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The 2010 Contest Season is Winding Down!

ALLEN CONTEST



With only five more contests left on the TOTFA Calendar, the end of the 2010 Contest Season is quickly approaching. It is my hope that we can have a strong finish down the stretch with really good attendance at these events so we can finish the season with the same momentum we started with in Austin way back in March. The month of September has come and gone but I am proud to say that it did feature two brand new contests that we hope to continue with for many years to come. The contest in Allen, Texas had a decent attendance of around 20 contestants or so and the coordinators of the event were very pleased with our music and are very interested in making it an annual event. For those of you who didn't make it this year, you really missed out on a great time in the auditorium of the Allen Public Library which was a fantastic venue for us.

The Jim Bowie Days Festival in Menard, Texas provided us with yet another new contest that we hope to continue with for many years to come. The turnout was rather small but we provided a good contest for them until a relentless downpour of rain forced us to end the contest before we were able to finish. My apologies to those of you who did not get to compete in your particular divisions but in the interest of safety and the protection of instruments, we simply had to call it a day. However, to show my appreciation for those of you who did bother to take the time to show up and support the contest, you will be compensated and the checks should be in the mail soon. Despite the rainy conditions, after speaking with one of the coordinators of the event, they are very much interested in having

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us back next year with hopes of providing better prize money.

The month of October is usually a rather busy month of contests and this year is no different with three of our more established events coming up in Bowie on October 2nd, Seguin on October 9th, and the 73rd Annual East Texas Yamboree in Gilmer, Texas will be held on October 23rd. The only contest for the month of November will be the annual contest held in Glen Rose, Texas on November 13th. We will close out the 2010 season with our Annual TOTFA State Convention and Contest which will be held on the dates of December 3-5 once again at the Banita Creek Hall in Nacogdoches, Texas. We have a block of rooms set aside for us once again at the Comfort Suites Motel located just south of the loop in Nacogdoches on highway 59. The number to call for reservations is 936-560-9900 and the deadline to make a reservation at the reduced rate is November 8, 2010. After November 8, any unclaimed rooms will be open to the public at the regular rate.

So make plans now to attend and make your reservations by November 8 to get the reduced rate. When you make your reservations, simply mention my name or TOTFA and there should be no problem. This is not an election year so no spots on the Board or the Presidency will be voted on this year. It is my hope that we have a huge turnout to finish the 2010 Contest Season off properly. I want to especially invite our fiddling friends from out of state to come and take part in the festivities. We will have more information on the Convention in the upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Happy Fiddlin'

Bryan

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♪ Happy Birthday To You ♪

<i>Kailyn Cano – 2nd</i>	<i>Dixie Reel – 20th</i>
<i>Leon Grizzard – 6th</i>	<i>Phillip Yates – 20th</i>
<i>David Cole – 8th</i>	<i>Lonnie Daniels – 23rd</i>
<i>Andrew Donald – 8th</i>	<i>Gordon Townsend – 24th</i>
<i>John Seale – 10th</i>	<i>Albert Wilson – 24th</i>
<i>Mary Ann Norris – 12th</i>	<i>Brent Frailicks – 25th</i>
<i>Brooke Whyrick – 17th</i>	<i>Hank Barnett – 26th</i>
<i>Alex Kowalik – 19th</i>	<i>Rex Gillentine – 27th</i>
<i>Ronnie McKee – 20th</i>	<i>Lillian Cowan – 28th</i>

ATTENTION TOTFA Members

On behalf of the TOTFA Board of Directors, I'd like to make a request to the membership. We are in a position to make a huge change, financially, for the Association. We easily spend thousands of dollars a year on the publication of the newsletter and it's money that we feel could be better spent elsewhere.

This money could be used for potential scholarship candidates, Fiddle Camp costs, Convention costs, and perhaps prize money that could help new contest sites which may have trouble raising sufficient funds for a quality contest. This day and age, the newsletter can easily be distributed to the membership much more quickly online via email. This way you wouldn't have to worry about misplacing it because you can always print another copy out from your computer. I realize that perhaps not everyone has computer access or maybe you just prefer to have a hard copy in your hands and for those situations we will gladly continue to have your newsletter delivered to your mailbox.

However, if you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please send a confirmation email to TOTFAssoc@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone for your consideration on this matter.

~ Bryan

GOIN' DIGITAL

GRAND MASTERS



I am very proud to announce that a few TOTFA members made their way to the Grand Masters Fiddle Championships in Nashville, TN and they all did extremely well. Anthony Mature, of New Waverly, Texas, won the Accompanists competition while Mia Orosco, of Lorena, Texas and Justin Branum of St. Louis, Missouri

competed with Tashina Clarridge in a three fiddler, five tune round robin for the Grand Championship. After a fantastic contest, Mia placed 3rd, Tashina 2nd, which made Justin the new Grand Masters Champion.

Congratulations to all who competed and supported this great contest. It was truly a great time in Nashville with some great jam sessions featuring some great former Texas fiddle champions like Larry Franklin, Dale Morris, Jr., Matt Hartz, and Joey McKensie. Good times were had by all and we look forward to next year's event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEGUIN TX CONTEST

WHEN: October 9th

WHERE: Guadalupe Cty Fairgrounds

DETAILS: Registration 12:30 PM

Contest 1:30 PM

DIVISIONS:

0-12; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

13-18; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

19-64; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

65+; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

The J. Box Roberts Memorial Award

CHAMPIONSHIP; \$200

ACCOMPANISTS; \$65, \$35

GILMER TX CONTEST

WHEN: October 23rd

WHERE: Courthouse Square

DETAILS: Registration 10:00 AM

Contest 1:00 PM

DIVISIONS:

0-11; \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10

65+; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

12-19; (6) \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

20-35; (6) \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

36-64; (6) \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

CHMPN; (6) \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

ACCOMP; \$125, \$100, \$75, \$50

GLEN ROSE CONTEST

WHEN: November 13, 2011

CONVENTION

WHEN: December 3rd - 5th

WHERE: Nacogdoches, TX

CONVENTION

DECEMBER 3RD - 5TH, 2010
BANITA CREEK HALL
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS.

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Lets invite our fiddling friends from out of state to come and take part in the festivities, so that we can have a big crowd.

DON'T FORGET our Annual Auction and Fundraiser. This year it will be a Silent Auction.

So, start thinking of what you could bring or make to donate to the Auction.

We will have more information on the Convention in the upcoming issues of the newsletter.



DONE GONE



ALLEN

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DONE GONE

Allen Results

ALLEN

0-15

- 1. Faith Nugent
- 2. Karissa Nugent
- 3. Harrison Schumann
- 4. Katie Crawford
- 5. Noelle Nugent
- 6. Brooke Whyrick
- 7. Katie Cox
- 8. Myka Williams

36-64

- 1. Keenan Fletcher

65 +

- 1. Jessie Mears
- 2. Tom Fonville
- 3. Clifton Bowren

Accompanist

16-35

- 1. Jason Andrew
- 2. Maleika Nugent
- 3. Kyle Russel
- 4. Andrew Donald
- 5. Cheyenne Craig

- 1. Ray Franklin
- 2. Royce Franklin
- 3. Kathy McVicker
- 4. John Crawford

MENARD



Menard Results

0-15

- 1. Harrison Schumann
- 2. James Kurz
- 3. Hunter Boxwell

36-64

- 1. Eddie Davis
- 2. Gene Banks

No one showed up for 16- 35 and we played about half the Sr division when it started raining. Tried to wait a while for it to clear up but eventually just had to call it a day. We are making sure that everyone who did bother to show up is getting at least \$ 50 for their efforts.

