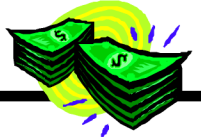


# THE ARIZONA FIDDLER

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**Membership dues will be increasing to \$15 per family per year  
beginning January 1 2019**



## *Fun Times* Chapter Jams

**Catalina Mountain**  
**INACTIVE AT THIS TIME**  
Looking for a new location

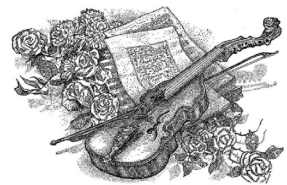
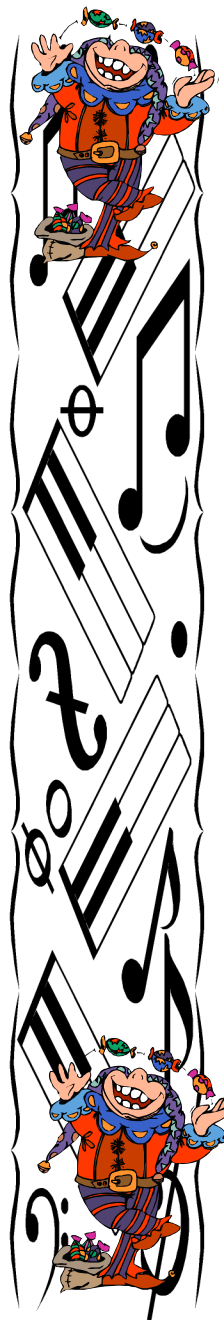
**Mile High - Prescott Area**  
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**Southern AZ - Tucson Area**  
Jam at Southwest Community Center  
Tuesdays 7 pm  
5950 S Cardinal Ave  
Tucson AZ  
**Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086**

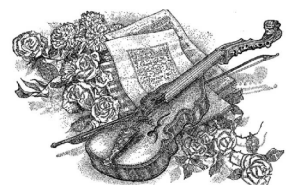
**Territorial - Yuma Area**  
**Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079**

**Valley - Phoenix Area**  
Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm  
920 N Barkley  
Mesa AZ 85203  
**Contact Crystal Shu 480-851-8362**  
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**Verde Valley Cottonwood Area**  
First Sunday 1 - 4 pm  
Senior Citizens Hall  
500 E Cherry  
Cottonwood AZ



**Jim Stogsdill** was born on February 2, 1916, and passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2018. (102). Jim was a long time member of the AOTFA and a fine fiddle player.



## Spring Camp Out 2018

Weather was good. A little cool for March in Salome, and a little breezy at times. We had a good turnout. Lots of friends, good music, good food provided by the Salome Lions Club. They cooked corned beef and cabbage dinner in celebration of St Patrick's Day. So many people showed up for dinner that they ran out of beef. Was really good though. It is always a good time in Salome. There was a board meeting Sat morning. Business was the acceptance of the Safford area fiddlers into the AOTFA as a chapter. Instructions were given as to what they would need to supply in form of paper work. Also, the board voted to raise the annual dues to \$15 a year per family starting in 2019. Was nice to see Blaine Cone there, courtesy of John Kennedy. Of course, it is always nice to see all the friends that come to enjoy the weekend. We missed all of you that could not come for whatever the reason. The next get together at Salome will be the first weekend of November.

## Anniversaries May - June

Coyla McKean	5	01	1984
Jim & Carole Page	5	05	1983
Val & Lorraine Andreasen	5	06	1994
Douglas & Diane Zimmer	5	07	1994
Noe & Ana Maria Alvarado	5	09	
John & Roni Kennedy	5	12	1988
<b>Harold &amp; Thelma Snapp</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1949</b>
Les & Anita Kramer	5	15	2002
Craig & Glenda Averill	5	21	1972
Jerry & Connie Taylor	5	22	1971
Gerry Giss	5	26	1970
<b>Bob &amp; Claudine Burns</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1955</b>
Linda Lebow	5	30	1991
Emmett & Erna Mae Gundy	5	30	1998
Harper Piver & Robert Lurie	5	31	2008
<b>Jim Gilbert</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>1955</b>
<b>Gene &amp; Patty Goforth</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>1950</b>
<b>Wilma Cousins</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>1942</b>
Gordon & Norma Jones	6	03	1995
Bill & Wanda Davis	6	12	1959
Willie & Caroline McArthur	6	12	1982
Charlie & Cathy Freund	6	14	1969
Alonzo & Carol Berry	6	15	1973
<b>Don &amp; Joyce McNair</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1948</b>
Paul & Gayl Ratigan	6	20	1981
Rob & Janet Searle	6	23	2005
Omer & Brenda Coderre	6	23	1990
<b>Fred &amp; Norma Werckle</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1954</b>

