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Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association
 P.O. Box 653 Hempstead, Texas 77445

- _____ Fiddler.....\$25.00/yr
 _____ Accompanist.....\$25.00/yr
 _____ Out of State Fiddler.....\$25.00/yr
 _____ Associate.....\$15.00/yr

Total Enclosed....\$ _____
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- YES...We are a multi-membership TOTFA family, and we agree to accept a single issue of *The Texas Fiddler* each month in place of multiple issues.

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Star of Texas Fiddle Contest Plus Shriners of Corpus Christi Contest



Carl Hopkins and Accompanists Last Year at Shriners' Fiddle Contest

Well it's that time of year again, yes contest season is starting up this month We will have The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo Contest in Austin on March 10th and a couple of weeks later at Corpus Christi the Second Annual Shriners Fiddler's Festival (details of both inside)

If You Don't have a membership card just bring this newslet-

ter as current proof of membership.

NOTE
 Senior Division at The Fiddlers Frolics' (non-TOTFA) will be on **Friday night** this year at 6:30 P.M. / P.T. Riley, Board Member

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Shriners Cont. Saturday March 24th - The contest **start time 10:30 am**
 3:00 to 4:00 - one hour break for a auction then back to competition.
Saturday evening we have a buffet for the contestants and Officers of the
 TOTFA, their families (only) upstairs, After eating we will start Jam sessions all
 over the place.

Sunday March 25th - Church service 8:30 to 9:00am
 start **competition at noon (tentative)** with the Accompanist Contest
 Then The Grand Championship Division.
 Also we will Jam outside if possible

If possible, fiddlers can **call the Shrine Center at 361 241-5353 so**
we can get a handel on how many to expect

Our Host hotel is the Airport Travelodge, 910 CORN PRODUCTS ROAD
 \$45.00 PER NIGHT. Call 361-289-5666 and identify your self as fiddlers
 for special rates.

RESERVATIONS---MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2007
 Also a new La Qunita has just opened at I-37 and McKenzie Road).

Top Five Winners of Each Group Will Compete in The Grand Championship Sunday

Div.	60+	0-16	17-59	Accomp.	Gr Champion
1	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$1,000
2	100	100	100	100	500
3	75	75	75	75	300
4	40	40	40		150
5	25	25	25		100
6					75
7					50
8					30
9					25
10					25

Contest to be Rescheduled For a Later Date Hughes Springs Tx.

When we have more information as to the new date we will let everyone know



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April 26th - 29th 2007
Texas State Championship
Fiddle Contest
Hallettsville Texas

Thursday, April 26 6:00 P.M.

Fiddle Jam outside on the patio: Bring your fiddle or guitar and join in the Fiddler Jam Session where everyone gets to play!!

Friday, April 27th 6:00 p.m.

Come taste the Crawfish, Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice or sample the barbecue and hamburgers and more.

6:30 p.m. Fri. Eve. NEW DAY AND TIME

(65 and Over) SENIOR DIVISION FIDDLE CONTEST

Cajun & Bluegrass Fun Night Great Cajun & Bluegrass entertainment
(8:30 P.M. inside hall) Hickory Hill (Bluegrass From East TX.)
10:00 P.M. Fiddling Frenchie Burke:(Cajun)

Saturday, April 28th

9:00 a.m.

Pee-Wee Division (Ages 0-10) Continuing Next with
Freshman Division (Ages 11-15) Prizes awarded to the top 10 contestants, with the winner receiving a handmade fiddle donated by award-winning fiddle maker Forrest H. Craig.

Gone to Texas 12:30 p.m. (Approximate start time)

A warm Texas welcome to our out-of-state competitors! prize money awarded to the top 20 contestants, with a First Prize of \$1,400.

Saturday Night Dance 8:30p.m. till 1:00a.m.

National Recording Artist **Rick Trevino Plus Rhythm of the Road**

Sunday, April 29th

9:30 a.m

Guitar Accompanist Contest

Prize money awarded to the top 10 contestants.NEXT

Texas Fiddlers' Hall of Fame

This year see **Carl Hopkins, Anthony Mature and Steve Williams** honored for their extraordinary contributions to Texas Style Fiddling.

Championship Division 12:30 p.m. (Approximate start time)

You must be a Texas resident to compete.

