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3209 S. Fredonia
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4TH ANNUAL FIDDLE CAMP HUGE SUCCESS



The 4th Annual Texas Fiddle Camp was simply the biggest and best we've ever had. We had about seventy fiddle and guitar students attend the camp this year and I am so proud to see how much this camp has grown in popularity over the years. That growth is due to a lot of hard work and dedication from some very special people who have either helped organize or teach at this camp through the years including: Krikit Rast, Danita Gardner, Tonya Hopkins, Roberta Rast, Valerie O'Brien, Ricky Turpin, Jim Chancellor, Bob Gardner, Mark Seale, Anthony Mature, Justin Branum, and Wes Westmoreland. I'd like to thank each of you for your passion for this camp and the music it promotes and for the professionalism you all bring to the table. Another big thanks goes out to Royce Franklin, Ray Franklin, Al Mouldous, Gene Gimble, and Charles Gardner for helping out in the classrooms, nightly concerts and jams. One of the best aspects of this camp is the opportunity we provide students to get to play fiddle tunes with the best rhythm section in the country and it's an honor to have you all take the time to come to camp year after year and help us out. Another welcome aspect of our camp is that you just never know who might show up and this year was no different. We were very happy to welcome fiddling legends Jim Chancellor and Randy Elmore to camp this year. Their presence really provided a level of

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excitement to the camp and their contributions to the classrooms, performances, and jams are greatly appreciated. Last year we honored the great Louis Franklin by teaching a few of his signature tunes for the final performance. This year, under the direction of Tonya Hopkins, we honored Major Franklin by performing his version of Waynesboro Reel. Lastly, a big thanks to all the students and the parents who have supported this contest through the years. This year we were proud to have students join us from great distances like California, Nevada, Idaho, Missouri, Massachusetts, and even from as far away as Germany. Without the students, there would be no camp and we will continue to try to provide the very best camp we possibly can and the very best teachers in the country.

With the camp behind us, we can turn our focus on the rest of the contest season. Unfortunately, we have not had a contest this summer since the Belton contest. We had one set up in Weatherford however their funding fell through at the last minute but we will continue to work with them and try to secure a contest there by next year. We do have a two new contests coming up in September. On the 18th of September we will have a contest in Allen, Texas and the following weekend, on the 25th, we will have one in Menard, Texas. It is very important that we have good participation at each of these events so we can help them grow into bigger events in the years ahead. So make plans now to attend these new contests next month if at all possible. We have been trying to work with the folks who run the Alvarado contest and trying to make it a TOTFA contest. That will not happen this year, but if we have a large turnout from our membership this year, they could be open to the idea for next year. The contest will be held this year on Friday, August 13th at the fairgrounds in Alvarado, TX. The following day, August 14th, we will have a TOTFA Benefit and BBQ at the Rustic Creek Ranch in Burleson, Texas. So make plans now to attend these back to back events and have a great weekend of fiddling, BBQ, and fellowship.

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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A Late Congratulations

It was brought to my attention that I forgot to mention some special people who were recognized during the Hall of Fame ceremonies during the weekend of the Hallettsville contest. There is a new honor, called the Hall of Honor, which recognizes people who have given many years of service and support to the Fiddler's Frolics. This is a very special reward because it goes to people who have worked very hard, mostly behind the scenes, and have helped make this the best contest in the country. The honor was presented by Shara Fryer and was given this year to Annie Mae Henneke, Rita Zaruba, and Marshall and Mary Stockton. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for your support through the years.

TOTFA Benefit

What: BBQ Jam Session and TOTFA Benefit

Where: Rustic Creek Ranch

2301 S. Burleson Blvd., Burleson, Texas 76028
1-888-855-9091

When: Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us this weekend and enjoy some great BBQ and music at Rustic Creek Ranch. Bring along an item for a silent auction and help us raise funds for our upcoming Convention later this year. These events are always a lot of fun. This is a great opportunity for us to gain some exposure in the Ft. Worth area and perhaps spark some interest in future contests in the area. The Rustic Creek Ranch has RV spots available as well as other lodging options. Call for details and make your reservations now for a great weekend of fellowship, Texas Style!

Upcoming Events

Allen Contest

Where: Allen Public Library
When: Saturday, September 18, 2010
Registration 12 p.m., Contest begins at 1:00 p.m.

Divisions in order of play:
0-15, 16-35, 36-64, 65+

Prizes: 1. \$150, 2. \$100, 3. \$75, 4. \$50, 5. \$25

Accompanists: 1. \$100, 2. \$75, 3. \$50, 4. \$25

Jim Bowie Days Fiddle Contest

Where: City Park of Menard, Texas
When: Saturday, September 25, 2010
Registration 10:30 a.m., Contest begins at 11:30 a.m.

Divisions in order of play:
0-15, 16-35, 36-64, 65+

Prizes: 1. \$150, 2. \$100, 3. \$75, 4. \$50, 5. \$25

Accompanists: 1. \$100, 2. \$75, 3. \$50, 4. \$25

Seguin Contest

Where: Guadalupe County Fairgrounds
When: Saturday, October 9, 2010
Registration 12:30 p.m., Contest 1:30 p.m.

Divisions, in order of play:
0-12, 13-18, 19-64, 65+

Prizes: 1. \$125, 2. \$100, 3. \$75, 4. \$50

Accompanist: 1. \$65, 2. \$35
Grand Champion: 1. \$200

Presentation of J. Box Roberts Memorial Award goes to favorite fiddler of the day.

2010 Fiddle Camp DVD

Whether you attended the Texas Fiddle Camp this year or not, you can still enjoy some of the great music from this year's camp via BluRay Disc or DVD. Alan Foster, of AFS Video Productions, was on hand all week taking video of the nightly performances and jams. Did you hear about the special performance from Jim Chancellor and the guest appearance of Randy Elmore during this years camp? Now is your chance to see it for the first time, or all over again, along with performances from our amazing teachers and students. If you'd like more information about the videos or want to find out how to order your copy, call Alan Foster at (713) 863-8038

Happy Birthday!

August

Aug-1	Bill Mitchell	Aug-15	Benny Bennett
Aug-7	Owen James	Aug-16	Ray Franklin
Aug-10	Wesley Grice	Aug-23	Maleika Nugent
Aug-10	Jenny Johnson	Aug-24	Lydia Elseth
Aug-10	Nathan Barecky	Aug-24	Hannah Wray
	Aug-29	David Holcomb	

Fiddle Camp Pics



Valerie's Class



Wes's Class



Danita's Class

Fiddle Camp Pics



Anthony's Class



Roberta's Class



Justin's Class