### Welcome Our New Members

					
	Kent & Shirey Helsdon			Yuma	
	Carl Brehmer			Prescott	
					
	Connie Walter			Flora Vista NM	

# 2018 Tucson Fiddle Contest Results

## Pee Wee Division

1. Brie Dietrich
2. Aletheia Hsiao
3. Aspen Dietrich
4. Vita Pearl Carr
5. Elie Barry
6. Ryoto Brumitt



## Junior-Junior Division

1. Molly Sunshine Lorryng
2. Ranelle Dietrich
3. Denise Arzabe
4. Olivia Locklin
5. Maggie Cucito
6. Clay Barry
7. Ben Barry
8. Faith Anderson



## Junior Division

1. Will MacDonald
2. Maria McArthur
3. Maddie Dietrich
4. Malcom Barrios
5. Brook Locklin
6. Elizabeth Kunkkle

## Young Adults Division

1. Jess Barry



## Adults Division

1. Corrine Garey
2. Rick Commo
3. Katie Bonn
4. Bruce Wurst
5. Amy Barry



## Seniors Division

1. Henry the Fiddler
2. Noe Alvarado
3. Dave Brinkman
4. Sue Elslager
5. Laura Barry
6. Cheryl Shirley



## Backup Division

1. Bruce Wurst
2. Jerry Arzabe
3. Maria McArthur
4. Lee MacDonald
5. Ranelle Dietrich

## Division Twin Fiddle

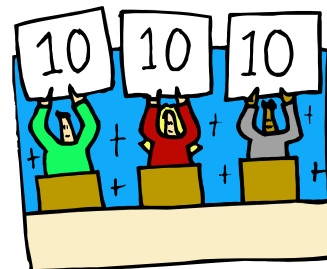
1. Maria McArthur / Will MacDonald
2. Ranelle & Maddie Dietrich
3. Katie Bonn / Dave Brinkman
4. Maggie Cucito / Laura Barry
5. Brie Dietrich / Henry the Fiddler
6. Elie & Jess Barry

## Trick & Fancy Division

1. Henry the Fiddler
2. Molly Sunshine Lorryng
3. Lee McDonald
4. Ranelle Dietrich
5. Brooke Locklin
6. Sue Elslager
7. Rick Commo
8. Elie Barry

## Judges

Marti White  
Peter Rolland  
Danielle Bettencourt



## Master of Ceremonies

Wilbur Welsh

# 2018 Rolland Fiddle Camp newsletter

**Calling all fiddle music enthusiasts!**

**Join us for**

**ROLLAND FIDDLE CAMP #8**

**June 25 - June 29, 2018**

Full Details And Registration At The Camp Website

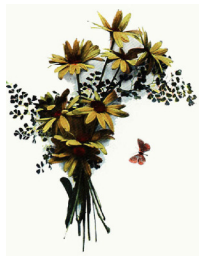
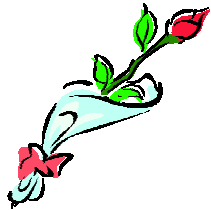
[www.peterrolland.com](http://www.peterrolland.com)

Registration for this small high quality camp is underway. Join us in beautiful Westcliffe, Colorado. It will be a memorable week of study and immersion in old-time and western swing music on your chosen instrument. Experience first-hand the benefits of a small, intimate camp with a high teacher-student ratio, great teachers and performers, completely dedicated to helping you reach your musical goals.



