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✻ Newsletter of the Southern Arizona Old-Time Fiddlers Association ✻
✻ Dedicated to the Promotion and Perpetuation of Old-Time Fiddling ✻

Happy New Year!

SEPTEMBER 2013

It may not seem like New Year to you, but this is when we have a fresh start on a new season of music and contests and socials. Another long, hot and not so dry (thankfully) summer is finally coming to an end, and now that we are beginning to enjoy some balmy two-digit temperatures in the 90's, we will begin to welcome our musical friends returning from the cool country. If you are one of them, consider yourself welcomed back. Your Board of Directors met last week and has sprung into action with plans for the new year beginning now.

TECHNOLOGY IS UPON US!

We have now entered the age of technology thanks to David Hall. David has created an internet site for us. It will enable the public to learn about our organization and also allow us to communicate information to the membership between newsletters, such as playdates and other announcements.

The site address is: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/109415765139530271345>

This means that it is becoming more and more useful for our members to have internet access and email. Many of you already have this capability. I want to encourage all of you who do not to seriously consider obtaining the service. I know, it is new technology to many of us, me included, but it really isn't that difficult and it is amazing how useful it can be in your everyday activities. Please consider it!:



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Board Behavior

JAMBOREE

The Board has tentatively scheduled The Jamboree, formerly known as the “campout”, for Saturday, January 11th, 2014 (can you believe!). We’ll let you know when it is confirmed, and the location. The place we used last year was satisfactory but did have several drawbacks that need to be addressed

FIDDLE CONTEST

The 2014 (there’s that date again!) Fiddle Contest is scheduled for February 15th. This is the 74th Annual contest and will be held at San Miguel High School, as in the past two years. We decided to discontinue the “night before” potluck that had been created to be a get-together for the contest fiddlers, because it was sparsely attended the last couple of years, so seemed not worth the effort and expense.

By mid January, we will be providing more information and sign-up sheets for you to volunteer for your favorite activity among the various jobs that need to be done to make the contest its traditional stellar success.

SOUND SYSTEM

Throughout last year we had a number of problems with the sound system we use at te Tuesday jams. Those of you who attended our Tuesday sessions during the summer noticed that we used a different sound system than we normally do. The system we used was the system that we normally use for playdates and other outside events. This was an experiment to see if this system worked better at SWCC than the system we have been using for the past few years. The consensus among the players and the Board members is that the system works fine, and, it is much easier to set up and take down. Therefore the Board authorized the President to purchase a similar, more robust system to use at SWCC. We can then sell our old SWCC system and hopefully get enough to pay for the new system


Tumacacori

We are scheduled to play at the Tumacacori Fiesta Sunday, Dec 8, 11 am to 12. This will be our 18th consecutive appearance at the Festival, more than any other performing group. Southern Arizona weather, delicious food, and our outstanding music. Be part of the action. Don't forget to put it on your calendar.

The picture below is of last year's performance. Will you be in this year's picture?



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Cactus Community Church

1600 W. Irvington, Tucson

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday, Dinner at 6—Music at 7

Everyone Welcome!

Cowboy Christmas Ball

The Board decided to again hold the Christmas Ball at SWCC, tentatively scheduled for December 7. There will be a pot luck at 5:00pm followed by the usual Christmas frivolity. We will confirm this date as soon as possible and let you know.

Put it on your calendar.

More Playin' Around

Thursday, September 26 4-00pm Midvale Manor Retirement

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Tuesday jam.



Friday, September 27 6:00pm National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees

Wilbur will be developing the program for this event.

Reminders

It's time to begin thinking of who would be good as an officer of SAOTFA during the coming year. Election of officers for 2014 on Tuesday, February 4.



Club Moneysavings on Newsletters: Printing and postage costs continue to rise. Another way to conserve funds is for as many members as possible to receive their newsletter by e-mail. If you have an e-mail and have not yet switched your newsletter to it, please do so. Send your e-mail address to bill@thedickersons.com, or give it to Mary. If you do not know how to open the file we send, we'll be glad to show you.

Also, if there are any members who no longer wish to receive the **Fiddlesticks** newsletter, especially if we are mailing it to you, please notify us.