

# The Arizona Fiddler



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Dear Noreen and AZ Old Time Fiddlers Association,  
I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1000, sponsoring the Adult Division!

This was a very special year being our 70th anniversary of the National Old Time Fiddlers Contest. Founder and friend, Monnie Shaw, would have been very proud! Because of your generosity, we were able to bring the Contest back in a BIG way!!

Donating to this cause ensures that this treasured event will survive. Being a fiddle teacher, I cannot begin to express how much this contest means to our students. It is the highlight of their summer!

This year we had well over 300 Contestants, some came as far as Japan, Canada, East Coast + TX! Next year we hope to welcome more!

We appreciate your support so very much! Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Bobbie Pearce

Congratulations!!  
Arizona fiddlers  
Weiser National Fiddle  
Championships June 2023

Aaron Fewkes fifth Adult  
Ranelle Dietrich second Junior  
Brie Dietrich ninth Junior  
Maggie Cucitro nineteenth Junior  
Aspen Dietrich sixth Junior  
Junior  
Sawyer Dietrich First Small Fry  
Isley Dietrich second Small Fry  
Starr McMullen First Senior  
Senior  
JanetShelby First Senior

Top 5 in Championship

1. Luke Price
2. Katrina Nicolayeff
3. Tristan Claridge
4. Celeste Johnson
5. Katie Glassman



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## Rubber Dolly

It is a rag or cakewalk (the sheet music says it is a "Ragtime march" or "March-two-step") that became the second major hit of ragtime that sold more than a million copies in sheet music, and was recorded by John Philip Sousa's band in 1902 and again four subsequent times in the decade 1902-1912). "Creole Belles" became a staple of brass and jazz bands and ragtime pianists, in part because the piece was versatile and could be employed as a march, two-step, and ragtime cakewalk. Hurt is known to have played with white musicians as well as black in his home county, including Willie Narmour.

Versions of the tune were recorded twice in 1929 under the title "Back Up and Push," days apart; first, in Richmond, Indiana, by the Augusta Trio, and then in Atlanta by the Georgia Organ Grinders. The first recording of the tune under the "Rubber Dolly" title was by Gordon County, Georgia, banjo and fiddle player Uncle Bud Landress (1882-1966) with his group the Georgia Yellow Hammers, in Atlanta in November, 1929, as "Rubber Dolly Rag," with vocals:

My mama told me, If I'd be goody  
That she would buy me, a rubber dolly  
But if you tell her, I have a fellow  
Then she won't buy me, no rubber dolly

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**Is someone out there that  
would be interested in taking  
on the job of putting on the  
Fucson Fiddle Contest? Please  
call Noreen at 928.853.3577**



The image displays six staves of musical notation for the piece "Rubber Dolly". The notation is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The music consists of a single melodic line with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece is a ragtime march or cakewalk, characterized by its syncopated rhythms and lively feel.

# September Anniversaries

Joyce Norris	9	01	1960
Darell & Tamra Johnston	9	16	1989
David & Jane Franks	9	27	1975
Ron & Diana Smith	9	28	1985

# September Birthdays

Lee MacDonald	9	2
Rick Crone	9	2
Madison Dietrich	9	9
Jim Page	9	9
Joyce Norris	9	16
Roni Kennedy	9	18
Jess Barry	9	23
John Kennedy	9	24
Darell Johnston	9	26

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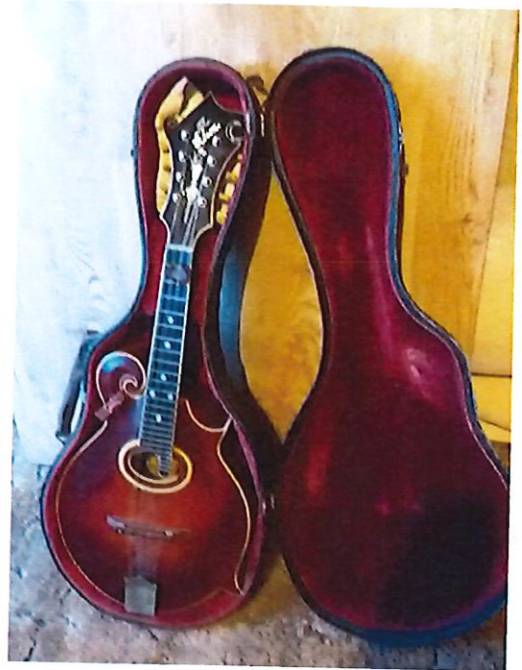
**Ovation Legend guitar**

