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 PO Box 653  
 Hempstead, TX 77445

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## AUSTIN CONTEST MARCH 13 & WICHITA FALLS CONTEST ON MARCH 20



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The 2009 contest season went out with a bang in December with our 36th Annual Convention and Contest in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the contest as well as the election. The quality of the music was excellent and we had a very good turnout. I'd like to thank all the folks from out of state who attended and helped make the weekend even better. A very special thanks goes out to Kevin White, the owner of the Banita Creek Hall, who was a very generous host and allowed us to pretty much take over his facility for the weekend. He is a big supporter of Texas music and he really enjoyed having us at his club. Thanks also to the Comfort Suites motel for being our host motel. They were very generous and welcoming to us. All in all, I believe we had a very successful contest season and I look forward to making 2010 even bigger and better. I also look forward to working with a new Board which includes Charles Gardner, Julie Morris, Julie Amundson, Clayton Bankston, and Mark Seale. Special thanks goes out to Mark for his efforts during his tenure over the last several years as president and his willingness to continue helping TOTFA as a Board member. I also appreciate having had the opportunity of working with Jason Andrew, Jordan Franklin, and Heidi Labensart over the years on the Board and want to thank them for all their work.

This year's contest season will kick-off with a pretty busy month of March beginning with the Austin contest March 13 followed by a new contest in Wichita Falls due to the efforts of Julie Morris on March 20th. We will close out the month with

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another new event in Livingston, TX. On March 27, we will have a Crawfish Boil and Jam Session at Buster McNutty's Restaurant and Bar. David Burns, the owner of the establishment, is looking forward to hosting us and having a great day of music, food, and fellowship. We also plan to have a silent auction, so be sure to bring items for donating. A big thanks to Nonie Orosco for helping organize this event. The first contest of April will be the Corpus Christi contest April 10-11.

I'm really excited about the growth of the TOTFA Fiddle Camp. Last year's event actually doubled in size from the previous two years and that is not by accident. A lot of time and preparation has gone into these camps and we will continue to try to offer the best camp possible and provide the opportunity to learn from the greatest fiddlers in the country. This year's camp will again be held on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas the first week of August. More details will be worked out soon and will be made available in the newsletter and on the internet at [www.txfiddlecamp.com](http://www.txfiddlecamp.com). I look forward to seeing everyone at a contest soon.

Happy Fiddlin'  
Bryan Jimmerson

Visit the new website, [TOTFA.ORG](http://TOTFA.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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## The Texas Fiddler

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## 2009 Convention in Nacogdoches, Texas

Photo Credit: Nonie Orosco



## Done Gone

### Nacogdoches Convention Results

#### Junior Division

1. Mia Orosco
2. Faith Nugent
3. Maleika Nugent
4. Harrison Schuman
5. Katie Crawford
6. Jessica Sell
7. Karris Nugent
8. Cheyenne Craig
9. Noelle Nugent
10. Kaylee Rast
11. Hayden Norton
12. Makayla Gaby

#### Out of State

1. Kimber Ludiker
2. Bubba Hopkins
3. Ed Carnes
4. Bill Jones
5. Sydney Grohne
6. River Lee

#### President

Bryan Jimmerson

#### New Directors

Charles Gardner  
Mark Seale  
Julie Morris  
Julie Amundson  
Clayton Bankston

#### Senior Division

1. Tom Fonville
2. Clifton Bowren

#### Accompanist

1. Ray Franklin
2. Anthony Mature
3. Royce Franklin
4. Bobby Christman
5. Rex Gillentine
6. Nick Gillentine
7. Jacob Johnson
8. Charlie Wallace

#### Open Division

1. Carl Hopkins
2. Dennis Ludiker
3. Jason Crisp
4. Anthony Wilson
5. Lydia Elseth
6. Clayton Bankston
7. Julie Amundson
8. Valerie O'Brien
9. Evan Meeker
10. Eddie Davis
11. Kyle Russell
12. Jordan Franklin
13. Mark Seale
14. Heidi Labensart

#### Convention Awards/Election:

**Oldest Fiddler** Clifton Bowren

**Youngest Fiddler** River Lee

**Most Improved Fiddler** Kyle Russell

**Favorite Associate** Stuart Fryer

**Favorite Accompanist** Nick Gillentine

**Favorite Fiddler** Julie Amundson

## 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

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!

