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39TH ANNUAL TOTFA CONVENTION & STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families and friends last week! Now it's time for the TOTFA family to have our yearly get together for our 39th Annual TOTFA Convention and Contest. The great city of Hillsboro, Texas, is waiting on us with open arms and they are very much looking forward to hosting us this year. A huge thanks to Greg Soloman and his helpers for all the work they have done to make this event happen! The contest will be held Saturday, December 1st, and Sunday, December 2nd, at the Hill College Performing Arts Center on the campus of Hill Community College. Saturday will begin with registration at noon and the competition beginning at 1 P.M. with the Senior Division. This will be followed by the Junior Division and the Out-of-State Divisions (for TOTFA fiddlers from outside the state of Texas). Sunday we will begin with our annual business meeting at 11 A.M. This is not an election year, but it is important to have as many members present to discuss the business of TOTFA as possible. Following the business meeting, registration will be open at noon and competition will begin at 1 P.M. for the Accompanist Division. This will be followed by the Open Division where will crown our 39th TOTFA State Champion. Hillsboro has numerous motels, hotels, and bed & breakfasts as well as many great restaurants that will be more than happy to accommodate us throughout the weekend. So, spend a little time in town while you are there and make sure you let folks know you are with the

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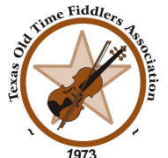
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TOTFA convention. The more out of town folks they know about, the more likely they will be to invite us back again next year. I look forward to seeing everyone in Hillsboro for our 39th Annual TOTFA Convention and Contest!

We had a great time and a pretty good turn out in the town of Glen Rose, Texas, for their annual contest a few weeks ago. We had music going on stage and in the warm-up room pretty much all day and had a good crowd from the friendly folks of Glen Rose. A huge thanks goes out to the McPherson family for all the work they do to make this contest happen year in and year out. Marty McPherson and family always go above and beyond to have a great contest, not to mention feeding everyone and hosting a house full of musicians for an epic jam session.

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Name _____
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- \$30 Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides in Texas.)
 \$30 Accompanist (A contest accompanist that resides in Texas.)
 \$30 Out-of-State Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides outside of Texas.)
 \$20 Associate (Any non-contest fiddler or accompanist or friends and fans of Texas fiddling.)

New Member Renewal Change of Address

COST-EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

- We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.
 Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full color instant email, rather than in Black and white via the USPS.

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Keep in mind, you can also renew online at www.totfa.org

Transcribed from the Terry Morris Album "For the Record...the Legend Continues"

Gold Rush

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Jacque Norris | December 04 |
| Alex Blackwell | December 05 |
| Todd Varble | December 08 |
| Jillian Bradley | December 11 |
| Bob Davis | December 12 |
| Michael Austell | December 15 |
| Chris Sell | December 20 |
| T.C. Mitchell | December 26 |
| Brent Young | December 28 |
| Becka Tate | December 29 |
| Jesse Roy Hart & Clyde Sampson | December 30 |



TOTFA NEWSLETTER LESSONS

Next month we will be featuring the last page of the four page music transcription. Stay tuned!

DONE GONE

Dale McPherson Memorial Contest Glen Rose, TX ~ November 10th

65+
1st – Jesse Mears
2nd – Tom Fonville
3rd – John Blevins
4th – Larry Boddie
5th – TC Mitchell

0-10
1st – Christiana Nugent
2nd – Cadi McLain
3rd – Bailey Tate
4th – Becca Tate

21-59
1st – Keenan Fletcher
2nd – Eddie Davis
3rd – Jacob Johnson
4th – Cliff McCall

11-20
1st – Karissa Nugent
2nd – Faith Nugent
3rd – Brooke Whyrick
4th – Jessica Sell
5th – Reagan Newberry
6th – Noelle Nugent
7th – Ben McPherson
8th – Braden Tate
9th – Jillian Bradley
10th – Abby Morris

Accompanist
1st – Ray Franklin
2nd – Steve Williams
3rd – Nick Gillentine
4th – Ceta Moore

Open Division
1st – Wes Westmoreland
2nd – Marty Elmore
3rd – Harrison Schumann
4th – Michelle Kuhlman
5th – Matt Wills

This year was no different with the likes of Jesse Mears, Wes Westmoreland, Marty Elmore, and Ricky Turpin trading off tunes during the evening. Speaking of Marty McPherson, he has recently undergone some major surgery, but he was present and accounted for as usual and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Get well soon, Marty!

I want to thank the membership for their support this past year. Thanks to everyone who makes the effort to support our contests each year. You truly are the backbone of the TOTFA. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2013 for a great year of fiddling. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

**Happy Fiddlin’
Bryan**

HERE & THERE

39th Annual TOTFA Convention State Championship Hillsboro, TX ~ December 1st-2nd

0-15
1st - \$150
2nd - \$125
3rd - \$100
4th - \$75
5th - \$50
6th - \$40
7th - \$30
8th - \$20
9th - \$15
10th - \$10

Accompanist
1st - \$200
2nd - \$150
3rd - \$125
4th - \$100
5th - \$75
6th - \$50
7th - \$50
8th - \$50
9th - \$50
10th - \$50

65+
1st - \$200
2nd - \$150
3rd - \$100
4th - \$75
5th - \$50

Out-of-State
1st - \$400
2nd - \$300
3rd - \$200
4th - \$100
5th - \$75
6th - \$50
7th - \$50
8th - \$50
9th - \$50
10th - \$50

Texas State
Championship

1st - \$700
2nd - \$500
3rd - \$350
4th - \$250
5th - \$125
6th - \$75
7th - \$75
8th - \$75
9th - \$75
10th - \$75
11th - \$50
12th - \$50
13th - \$50
14th - \$50
15th - \$50

The contest begins on Saturday at 1 P.M. with registration beginning at noon. On Sunday, we will start with the board meeting at 11 A.M. The contest will begin at 1 P.M.

The Days Inn is the official host motel for the TOTFA convention.

Days Inn: 254-582-3493

Other options in Hillsboro include:

Econolodge: 254-582-3333
Carr Motel: 254-582-9600
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