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CONTEST SEASON IS HERE!



March is finally here and that means contest season has arrived. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at our events during the upcoming months. While some of our events are well-established, yearly contests we are always happy to offer new events to the TOTFA schedule particularly in parts of the state where TOTFA has not been represented lately and March offers two such venues. After kicking off the season with our annual contest in Austin on March 13, we look forward to a new contest in Wichita Falls on March 20. Director Julie Morris, along with David Holcomb, have put a lot of time and effort into making this contest happen and we look forward to having a good turnout in hopes of making this another annual event.

The following weekend, March 27, TOTFA will be hosting a Crawfish Boil and Benefit in Livingston, TX at Buster McNutty's Restaurant and Bar. We will also have an auction so please bring items for donation and come ready to play some music and have a great time. We are in the process of setting up a block of rooms in one of the local motels but we need to know how many rooms might be needed so if you would like to make plans to stay overnight,

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please call or email me as soon as possible and I will give you all the necessary information. For those of you who like to travel in RVs, there is an RV Park about a mile from the restaurant and the phone number for it is: 281-852-0882. Special thanks goes to Nonie Orosco for all his work in making this benefit possible. This is another new event I would really like to see us have every year so it is very important that we have a good turnout. Any time we come to a new location like this, it offers us a chance to reach a new potential fan base and grow our membership. Proceeds from this event will go a long way towards supporting our Fiddle Camp, scholarships, and Convention costs down the road.

Our friends from the Shriners who put on the April contest in Corpus Christi are really looking forward to a great weekend of fiddling and fellowship. The dates for this event are April 10-11 and the judges for the contest will be Wade Stockton, Valerie O'Brien, and Ricky Turpin. The Shriners have set up a block of rooms at the Travelodge Motel which is located at 910 Corn Products Rd and their phone number is 361-289-5666. Make your reservations now and ask for the special Shriner's Fiddle Contest rate. If you have any questions about this event feel free to call Billy Bird at 361-779-2401. Contest season is finally here, so let's try to make as many of these events as possible.

Happy Fiddlin'

Bryan

Visit www.texasoldtimefiddlers.org for more information. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please send comments to Bryan Jimmerson or any of the directors.



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Fiddle Publication Available

Ron Yule, (Ron attended the fiddle camp last August) one of the Association's out of state members from De Ridder, La. has recently had his book, "Louisiana Fiddler's" published and is now available for public consumption. The publication is lengthy, 368 pages, comprehensive, includes about 83 fiddlers, very well written, published by the University Press of Mississippi and available directly from Ron, the address: Ron Yule, PO Box 819, Der Ridder, Louisiana 70634 or The University Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6492.

Deepest Sympathy

I regret to inform the membership of the recent passing of Francis Garner, wife of fiddling great Earl Garner of Elkhart, TX. Earl and Francis have been longtime supporters of TOTFA and she will definitely be missed. In addition, Earl has had to undergo major surgery recently but is home and doing better and looks forward to seeing everyone soon. On behalf of TOTFA, I want to pass along our deepest sympathies to the family and a speedy recovery for Earl.

TOTFA Benefit

What: Crawfish Boil & Jam Session TOTFA Benefit

Where: Buster McNutty's Restaurant and Bar
Hwy 190 West, Livingston, Texas

When: Saturday, March 27, 2010

TOTFA will be hosting a Crawfish Boil and Jam in Livingston, TX on Saturday, March 27 at Buster McNutty's Restaurant and Bar. The restaurant is located on Hwy 190 West in Livingston and the phone number is (936) 967-2100. There will also be a silent auction so bring items to donate for that. Come prepared to have a great time with great food, music, and fellowship. Let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend so we can know how many to expect. See you there!

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Coming Soon: TOTFA Fiddle Camp DVD

Over the last couple of years, Alan Foster, a friend of Camp Co-Ordinator Bob Gardner, has been coming to camp and recording some of our performances and interviews on video. I am very happy to announce that we will soon be able to make these available for purchase to the membership and general public. This DVD will feature performances from last year's instructors Danita Gardner, Roberta Rast, Tonya Hopkins, Justin Branum, and Wes Westmoreland as well as our Talent Night and Student Concerts. This collection will also include a special tribute to the late, great Louis Franklin, who passed away just days before the camp. We made sure no student left camp without learning at least one of his many signature tunes and we were honored to perform them in tribute to him at the end of the Student Concert night. We are in the process of duplicating these DVDs and as soon as they are available for purchase, you will find out about it in the upcoming newsletters.

Happy Birthday!

March

Mar-01	Max Dickinson	Mar-16	Braden Tate
Mar-01	Gary Garrison	Mar-16	Sally Wallace
Mar-01	L.A. Marchman	Mar-17	Rachel Kadlecek
Mar-02	Hope Harvick	Mar-17	Harrison Schumann
Mar-02	Savanna Southwell	Mar-18	Jillian Guinn
Mar-03	Jim Chancellor	Mar-19	Orville Blalack
Mar-03	Ruthie Chancellor	Mar-19	Hollis Howell
Mar-03	Pat Horon	Mar-19	Rick Moore
Mar-04	Carson Rast	Mar-23	Katie Byrd
Mar-05	Pauline Guinn	Mar-23	Bill White
Mar-10	Scott Cheek	Mar-24	Hayden Norton
Mar-14	McKayla Cothorn	Mar-27	Walt Hardin
Mar-15	Craig Fullwood	Mar-28	Royce Franklin
Mar-16	Heidi Labensart	Mar-29	James Kurz
Mar-16	Kimber Ludiker	Mar-30	Jimmy Bramlett

More Convention Pics



Upcoming Events

Austin Contest

What: Star of Texas Rodeo Austin Contest
Where: Austin, Texas
When: Saturday, March 13, 2010
 Registration 2 p.m., Contest 2:30 p.m.

Divisions and Prize Money

0-8 years: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25
9-12: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25
13-18: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25
19-54: 1st \$250, 2nd \$170, 3rd \$110, 4th \$70, 5th \$50
55+: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25
Accompanist: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25

Wichita Falls Contest

What: NEW!! Wichita Falls Fiddle Contest
Where: Texoma Cowboy Church
 919 US HWY 281 South, Wichita Falls, TX 76310
When: Saturday, March 20, 2010
 Registration 10 a.m., Contest 11 a.m.
Wichita Falls contact: David Holcomb (940) 631-6236

Divisions, in order of play:

61+ years: 1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, 4th \$50, 5th \$25
0-12: 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 4th \$25, 5th \$15
13-18: 1st \$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, 4th \$50, 5th \$25
19-60: 1st \$175, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 4th \$75, 5th \$50
Accompanist: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$25

Corpus Christi Contest

What: Corpus Christi Contest
Where: Al Amin Shrine, Corpus Christi
When: Saturday & Sunday, April 10-11, 2010
 Registration 9 a.m., Contest 10 a.m.

Divisions, in order of play:

55+ years: 1st \$125, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25
0-8: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25
9-12: 1st \$125, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25
13-18: 1st \$125, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25
19-54: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 4th \$75, 5th \$50
Accompanist: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25
Grand Champion: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 4th \$50, 5th \$25

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$2475.00