

The Arizona Fiddler

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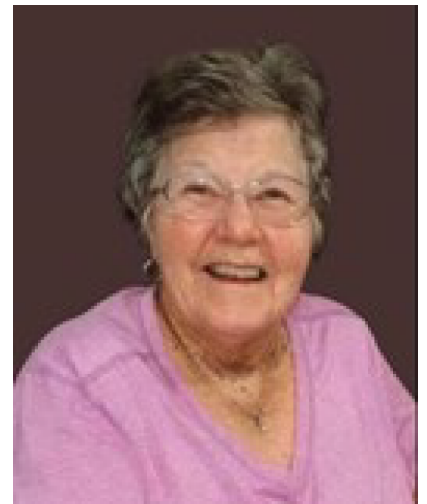
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The Greater Arizona Country Music Association and Hall of Fame invites you to join them every second SUNDAY of the month at the C.A.S.A. building in Prescott Valley from Noon to 4 pm for pot luck and music. Membership is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple for a year. The newsletter is called "The Country Beat" garyclemmons@cableone.net. This information will also be included on the AOTFA website, arizonaoldtimefiddlers.org.

Jacquelyn M. Hevelhurst (Schroeder), age 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Monday, July 9, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry Hevelhurst; parents Ralph and Kathleen Schroeder; brother, Kenneth Schroeder and a special friend who was also a loving caretaker to Jackie, Floyd Pommer. She will be lovingly missed by her children Bruce (Caroline) Hevelhurst, Scott (Katy) Hevelhurst and Karen Nagel; grandchildren Brian, Josh, Christopher, Kasey, Kelly, Harry, Elizabeth and Shawn; brother, Dean (Carmen) Schroeder; many nieces, nephews and friends. Jackie loved the outdoors, camping and dancing. She enjoyed spending time with her family and she will be dearly missed. A Memorial Service will be held at 2PM Thursday, July 12, 2018 with visitation one-hour prior at Cook Memorial Chapel (East building), 4235 Prairie SW, Grandville, MI 49418. Pastor Larry Miller will be officiating. Interment will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Owosso, MI. In honor of Jacquelyn and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Faith Hospice Trillium Woods.



ARIZONA FIDDLERS = WINNERS AT WEISER - National Fiddle Championships

Will McDonald won the 17 and under Swing Division

Will McDonald and **Madison Dietrich** came in 3rd in the Twin Fiddle Division



The Dietrich Girls

Brie Dietrich, on left, won the National Small Fry Division
go to this link to hear her play on Fox TV
https://m.box.com/shared_item/https%3A%2F%2Ffoxtv.box.com%2Fs%2Fjqrn1kstc4q5dloqyv3uqynx9vktrb1

Ranelle Dietrich, in center, won the Best Entertainer in the Certified Division



Aspen Dietrich, far right, came in 4th in the Small Fry Division.

Brie is in center

Starr McMullen came in second in the National Senior Division to John Francis (a former National Grand Fiddle Champion!) as well as winning the Fanciest Fiddler award in the Certified Entertainment Division.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!



Looking for our next newsletter editor!!!
Contact Noreen or Linda



Hardanger Fiddle

A Hardanger fiddle (or in Norwegian Hardingfele) is a traditional stringed instrument used originally to play the music of Norway. In modern designs, this type of fiddle is very similar to the violin, though with eight or nine strings (rather than four on a standard violin) and thinner wood. Four of the strings are strung and played like a violin, while the rest, aptly named understrings or sympathetic strings, resonate under the influence of the other four.

The Hardingfele is used mainly in the southwest part of Norway, whereas the ordinary violin (called flatfele - flat fiddle or vanlig fele - common fiddle) is found elsewhere. The Hardingfele is used for dancing, accompanied by loud foot stomping. It was also traditional for the fiddler to lead the bridal procession to the church.



Sometimes pieces of bone are used to decorate the pegs and the edges of the instrument.

