

The Arizona Fiddler

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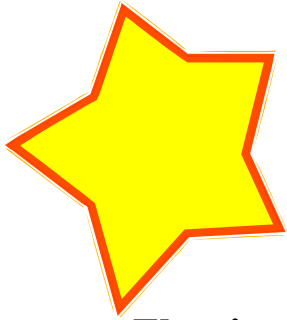
REMINDER!!

Membership fees will be due January 1 2020.

Individual and family \$15 per year

Individual and spouse over 80 \$10

Please send dues to AOTFA Noreen Johnston 7470 Derryberry Flagstaff AZ 86004



General Membership Meeting

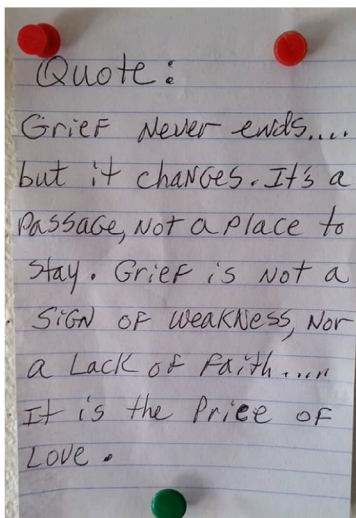
Saturday November 2 2019

10 am

Lions clubhouse Salome AZ



Election of 2020 Officers and Board Members & general business



Glen Wilbourn, 87, from Mayer, Ariz., passed away on September 25, 2019. He was born on July 26, 1932.



George William Franks, 89, passed away September 30, 2019 after a year long fight with pancreatic cancer. He will be dearly missed by all his family and many friends. He was a general contractor most of his life and retired from the Mancelona post office as a rural mail carrier. The last several years George and his wife Ida Mae resided in Bouse Arizona. They celebrated their 68 anniversary in June. He was very involved with the fiddlers group for many years. He loved watching the Arizona Diamondback Baseball team, going to the casino, playing cards, and putting together puzzles. Special thanks to friends, neighbors and hospice who helped care for him. May he rest in peace.

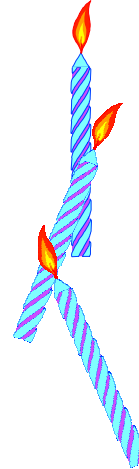
Those of you who would like to connect with Denny and Elaine Carlson - here's the address and cell phone number.

They will not be coming to Arizona this year and would love to hear from you.

Denny Carlson
6121 Brooklyn Blvd # 232
Brooklyn Center Minnesota 55439
218-639-7988



Happy November Birthdays



Lynda Brannin	11	3
Taylor Dietrich	11	3
Sam Brown	11	5
Laurel Phillips	11	5
Wilbur Welsh	11	6
Roy Ireland	11	7
Forrest Wolgamot	11	8
Ida Herndon	11	9
Ruth Werle	11	10
Evelyn Haase	11	10
Chuck Johnston	11	11
Ann Shaw	11	18
Nanie Wolgamot	11	21
Leber Schlesinger	11	23
Barbara Gay	11	26
Esther Smith	11	26
Val Andreasen	11	28
Andria Welsh	11	28

To family and friends:

It is with great sadness that I write this email to inform you of the passing of **Charles Herndon** on Oct 3, 2019. He was 86 years young and passed away peacefully at Clifton Manor in Calgary, AB. For any further questions you may contact Ida Nitschke via email at imnitsch@shaw.ca or by telephone at 403-273-4925; Maxine Pavlenko via email at mamapav@hotmail.com or by telephone at 403-327-5887; or myself via email at m.jizelle@gmail.com or by telephone at 403-585-6456.

Sincerely,
Marny Herndon

**Winners
at Weiser**



**Winners
at Payson**

The Dietrich Girls
**Winners of the
2019 Mesa Battle of the Bands**

Vertilee Floyd Memorial Fiddle Contest Payson AZ Results



Championship Division

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|---|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Michael Rolland | Phoenix |
| 2 | Jess Barry | Benson |
| 3 | Mary Keinbaum | Florence |
| 4 | Ranelle Dietrich | Casa Grande |
| 5 | John Kennedy | Dewey |

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|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Brie Dietrich | Casa Grande |
| 2 | Aspen Dietrich | Casa Grande |
| 3 | Emily Fletcher | Chandler |
| 4 | Allyah Alpert | Prescott |
| 5 | Sawyer Dietrich | Casa Grande |

Senior Division

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|---|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | Doug Fulker | Precott |
| 2 | Dave Brinkman | Suprise |
| 3 | Laura Barry | Tucson |
| 4 | Cheryl Shirley | Flagstaff |

Hot Bow

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|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Michael Rolland |
| 2 | Jess Barry |
| 3 | John Kennedy |

Adult Division

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|---|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Jess Barry | Benson |
| 2 | John Kennedy | Dewey |
| 3 | Corrine Garey | Tucson |

Trick Division

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| Aspen Dietrich | Tucson |
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Young Adult Division