Acoustic/electric w/case

1988 #368150 with hard shell case



**Noreen Johnston**  
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 928.853.3577



Gibson 1916 F 4 Mandolin  
 w/original case \$5700  
 2nd owner I bought in 1975  
 Ed Johnston 928.853.3577

# October Birthdays

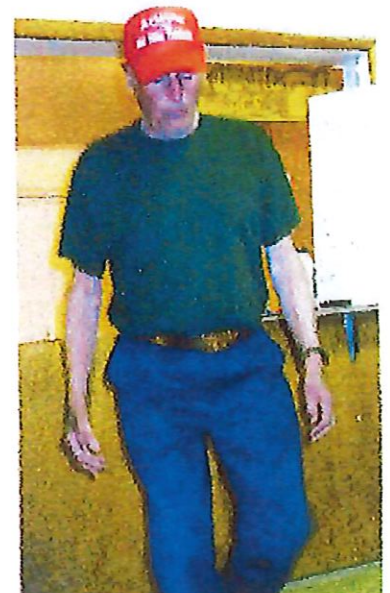
Gail Rolland	10	
Wilbur Tveit	10	1
Sawyer Dietrich	10	6
Tom Rude	10	7
Bill Wilcox	10	8
Norma Werckle	10	8
Francis Rodriguez	10	18
Nina Andreasen	10	27
Logan Schoolcraft	10	28
Bob Williams	10	28
Brie Dietrich	10	29

# FIDDLE RAFFLE



Watch for the start of the fiddle raffle by The Arizona Old time Fiddlers Association. David and Jane Franks have graciously donated a fiddle belonging to George Franks to the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers. To let others enjoy it as well, we thought perhaps a raffle, benefitting the AOTFA would be appropriate. It is not a new fiddle, but one in good shape and plays well, sounds good. It is a German made copy of a Strad. It comes with a bow and a case. Tickets should go on sale at the state championship fiddle contest in Payson Sept 22-24, if we get set up by them. If not, it will start at the Yuma contest Jan 12-14. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

George and Ida Mae were members of the AOTFA for many years. Hardy workers, always at hand when something needed to be done. They worked the "jewels" table for many years. George would often participate in the Sunday morning gospel. He loved to play cards and especially when he could beat all three of the women!



## AZ State Championship Payson AZ

Sept 22-24 2023

Green Valley Park Payson AZ

Entertainment Friday (Ten Dollar Wedding) Sat (The Purple Hulls) Sat (Arizona Wildflowers)

Contact Payson Parks & Rec 928-472-5110 or PPR@PaysonAZ.gov

### November 3 - 5

Fiddlers Jamboree - Salome, AZ - Salome Lions Club - Jamming, Stage shows, meals - Dry RV Parking for a donation - Friday Lunch - Saturday Breakfast and Dinner - For more info please call 928-671-0474 or 928-853-3577 or email [ldarland53@gmail.com](mailto:ldarland53@gmail.com)

### Nov 10 - 12 -

Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival and Fiddle Contest - Wickenburg, AZ - Bluegrass Bands - Band Scrambles - Bluegrass Instruments competition - Fiddle Contest - No other info posted - Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce - 928-684-5479

### January 12-14

Worthen Fiddle Contest  
Yuma AZ  
[janet.shelby@gmail.com](mailto:janet.shelby@gmail.com)

### January 19-21

Spring Fiddlefest  
Salome AZ  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474

### February 2-4

Ajo Fiddle Contest  
Ajo Country Club  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474  
Please support the Ajo Country Club to the max so they will want us back!!!  
Let's close the bar every night and eat at least 1 meal a day in the cafe!!