Over \$7,500 in prize money awarded to the top 20 contestants.

Championship Play-Off 5:00 p.m. (Approximate start time)

The top 3 contestants from the Championship Division compete in an action-packed Cliff and Velda Fryer Championship play-off for the title of Year 2006 Texas State Champion Fiddler and a First Prize of \$1,500.

Visit <http://www.fiddlersfrolics.org> For More Information

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Upcoming Events

Join us for the 70th Anniversary Rodeo March 9-24, 2007!

March 10th, 2007

The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo fiddlers contest will be in Austin at the Travis County Expo Center.

The expo center is located at 7311 Decker Lane Austin, TX.

Maps of the venue can be found at the rodeo website:
www.rodeoaustin.com Use your membership card or current news letter for free admission to the park.

The contest will start at 1:30 PM with sign-up beginning at 12:30.

For more information contact Heidi Labensart at (512) 698-2621 or check the association website. Special thanks to Heidi & Julie Amundson for helping with this contest !!!!!

Texas Old Time Fiddlers Contest
Saturday, March 10
Start Time 1:30pm

	Ages 0-8	9-12	13-18	19-54	55+	Accomp.
Places						
1.	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$250	\$150	\$100
2.	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$170	\$100	\$75
3.	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$110	\$50	\$50
4.	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$70	\$40	\$40
5.	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$ 50	\$25	\$25

March 23rd,24th, 25th 2007 Shriners of Corpus Christi Tx.

"Second Annual Shriners Fiddler's Festival"

at The Al Amin Shrine Center, Corpus Christi,

This years festival will include an IBCA Sanctioned cookoff (fiddlers and accompanist will be supplied with plenty of food, an upstairs "green room" with many more comforts than last year...plus a very generous grand prize.)

Weekend Schedule- Friday early registration 5:00pm till 11:00pm South Texas Opry band will play from 8:00pm till 11:00 for dancing...\$5.00. The contest starts Saturday Morning.

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Just in from past board member Stacy Dodd

The Buffalo Tx Fiddle contest

DATE IS MAY 12, 2007

SIGN UP AT 10 AND PLAY AT 11

I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BUFFALO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO GET THE 2007 FIDDLE CONTEST GOING. THEY HAVE EVEN MORE MONEY THAN LAST YEAR IN THE CONTEST.

Age Divisions are:

0-18, 65+, 19-30, 31-64, ACCOMP. plus Championship Round

The 1st and 2nd place winners of each group will compete in the Championship Round

THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB OF PUTTING THIS TOGETHER AND THE LOCATION WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR IN THE SHELLEY PATE MEMORIAL PARK.

Stacy

Prize Money will be posted in the next issue

T.O.T.F.A. Fiddle Camp Starting To Take Shape

From Board Member Bryan Jimmerson,

We are very excited to announce that we are planning on hosting the first ever TOTFA Fiddle Camp. Details are still being worked out but it will be held on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in

Nacogdoches, TX between the dates of August 5-10.

We will need to get some idea of how many people would like to attend. Please feel free to contact Bryan Jimmerson by email or phone if you would like to attend. More information will be made available through the newsletter and website soon.

Phone 936-560-6599

E-mail phiddlephan@hotmail.com

Howdy TOTFA -

This is just a quick note to let everyone know how excited I am about the upcoming fiddle season. Like last year, we are starting off with two really good events in Corpus Christi and Austin. Last year, these first year events set a tone for success that carried throughout the year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out there.

As you may have seen in a previous note, we are working hard to make our fiddle camp happen this year. We need a little help from you in letting us know your interest in attending the event. Stephen F. Austin University has graciously opened their doors to us and we feel we can put on a great camp at a very reasonable price. I hope this is an opportunity that many of you will take advantage of.

Also, as you may have seen in this issue and the past, we are accepting advertisers for the newsletter. This is a great medium with which to advertise your business, and it doesn't have to be music related. The Fuller's ad is one I'm proud to offer. They are one of the premiere instrument shops in the country and if we show support for them they will continue to show support for us. All advertisers are welcome and it really helps the association to defer the costs of the newsletter.

I hope everyone had a great winter of wood-shedding and are ready to hit the contest circuit. It's going to be a great year.

Mark