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|---|-----------------|----------|
| 1 | Michael Rolland | Phoenix\ |
| 2 | Mary Keinbaum | Florence |
| 3 | Caitin Wilson | Payson |
| 4 | Emily Wilson | Payson |
| 5 | Heather Perazzo | Mesa |

Fancy Division

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| Rick Commo | Sun Lakes |
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Junior Division

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|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Colton Cortese | Tucson |
| 2 | Susan Stewart | Mesa |
| 3 | Clay Barry | Benson |
| 4 | Rebecca Bayless | Arizona City |

Band Competition

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| Madonna and the Boys |
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Cross Tuned Division

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| Michael Rolland |
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Junior Junior Division

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|---|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Ranelle Diestrich | Casa Grande |
| 2 | Danielle Carter | Queen Valley |
| 3 | Maggi Cucitro | San Tan Valley |
| 4 | Elle Barry | Benson |
| 5 | Ben Barry | Benson |

Twin Fiddle Division

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| Corrine Garey & Jess Barry |
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Accompanist Division

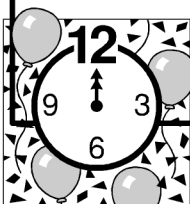
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| John Kennedy |
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Small Fry Division



December Birthdays

Dorothy Powell	12	2
Will MacDonald	12	3
Mary Lee Huntington	12	4
Angela Sciarpelletti	12	6
Francis Lyons	12	6
Nadine Schlesinger	12	7
Paul Ratigan	12	7
Bill Davis	12	11
Linda Everts	12	13
Dolores Talbert	12	15
Keith Phillips	12	22
Ida Mae Franks	12	23
Jacqueline Perry	12	28
Ray Sealing	12	28
Marian Blumensetter	12	31
John Payne	12	31
Cathy Freund	12	31



January 1 2020, the newsletter will be sent E Mail.

Make sure that Noreen has your current email address.

Hers is fiddlerslady@aol.com

Do it today. Don't miss one letter.



The annual election of officers will be at the Salome Az Fiddlefest November 2. If you would be willing and like to be considered for an officer or board member, please contact Noreen at fiddlerslady@aol.com or call her at 928-853-3577



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



Happy Anniversaries November & December Congratulations

Rhodene & Brad	Schauer	11	15	
Joseph	Commo	11	21	1948
Danny & Vicci	Seaton	11	25	1999
Chuck & Barbara	Giamalvo	11	27	1965
Corrine	Garey	12	05	2009
Paul	Cragun	12	16	1976
Jack & Linda	Darland	12	18	1974
Charles & Marti	White	12	21	1971
Patty Childs		12	22	1941
Gary & Sherry	Johnson	12	23	1978
Mae Camp		12	27	1954
Stan & Lydia	Leake	12	28	
Wilma	Stewart	12	29	1949

October 14 2019

Dear Fiddlers, now time for another newsletter. I missed the last one to be posted but have lots of news or messages for everyone. One of our local members got a call from Terry Schwindt up in Montana that the snow storm up in that area also hit Idaho, parts of Canada and Washington state. He said it snowed so hard that the road he uses to go to Idaho or supposedly (if I didn't hear it right) was so heavy that the road was blocked with several feet of snow. When I checked with the national weather service that it dropped into the teens in Spokane Washington, several feet of snow in Idaho. I guess it scared some of our away members that they started making plans to return early to sunny Arizona. Of course I had to rub it in some by saying still nice in sunny Arizona. Day time temps in the 90's and 70's at and "NO SNOW". Some of these folks who return in early November are on their way back now, some are already here and our President said he will be back Wednesday evening.

Some of us locals have been practicing once a week at someones's home and then meeting at one of our local venues to do a one hour performance and a two hour performance at Catalina Square. Only eight of us some time ten. Once upon a time there were more guitar players than fiddles but now me and Fred are the only guitar players and there are 7 fiddlers and one acoustic bass, but we "getter done". My new phrase, got it off an old movie Rio Grande with John Wayne. Most of the phrases were "Getter Dunn Reb". I go to breakfast at one of the local cafes here in Yuma and the Bobby Brooks wife has seen us on facebook and other places but asked us to come down to the restaurant some day and do a performance while the meals were being served, said "we will buy your meals".... boy howdy, that;s a good deal, will have to wait 'til more of us are here to "get er dunn".

The owner's grandson, Scott, caught a giant Flat Head Catfish this past summer , said it weighed over 61 pounds. Caught it in the All American Canal, used a carp minnow for bait. But just the other day a fishing contest out at Fishers Landing on the Colorado river, it was posted on facebook, some fellow named Mark wan the contest by catching a giant Flat Head Catfish weighing almost 64 pounds. I used to go fishing all the time on the river and local ponds and lakes and the only thing I ever caught was flies and mosquitos.

Getting ready to design and make trophies for upcoming Worthen Memorial Fiddle Contest.

Does any one have any ideas? Trying to get more persons involved to help out...not going to make a lot of trophies but purchase most of them from local jewelers but will still make grand champ trophy. Started to build cigar box guitars, maybe make one of those as a prize.