# Birthdays-May

Dave	Brinkman	5	1
Corrine	Garey	5	2
LaVarre	Hible	5	3
Danny	Seaton	5	6
Thelma	Snapp	5	7
Earl Vitus		5	9
Emma	Reynolds	5	9
Alonzo	Berry	5	10
Laura	Holmesley	5	12
Laura	Cook	5	12
Ana Alvarado		5	13
Rudy	Jimenez	5	13
Vi	Brown	5	14
Joyce	McNair	5	15
Wilma	Stewart	5	15
Joyce	Hondrop	5	16
Maria	McArthur	5	19
Ian Van Dusen		5	20
Odessa	Wilbourn	5	21
Anna Jane	Russell	5	21
Carroll	Holman	5	25
Steven	Snyder	5	25
Gerry	Giss	5	26
Sharon	Schaede	5	27
Mary	Brinkman	5	28
Robin	Unger	5	28
Richard	Aldrich	5	29
Wilma	Allen	5	29
Patty	Goforth	5	30
RuthCook		5	30
Carole	Page	5	30
Dennis	Russell	5	31



# Birthdays-June

George	Franks	6	2
Helen J	Green	6	2
Nancy	Reynolds	6	2
Bill	Lahti	6	4
Whitney	Welsh	6	5
Erna Mae	Gundy	6	6
Ken	Allen	6	7
Tracy	Armstrong	6	9
Katie	Bonn	6	10
Delynn	Peterson	6	10
Bill	Arnold	6	11
Tom	Backe	6	15
Molly	Loring	6	18
Renie	Slagle	6	18
Hal	Porter	6	18
Rhodene	Schauer	6	18
Evertt	Snetsinger	6	20
Charlie	Herndon	6	21
Colton	Cortese	6	22
Ollie	Hubbard	6	22
Jean	Ponczo	6	22
Melinda	Frankot	6	24
Curt	Adrian	6	25
Mary	Leavitt	6	28
Elaine	Carlson	6	30



If you know someone who is not getting their newsletter, they probably haven't paid their dues, Tell them to contact Noreen Johnston 928-853-3577

April 17 2018

Well, here we are, old time fiddlers, the season is almost over, lots of our members heading out to cooler country soon and some have already departed. I want to tell you what a wonderful time it has been with almost 90% of our membership performing at gigs all over town here in Yuma. One time at the Foothills Library, I counted 26 violins, three guitars, one bass viol. We were playing opening tunes of one which was Westphalia Waltz, not really an opener, just that it sounded really good, because some of our members play that tune all of the time, but what made it unique it almost sounded like a concert playing it. We were invited several weeks ago to perform at "Lutes Casino", one of Yuma's old time saloon eatery and museum, hope I spelled the last word correctly///// , down on main street. Then a few days later, we were invited to perform across the street at Betty's, hope I got that right. I couldn't attend, parking was at a premium, put a tip jar out and we did pretty good from what I heard.

The last few weeks we had some kids show up, they wanted to learn how to play the fiddle. Dan and Linda Everts made arrangements to give them lessons when they return after this summer. But to help the matter along, they were going to sponsor the violins for them, those kids didn't show up so they were without. But I got a hold of International Violin in Baltimore Maryland that they have student violins at a very low price, that includes the case, the bow, and everything to go for \$74 bucks each, and a small shipping fee (I am sponsoring the violins, my cost). We have several individuals offered to get them started in beginning lessons and some of us still here during the long hot summer can show them a few simple tunes. Both boys, one is 12, one is 10, should be interesting. They have some younger siblings that might be interested also when the time comes.....

Other things, our emcee, our Vice Prez, having issues, left to go back to the north pole early, I say north because anywhere there's snow it might as well be the north pole. Most of us our age are having health issues. I have some sort of arthritis, went to a rheumatologist that prescribed Predisone for a short period of time, will find out this week what the prognosis is. I think our Prez "Frank" has a little bit of it also. One of the ladies, Dorothy Barstad also having the same problem. I have also been using Aspercream to

help but it doesn't, getting old is not for sissy's..

Omer Coderre got some small metal pins shaped like a fiddle, his money he said he's buying them for members but I think that it was agreed that the chapter would purchase them. They are hat pins.