February 18-12 Safford Fiddle Contest  
Safford AZ

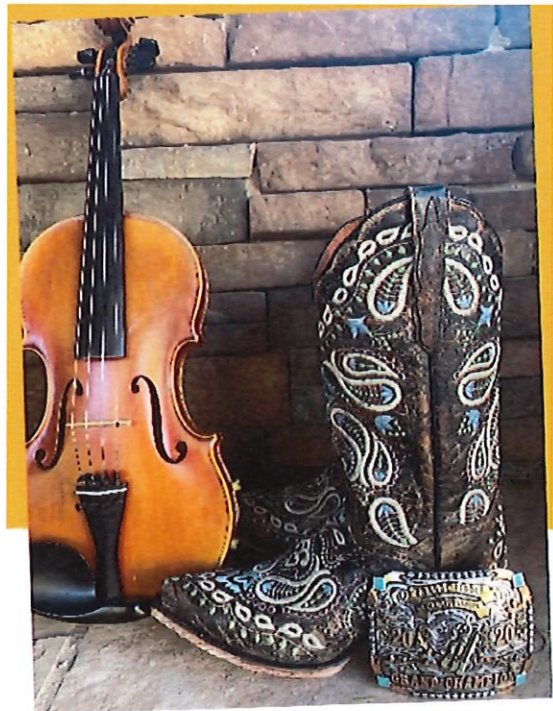
February 16-17 Grande Fiddle Contest  
Casa Grande AZ .  
pig roast Friday night  
Tiffany Dietrich

### March 15-16

Spring Camp Out  
Lions Club  
Salome AZ  
Linda Darland 928.671.0474

### October 13

WILMA COUSINS 100th Birthday party  
mid day  
Mayer Rec Center 10001 Wick Ave  
Mayer AZ  
RSVP to [howardkimberly@gmail.com](mailto:howardkimberly@gmail.com)