The earliest known example of the Hardingfele is from 1651, made by Ole Johnsen Jaastad in Hardanger, Norway. Originally, the instrument had a rounder, narrower body. Around 1850 the modern layout with a body much like the violin became the norm.



Unlike the violin, the Hardingfele is a transposing instrument, meaning that sheet music for the Hardingfele is written in a key other than the one that the instrument sounds when it plays that music. Specifically, the Hardingfele is a D instrument, meaning that the Hardingfele's written C corresponds to D on a non-transposing instrument, such as the piano. The understrings are tuned to vibrate according to the main tuning. For example, when the main strings are tuned A-D-A-E, the understrings are tuned B-D-E-F#-A. The tuning largely depends on the region in which the instrument is being played, or the requirements of a particular time. In Norway more than 20 different tunings are recorded.



September Anniversaries

Ivan E & Joyce	Norris	9	01	1960
Harold & Susie	Pangle	9	02	1989
Forrest & Nanie	Wolgamot	9	04	1967
Norm & Mickey	Long	9	06	1951
Mel & Ruthie	Davis	9	08	2006
Richard & Maren	Aldrich	9	10	1960
Darell & Tamra	Johnston	9	16	1989
Dorothy	Cory	9	20	1947
Velma	Moore	9	21	1956
Bill & Sue	Elsclager	9	22	
Bob	Eaton	9	26	1948
Ron & Diana	Smith	9	28	1985

**Noreen Johnston
Proud Great Grandma**



Owen Darell Johnston
July 21 2018 3lbs 15 oz

October Anniversaries

Ralph & Lavonna	Griffin Sr	10	02	2005
Nelson & Bethany	Beck	10	07	2000
Jean	Snider	10	09	1957
Bob	Benson	10	10	1970
Billie	Helm	10	12	1991
Garrett & Heather	Horbron	10	3	2001



Welcome New Members

Jennifer Tomchick	Tucson
Dan & Cheryl Hall	Yuma

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018



Payson, Arizona

PAYSON OLD TIME FIDDLE & ACOUSTIC CELEBRATION

featuring



Purple Hulls



Copper Wren



Michael Martin Murphey



Bekah Rolland



Will McDonald

Payson proudly Welcomes
MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY
SAT. 7PM LONGHORN AUDITORIUM
\$ 20 DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

WEEKEND PASS \$40



Friday

PAYSON OLD TIME OPRY PRESENTS THE
PURPLE HULLS
6:30PM LONGHORN AUDITORIUM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

Saturday

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 9AM PAYSON EVENT CENTER
FIDDLE CONTEST
BAND COMPETITION
MASTERS 'HOT BOW' CONTEST
DINNER CONCERT 6PM \$ 10

Sunday

FIDDLERS CONTEST
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
GATES OPEN AT 830AM
PAYSON EVENT CENTER

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

we'd love to see **YOUR NAME HERE**

FOR THE FULL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM

September & October Birthdays



Bob Harrington	9	1
Lee MacDonald	9	2
Fran Riggs	9	3
June Reynolds	9	5
Ron Moore	9	6
Betty Sperry	9	6
Dave McCormack	9	7
Mel Davis	9	8
Madison Dietrich	9	9
Gordon Page	9	9
Burton Tingle	9	9
Bethany Beck	9	9
John Robertson	9	9
Jim Page	9	9
Reta Vagedes	9	12
Nelson Beck	9	13
Mary Schneider	9	13
Sue Cypert	9	15
Joyce Norris	9	16
Ray Blumenstetter	9	17
Jerry Taylor	9	17
Gene Goforth	9	18
Roni Kennedy	9	18
Jane Hosler	9	20
Donald Hondrop	9	20
Robin Hopper	9	22
John Kennedy	9	24
Sherry Johnson	9	25
Rita Dunn	9	25
Darell Johnston	9	26
Emily Beck	9	28