## Out of State Congrats

We are always happy to hear results from some of our more prestigious out of state contests. Some of our members attended the Colorado Fiddle Championships in Denver this past January. Harrison Schumann returned to his home in San Antone after winning the Jr-Jr Division. Mia Orosco also had a strong showing in winning the Junior Division. Evan Meeker, from Austin, had a Top 5 finish in the Championship Division while out of state member Kimber Ludiker came away with the Grand Championship. Congrats to all and thanks for supporting this great contest!

## 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.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Dec/Jan/Feb

Dec 1 Jerry Reynolds  
Dec 2 Tobi Morris  
Dec 3 Brian Beken  
Dec 3 Melinda Frazier  
Dec 4 Hannah Rose  
Dec 4 Jacque Norris  
Dec 9 Lani Ackerman  
Dec 12 Bob Davis  
Dec 12 Cierra Moore  
Dec 14 Bonnie Riley  
Dec 15 Monique Ruwe  
Dec 15 Virginia Manes  
Dec 16 Benjamin McGuire  
Dec 16 Miranda Birdwell  
Dec 17 Makayla Gaby  
Dec 19 Sarah Scott  
Dec 20 Chris Sell  
Dec 20 Regina Matthews  
Dec 22 Windy Surginer  
Dec 26 Breezy Bolton  
Dec 30 Jesse Roy Hart  
Dec 31 Betty Solomon  
Dec 31 Darrell Delaney  
Jan 2 Vicki Raines  
Jan 4 Katie Cox  
Jan 5 Parker Highsmith  
Jan 8 Cory Blair  
Jan 8 Julia Gray-Lion  
Jan 11 Aleta Caraway  
Jan 13 Cody Newman  
Jan 17 Olivia Hayden  
Jan 18 Karissa Nugent  
Jan 20 Ray Brandin  
Jan 20 Savannah Knight  
Jan 21 Michal Faith Garza  
Jan 23 Patricia Russell  
Jan 25 Clint Kennedy  
Jan 25 Johnny Crisp  
Jan 25 P. T. Riley  
Jan 27 Sheryl Sultenfuss  
Jan 28 Jerry Westmoreland  
Jan 28 Matthew Stanley  
Jan 28 Vernon Riddle  
Feb 1 Robert Mouat  
Feb 3 Katherine Crippens  
Feb 3 Lewis Brandin  
Feb 3 Olen Blake  
Feb 4 Dalton Banks  
Feb 4 Matt Wills  
Feb 8 Carolyn Kimich  
Feb 8 Deborah Elmore  
Feb 8 Lisy Quinn  
Feb 9 Elmer (Pete) Thackerson  
Feb 9 John Rogers  
Feb 9 Rebekah Sue Enright  
Feb 10 Nancy Gibbs  
Feb 14 Bobby Christman  
Feb 15 Morgan Koehn  
Feb 17 Douglas Thompson III  
Feb 17 Marilyn Anthony  
Feb 19 Anne Bird  
Feb 21 Annie Reinke  
Feb 21 Collin Conerly  
Feb 21 Ted Williams  
Feb 22 Kerri Lynne Bruce  
Feb 25 Wade Stockton  
Feb 26 Claretta Dedear  
Feb 26 Mary Stockton  
Feb 26 Matthew Aldaco  
Feb 27 A. E. Christopher  
Feb 28 Brad Riley  
Feb 28 Nate Shepherd  
Feb 29 Clay Colburn  
Feb 29 Dan Gibbs

# 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!! Witchita Falls Fiddle Contest  
**Where:** Texoma Cowboy Church  
919 US HWY 281 South, Wichita Falls, TX 76310  
**When:** Saturday, March 20  
Registration 10 a.m., Contest 11 a.m.  
*Witchita 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:** April 10-11, 2010