Not much more to write about except I ran into John Kennedy last week at the restaurant I eat at all the time. I guess he was on his way to Mexico to get some dental work done. He mentioned the fiddle contest in Payson, seems like the Rollands are always top contenders, said Jess Barry took second. Sure would like to go up to Payson to watch it take place but I have health issues and my doctor said no. I recently signed up to go to Wickenburg and enter some of the events at the Bluegrass festival. I found a lady that owes me some money because I paid her rent when she got in a squeeze, to help me drive there if I paid her motel and meals, so I registered. Praying my health stays OK

One more little note, our banjo player who has been pickin' and grinning with us for a long long time, "Charlie Herndon" passed away in his sleep October 3. He was 86 years old. He will be sorely missed.

Well, hope all our members on the road to get back to Yuma have a safe trip.

Until next time

Dennis Russell Editor

Territorial Chapter

AOTFA

NOVEMBER

1 - 3 - Fiddlers Jamboree - SALOME, ARIZONA - Salome Lions Club, Hall Street - AOTFA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Election of Officers and Business Meeting 10 AM Saturday - Jamming, Stage Performances Friday & Saturday - Meals served by the Lions Friday noon, Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - Gospel Sing on Sunday at 10 - Dry Camping by donation - For more info call 928-671-0474 or email ldarland53@gmail.com

8 - 10 - Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival & Fiddle Championship - WICKENBURG, ARIZONA - Everett Bowman Rodeo Grounds on Constellation Road - For more information contact Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce - 928-684-5479 or www.wickenburgchamber.com

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JANUARY

10 - 12 (Tentative, please check back) - Worthen Memorial Fiddle Contest - YUMA, ARIZONA - Yuma Jaycees Clubhouse, 2577 E. County 14th Street - Dry camping by donation - Open Jamming - Admission Fees - For more information www.yumaoldtimefiddlers.com or Yuma Flyer 2020

17 - 19 - Desert Fiesta Country Music Jam - SALOME, ARIZONA - Salome Lions Club on Hall Street - Jamming, Stage Performances Friday & Saturday - Meals served by the Lions Friday noon, Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - Gospel Sing on Sunday at 10 - Dry Camping by donation - For more info call 928-671-0474 or email ldarland53@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

6 - 9 - Ajo Old Time Fiddle Contest - AJO, ARIZONA - Ajo Country Club, 77 Mead Road - 3 fun filled days and nights - Jam all day and Dance all night - Thursday night show - Friday and Saturday Dances - Gospel Sing on Sunday morning - Contest Saturday and Sunday - Full service bar and restaurant - 9-hole Golf Course - Dry Camping for a fee - Admission to all events - For more info call Linda 928-671-0474 or email ldarland53@gmail.com or contact Ajo Country Club at 520-387-5011 or www.ajogolfcourse.com

14 - 16 - Eastern Arizona Old Time Fiddle Contest - SAFFORD, ARIZONA - Graham County Fairgrounds - For more info contact Beth Cox at 520-313-0765

29 - 80th Annual Tucson Fiddle Contest - TUCSON, ARIZONA - Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E 22nd Street - From I-10 take the 22nd Street Exit and go East 5.5 miles. The church is on the north side, just east of S. Swan Road - Contest Registration 9 AM - Contest begins at 10 AM - For more information contact Wilbur Welsh at 520-743-7086 or Dallas Parker at 520-954-1383.

MARCH

14 - 15 - Arizona Bluegrass Association 2nd Annual Festival - BLACK CANYON CITY, ARIZONA - High Desert Park - More info later

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

Yuma's Silver Spur Rodeo, Inc. and
The Territorial Chapter of The Old Time Fiddlers Assoc.
present

The 44th Annual Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddlers' Contest January 10-12, 2020

Grounds open for RV's Tuesday January 7th

Fiddle Tune Workshop Friday January 10 at 3PM

(MUST PRE-Register at www.Clawdan.com -- small donation requested for the workshop)

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

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.)

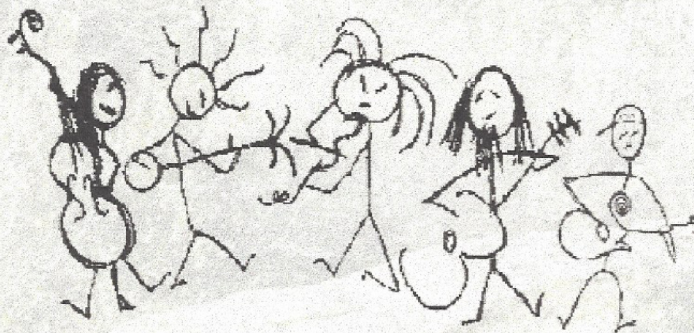
Grand Champion - Sunday only (must have placed in your age division to qualify)

Cash prizes - Trophies!!!

This year's Judges are John Kennedy, Dan Everts and Paul Dickerson

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

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



For more information check our website or contact Dan Levenson by e-mail at: 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 --

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

Annual Dues \$15 per family

(Starting January 1, 2020) Over 80 + 3 years membership
in good standing \$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 _____
Children under age 18 living at home _____

Chapters

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| <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

Please send state dues to:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary
7470 Derrvberry Flagstaff AZ 86004