Karen Lesco	10	1
Wilbur Tveit	10	1
Roger Sommers	10	5
Sawyer Dietrich	10	6
Tom Rude	10	7
Norma Jones	10	7
Thelma Lindsley	10	8
Norma Werckle	10	8
Bill Wilcox	10	8
Andrew Donald	10	8
Malcolm Barrios	10	8
Sawyer Beck	10	9
Helen Sandoval	10	11
Betty Gardner	10	12
Anna Acklin	10	12
Lavonna Griffin Sr	10	13
Wilma Cousins	10	13
Dorothy Cory	10	16
Phil Schaede	10	20
Sue Elsclager	10	21
Virginia Irwin	10	21
Joc Rawls	10	22
Doris Montague	10	22
Harold Caulkins	10	23
Lorraine Andreasen	10	27
Bob Williams	10	28
Brie Dietrich	10	29
Ron Searle	10	30
Iselle Barrios	10	31
Myrtle Osborne	10	31
Glennis Becker	10	31
Rose Smith	10	31
Don McNair	10	31



Dear members of the AOTFA. It is still hot as heck here in this part of the southwest, especially in Arizona. Last week we had temps up around 116 fluctuating to 118 then 107, then back up again, the humidity was the killer, lots of jokes going around about the heat and conditions. One joke is, it is so dry that I saw two trees chasing a dog, you know where that is going, the other is a dairy farm about 50 miles east of here, their cows were giving powdered milk. Lots more of that silly stuff, but you know, we can all laugh, but in several weeks it will be wonderful weather again, mid 80's, mid 70's, mid 50's at night and NO SNOW!

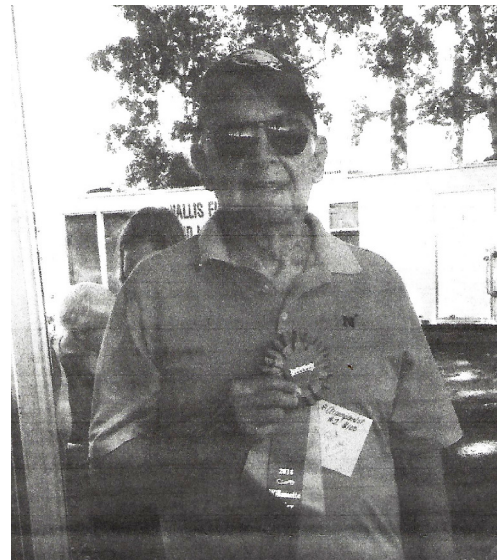
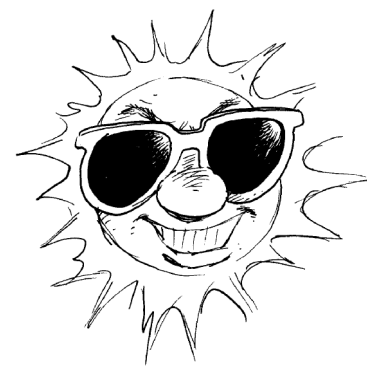
Our little group of fiddlers have been meeting at each others homes, once a week, playing our favorite tunes. Two of our members are working on twin fiddle tunes. I think they might plan to enter the contest in January and play Fishers Hornpipe and whatever else they select.

Still teaching several kids playing fiddle but only the beginning part so they will be ready for Linda Everts when she gets back. I have two girls one part of the week and two boys the other part of the week. It's how to hold the fiddle, how to hold the bow, I put markers on the fingerboard, been teaching the "A" scale. It's tough when these kids are trying so hard but still can't get it right, had to slow way down and hold my fiddle and show them very slowly how it's done. One of the girls is showing progress, but the youngest one is getting frustrated. Now the two boys are showing progress, can barely eek out Twinkle Twinkle Little Star but are trying to play Boil Em Cabbage Down and that is frustrating for them because they want to learn it by the time the Everts get back in a few weeks. I have been using several videos that I have. The teacher is Jim Wood, five times Tennessee state fiddle champ, "The Murphy Method" teaching tapes.