This summer Fred Lapcheska is going to start weekly jam sessions and workshops some where here in Yuma to keep things going. I like to make bake goodies for our get togethers, especially Banana Nut bread and Bread Pudding, so if you didn't get any, not my fault, it must have been eaten quickly.

We have a hot fiddler in our midst "Angela Schauer, does bluegrass ditty's and along with Hot Licks John on his Martin guitar (can't remember his last name) play Bill Monroe tunes, we have pretty good time at our sessions. I reckon Janet Shelby and Linda Everts will be entering the Twin Fiddle competition in Weiser this year, if everyone remembers, they placed pretty high at the event last year but also too first place at Ajo in February this year. But we all practice more a few more and win events at contest, not to forget Dorothy Barstad, one of our senior members placed in winners bracket at the Worthen Memorial this past January..

I don't want to write a book but in closing, I happened upon a lady my age that plays piano very well, she was bragging to me that she once played the piano at Carnegie Hall. She heard some of us playing our instruments and told me 'you people are not very good, you need practice'. I told her some of us are amateurs and some are excellent performers and you have never heard Old Time Fiddle tunes. She didn't know what I was saying or didn't understand. I said there are a quite a few persons who play professionally that can't read music, she said 'who' I said 'Mark O'Connor. said he has played at Carnegie Hall maybe several times, he started out playing guitar when was ten , now plays violin and fiddle and guitar, never took lessons. I thought she

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# Dates to Remember

**Third full week of June  
National Old Time Fiddle contest  
Weiser ID**



**Celebrate the 4th of July  
INDEPENDENCE DAY !!!!!**

**Sept 28 - 30  
Vertilee Floyd Memorial  
AZ State Championship Fiddle Contest  
Rodeo Grounds Payson AZ  
contact nbeck@paysonaz.gov**



**Nov 2 - 4  
Fall Festival  
Salome Lions Club  
Salome AZ  
AOTFA General Meeting  
Election of 2019 Officers  
Linda Darland 928-671-0474**



**Nov 9 - 11  
Four Corner States Festival  
Wickenburg AZ  
wickenburgchamberofcommerce.org**



**Dec 25  
Christmas!!**

**If you have an event that you would like  
to be included in this newsletter, just  
email fiddlerslady@aol.com**

Kinda sad but true

A Russian arrives in New York City as a new immigrant to the United States. It's 11:00 AM on a Wednesday.

He stops the first person he sees walking down the street and says,

"Thank you Mr. American for letting me come into this country, giving me housing, food stamps, free medical care, and a free education!"

The passerby says, "You are mistaken, I am a Mexican and here illegally."

The man goes on and encounters another passerby. "Thank you for having such a beautiful country here in America."

The person says, "I not American, I Vietnamese and here on a Green Card that expired two years ago."

The new arrival walks farther and stops the next person he sees, then shaking his hand, and says, "Thank you for wonderful America!

That person puts up his hand and says, "I am from Middle East. I am not American. It was easy to get here via Arizona."

He finally sees a nice lady and asks, "Are you an American?"

She says, "No, I am from Africa here on an Education Green Card that expired 10 years ago."

Puzzled, he asks her, "Where are all the Americans?"

The African lady checks her watch and says: "Probably at work."

Yuma letter continued

was going to choke, I told her to go look it up on Wikipedia, her husband won't talk to me any more.....too bad for them.....Y'all correct me if I am wrong.....

Little more about what is happening here in Yuma, the police here caught the persons who set fire to those new apartments being constructed on Arizona Avenue in January, four teenagers ranging in age from 16 to 18, they were laughing about it in court, they won't laugh in prison....

Territorial Chapter Editor

Dennis Russell

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

ANNUAL DUES \$12.00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

MAN'S BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ LADY'S BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAMES & BIRTHDAYS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 LIVING AT HOME

**CIRCLE ONE PRINCIPLE CHAPTER**

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Catalina Mountain    | Valley - Phoenix          |
| Migh High - Prescott | Verde Valley - Cottonwood |
| Southern - Tucson    | Independent - no chapter  |
| Territorial - Yuma   |                           |

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

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