Pinal County Cowboy Church

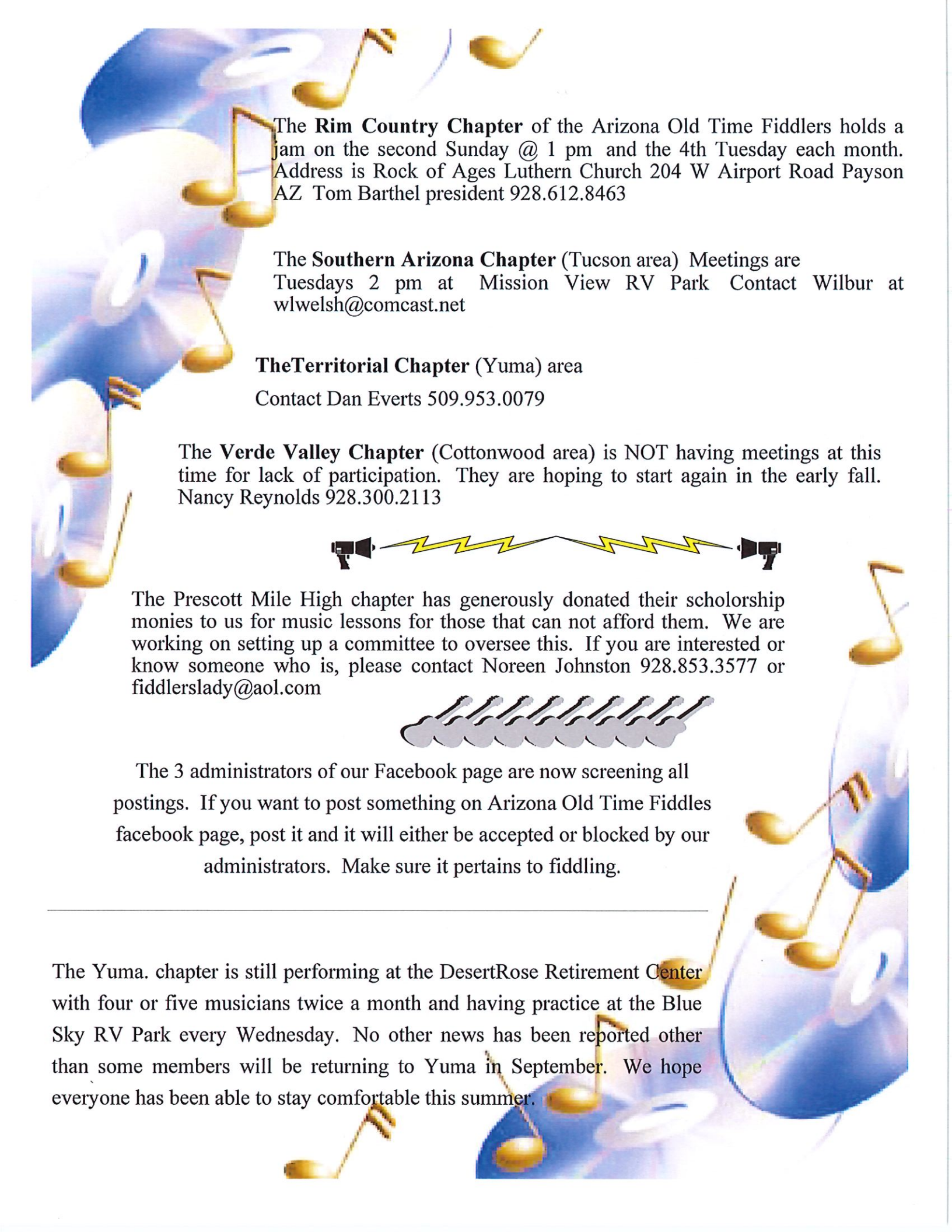
18171 W Hopi Drive

Casa Grande, AZ

contest information: 520-709-0150

facebook: Grande Fiddle Championship

February 16 & 17, 2024



The **Rim Country Chapter** of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers holds a jam on the second Sunday @ 1 pm and the 4th Tuesday each month. Address is Rock of Ages Luthern Church 204 W Airport Road Payson AZ Tom Barthel president 928.612.8463

The **Southern Arizona Chapter** (Tucson area) Meetings are Tuesdays 2 pm at Mission View RV Park Contact Wilbur at [wlwelsh@comcast.net](mailto:wlwelsh@comcast.net)

**The Territorial Chapter** (Yuma) area  
Contact Dan Everts 509.953.0079

The **Verde Valley Chapter** (Cottonwood area) is NOT having meetings at this time for lack of participation. They are hoping to start again in the early fall. Nancy Reynolds 928.300.2113



The Prescott Mile High chapter has generously donated their scholarship monies to us for music lessons for those that can not afford them. We are working on setting up a committee to oversee this. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Noreen Johnston 928.853.3577 or [fiddlerslady@aol.com](mailto:fiddlerslady@aol.com)



The 3 administrators of our Facebook page are now screening all postings. If you want to post something on Arizona Old Time Fiddles facebook page, post it and it will either be accepted or blocked by our administrators. Make sure it pertains to fiddling.

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The Yuma. chapter is still performing at the DesertRose Retirement Center with four or five musicians twice a month and having practice at the Blue Sky RV Park every Wednesday. No other news has been reported other than some members will be returning to Yuma in September. We hope everyone has been able to stay comfortable this summer.



## My Favorite Cake

Carrot Cake with cream cheese frosting

3 cups grated carrots  
 2 cups all purpose flour  
 2 cups white sugar  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 4 eggs  
 1/4 cup vegetable oil  
 1 1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 8oz can crushed pineapple with juice  
 3/4 cup pecans

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x13 pan (or spray with non stick)

In a large bowl,, combine grated carrots, white sugar, baking sada, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir in eggs, oil, vanilla, pineapple, and pecans. Spoon batter into prepared pan.

Bake 30-50 minutes or until a toothoick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

### Frosting ingredients

3 1/2 cups confectioners sugar (sifted)  
 1 8oz package cream cheese,  
 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla  
 1/2 cup butter softened  
 1 cup chopped pecans

To make frosting. In a medium bowl, combine confectioners sugar, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, and 1 1/4teaspoons vanilla, Beat until smoothe, stir in pecans. Spread on cooled cake.

**YUMMY!!!**

Send me your favorite cake receipe!!

The team!! What are friends for????  
 Miss those steak frys, yeah!!

Let's welcome Debbie Speth, Yuma chapter.

My computer wiped out about 2/3 of the fiddlers email addresses, soooooooooooooooooo if you didn't get a newsletter or know someone who didn't , please contact me! fiddlerslady@aol.com

**What do you think?**  
 Would this make a nice official logo for the AOTFA?

Let us know or send a picture of what you would prefer.



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**

Rim Country Payson area

SAOTF Tucson area

Territorial Yuma area

Verde Valley Cottonwood area

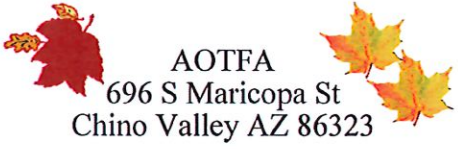
Independent Anywhere

Members may join one principal chapter.

and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

Noreen Johnston Membership Secretary  
696 S Maricopa St Chino Valley AZ 86323



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September October 2023