Other things, enclosing a photo of Frank Moore, our president, who attended the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers contest and won first place in the Accompanist division, and last but not least, a note of sadness on my part. My wife that I had been married to for 5 years passed away last month from cancer at the age of 81. She was in a nursing home in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Jacqueline Marie Hevelhurst Russell. We had to get a divorce in 2016 in order for her to get Medicaid. I kept in touch with her family. She was born in Owosso Michigan, April 7, 1937, was raised on a dairy farm, was into 4H...won first place and blue ribbon at county fair for a prize dairy cow as a teen. It is too lengthy so will stop.

Not too much more to say, would like to see all of our members who are up north. If they come back early in September, we have our first gig that month, call me or Dorothy Barstad or Fred Lapcheska

Dennis Russell Editor of Territorial (Yuma) chapter



A Nice bit of History

Frank Sinatra considered Kate Smith the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they wiped away a tear or two.



Here are the facts; The link at the bottom will take you to a video showing the very first public singing of "God Bless America." But before you watch it you should know the story behind the first public showing of the song.

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans. This was the era just before TV when radio shows were HUGE and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size as we now say and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her; "It ain't over till the fat lady sings."



Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer Irving Berlin (who also wrote White Christmas) and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written but never published, 22 years before - in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from God Bless America. Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

This video starts out with Kate Smith coming into the radio studio with the orchestra and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time and starts singing. After the first couple verses, with her voice in the background, scenes are shown from the 1940 movie, You're In The Army Now. At the 4:20 mark of the video you see a young actor in the movie, sitting in an office, reading a paper; it's Ronald Reagan. You will recognize other old stars but have forgotten their names. You may remember George Murphy near the end, though.

To this day, God Bless America stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry... and for many generations of Americans to follow.

Now that you know the story of the song, I hope you'll enjoy it.

Many people don't know there's a lead in to the song since it usually starts with God Bless America ... So here's the entire song as originally sung. Enjoy it! Click below:

[Kate Smith introduces God Bless America - YouTube](#)



Chapter Jams

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

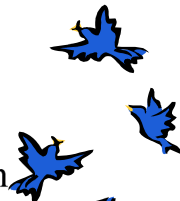
Dec 25
Christmas!!

January 11-13 2019
Worthen Memorial Fiddle Contest
Jaycees Clubhouse
2577 E County 14th St
Yuma

January 18-19
Desert Fiesta Music Jam
Salome Lions Club
Jamming-Stage
Performances-Food-Fun-Parking by Donation
Dry RV parking
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February 2019
Jan 31-February 1-3
Ajo Fiddle Contest
Ajo Country Club 77 Mead Road
Thursday 7PM Fiddle Show
Friday & Sat dance 7:30{<
Contest Sat & Sun
Sunday Gospel Sing 10AM
Dry parking \$5 per day
Admission \$5 per day
928-671-4074 or ldarland53@gmail.com

February 8-10 2019
Eastern AZ Old Time Fiddle Contest
Safford AZ



Catalina Mountain
INACTIVE AT THIS TIME
Looking for a new location

Mile High - Prescott Area
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Looking for musicians

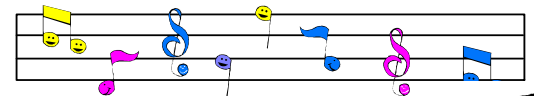
NEW PERMANENT LOCATION

Southern AZ - Tucson Area
Unitarian Universalist Church
4831 E 22nd Street
Tucson AZ 85709
starting August 14 2018
6:30 to 8:30 p.,,
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
crystalw86@hotmail.com

Verde Valley Cottonwood Area
First Sunday 1 - 4 pm
Senior Citizens Hall
500 E Cherry
Cottonwood AZ
Contact Fran Judd 928-634-7963



March 15-16 2019
AOTFA Spring Camp Out
Salome Lions Club Salome AZ
Board Meeting Sat
ldarland53@gmail or 928-671-0474



ARIZONA OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP,
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(INCLUDES CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 AND LIVING AT HOME)

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

MANS BIRTHDAY _____ LADYS BIRTHDAY _____

ANNIVERSARY _____ YEAR _____

NAMES & BIRTHDAYS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 LIVING AT HOME

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| Territorial - Yuma | |

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

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