing a cow during the event.

The VFW I am a member of this.They are looking for a way to host a battle of the bands event in the near future, mixed electric and acoustic instruments (Not affiliated with the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers) but they heard us perform and want to try and promote us if we will help them out. Have it in a early or late spring a band contest with a "FIDDLE IN THE BAND CONTEST".

And lastly I see a few individuals who show up to perform at the foothills library that I have never seen before, are they members? I don't know,, they never show at any other functions we have, and there are persons I know that are members but never show up to help us at our functtons. The whole season will roll by and I will never see them . I hope this type of behavior doesn't erupt in a split in our wonderful music club like back in 1994.

Well better quit, getting late I need some food and cup of coffee in me to help me along, still feeling weak from the operation.

Dennis Russell Territorial Chapter Editor have a nice day.....#

1st Annual Casa Grande Fiddle Contest Saturday, March 14 in Pearl Park. Registration starts at 9:00, contest starts at 10:00. Jamming in the park Friday night. Contact Tiffany Dietrich with questions: 520-709-0150 or my7gems@cox.net

No entry fees for AOTFA members, so become a member before the contest!

Campers are welcome to come in as early as the Thursday before the contest and stay through the weekend at the Pinal County Cowboy Church. Camping is free. There won't be anyone there to check you in but you can call Tiffany at 520-709-0150 with any questions.

Free breakfast provided at Cowboy Church Saturday morning for campers. (Pearl Park is 10-15 mins from Cowboy Church and there will be plenty of parking at both places).

Contest Sponsors: Pinal Country Cowboy Church, Al & Riley's Air Conditioning, The Brinkman family, Wurst Music, Culver's of Casa Grande, CSC Face Painting, Strings of the Season, The Gathering Restaurant, Terry McShane Luthier, The Marthalar family, Lamont Audio, Brutinel Plumbing, Abiding Impressions, T Time Grill at Mission Royale, Bill and Maria Walters, Ken Kermod Realty, The Arizona Old Time Fiddlers, Famous Amos Builders, & Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning. Thank you all.



Howdy fiddler's Bob Williams repair shop here.

I realized last year I didn't fiddle play much cuz I was blessed with lots of repair work (thank you all) BUT this year I'll take your repair work home and deliver it at next events so I can join you in the fun jamming.

List below events attending for pickup and delivery

Salome.... Nov., Jan., March

Ajo, AZ...Feb.

Lk. Havasu City, AZ... March

Fiddle on,

Bob Williams

928-733-8990 Or 928-230-3125

Attend a Monthly Chapter Meeting

Rim Country - Payson area

1st Sunday 2 pm

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church
204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ

3rd Thursday 6 pm

Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Log cabin building

601 E Hwy 260 Payson AZ

Contact Caitlin Wilson - wilsonsetc@gmail.com

Southern AZ - Tucson area

Unitarian Universalist Church

4831 E 22 Street Tucson AZ 85709

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086

Territorial - Yuma area

Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079

Verde Valley - Cottonwood area

NEW DAY !!!

Second Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Senior Citizens Hall

500 E Cherry Cottonwood AZ

Contact Fran Judd 928-634-77963

Places to go !!

March 14 1st Annual Casa Grande fiddle contest

Pearl Park Casa Grande - 350 E 6th St, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Pinal County Cowboy Church - 18171 W Hopi Dr, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

free parking

free breakfast for campers

no entry fees for contest if you are a member of the AZ Old Time Fiddlers

contact Tiffany Dietrich - my7gems@cox.net

March 20 - 22 - AOTFA Spring Campout - SALOME, ARIZONA - Salome Lions Club -

Hall Street - Meal and Bar by the Lions Club - Friday and Saturday Stage Shows - Dry

Camping by donation - For more info contact Linda 928-671-0474 or

ldarland53@gmail.com

Weiser National Fiddle Contest

Weiser ID

THIRD WEEK OF JUNE

September

Vertilee Floyd Memorial

State Fiddle Contest

Payson AZ



MY FIDDLE

James Whitcomb Riley

My fiddle? - well I kindo keep her handy. don't you know
Though I ain't so much inclined to tromp the strings and switch the bow
As I was before the timber of my elbows got so dry,
And my fingers was more limber-like and caperish and spry:
Yit I can plonk and plonk and plink
And tuner her up and play And just lean back and laugh and wink
At ev'ry rainy day.

My playin's only middlin' - tunes I picked up when a boy -
The kindo' sorto' fiddlin' that the folks calls "cordaroy:"
"The Old Fat Gal", and "Rye Straw", and "My Sailyor's on the Sea"
Is the old cowtillions I "saw" when the chi'ce is left to me:
And so I plunk and plonk and plink
And rosen up my bow,
And play the tunes that make you think
The devil's in your toe!

I was allus a romancin', do-less boy, to tell the truth,
A-fiddlin' and a'dancin', and a wastin' of my youth,
And a'actin' and a'cuttin'-up all sorts of silly pranks
That wasn't worth a button of anybody's thanks!
But they tell me, when I ust to plink
And plonk and plunk and play,
My music seemed to have the kink
O' drivin' cares away!

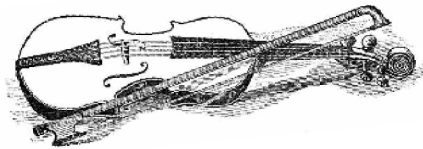
That's how this here old fiddle's won my heart's indurin' love!
From the strings acrost her middle, to the schreachin; keys above -
From her "apern", over "bridge" and to the ribbon round her throat,
She's a woin', cooin' pidgeon, singin' "Love Me" ev'ry note!
And so I pat her neck and plink
Her strings with lovin' hands
And, lint'nin' clost, I sometimes think
She kindo' understands!



Spring Fiddlefest

MARCH 20 & 21, 2020

Bluegrass - Country - Fiddling
Jamming - Stage Performances
Gospel Sing Sunday 10 AM
Meals Friday & Saturday



MENU

Friday

Noon

Chili - \$3.00

Chili Dogs - \$5.00

Saturday

Pancakes ~ Bacon ~ Eggs

\$5.00 ~ 8 AM

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**TBD**

**Dessert ~ \$8.00 ~ 5 PM**



Lions Club Complex ~ Center & Hall Streets

For more info call 928-859-4621

All proceeds go back to the Community



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"/> Valley       | Phoenix area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent  | Anywhere        |

Members may join One principal chapter and one associate chapter

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