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SUMMER CONTESTS HEATING UP

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes plenty of great fiddling contests, both here in Texas and out of state. On Saturday, June 1st, one of the state's longest running contests will be held downtown on the square in Athens, Texas. Traditionally, this contest has always been held on the last Friday of the month of May, but this year they have decided to have it on Saturday, June 1st, to increase attendance. Be sure to attend this event if you possibly can and enjoy some great music in Athens, Texas.

The very next weekend, Saturday, June 8th, the city of Crockett, Texas, will be hosting the 77th Annual World Championship Fiddler's Festival. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the contest will begin at 9 a.m. in the following order of play: 0-9, 10-13, 14-16, 60+, and finally the open division. There will also be a fan voted, "People's Choice," belt buckle to be given away at the end of the contest. An accompanist of the day award will also be decided by the judges.

Also, on the weekend of June 6th-8th, Grove, Oklahoma will be hosting the annual Grand Lakes Fiddle Contest. For more information on this contest, please call (918) 786-8896.

And if that were not enough, also on June 8th is a contest in Roswell, New Mexico. So for those of you who might be traveling west on vacation and would like to know more about this contest, please call (575) 420-5718 for more information.

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Lastly for the month of June, there is the week long National Old-time Fiddler's Contest and Festival in Weiser, Idaho, the week of June 16th-22th. Contact number for more information on this contest is (208) 414-0255. I know several of our members will be competing in and/or judging this event and I wish you all the best of luck and safe travels back to Texas!

We had a great day of fiddling in Groesbeck with beautiful weather and close to 40 competitors on hand. Thanks to all who attended one of our best contests of the year and congratulations to the Grand Champion, Carl Hopkins on his win. I have been in contact with Greg Soloman of Hillsboro about our annual convention this year and they are very excited to host us once again this year. However, there is a good chance the month of the convention will be moved from December to the month of August.

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- \$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.

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

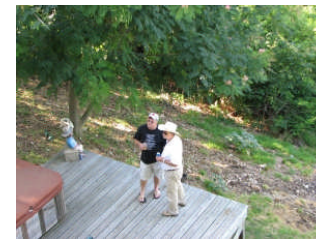
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Keep in mind, you can also renew online at www.totfa.org

We are still in negotiations with them, but the target date looks to be the weekend of August 17th and 18th. Again, this is not confirmed as of yet, but I wanted to make the membership aware ahead of time in hopes you can leave that weekend open. We will have this confirmed soon and the date will be posted in the July issue of the newsletter, as well as our website and Facebook page.

I am very happy to report that Margie Crisp and Marshall and Mary Stockton are home and doing well after some rather serious health issues over the past few months. I speak for the membership when I wish them all a speedy recovery and we are hoping to see you all very soon.

Happy Fiddlin’ Bryan



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Allison Wilson	June 01
Doc Blakely	June 02
Ryenn “Cadi” McLain	June 04
W.E. Bill May	June 10
Hannah Sorgen	June 12
Stuart Fryer	June 18
Tanner Westmoreland	June 26
Larry Boddy	June 27
Ethan Frazier	June 27
Sonny Hopkins	June 28
Joey Dvorak	June 28
Gene Banks	June 30

If you would like your photo in the newsletter during your birthday month, please email a photo to zirl.hopkins@gmail.com before the 20th of the prior month.

HERE & THERE

81st Annual Athens Fiddler's Reunion Athens, TX ~ June 1st

Downtown Square ~ Athens, TX

<u>0-18</u>	<u>19-30</u>	<u>30-65</u>
1 st - \$200	1 st - \$200	1 st - \$200
2 nd - \$150	2 nd - \$150	2 nd - \$150
3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$100
<u>66+</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
1 st - \$200	1 st - \$200	1 st - \$200
2 nd - \$150	2 nd - \$150	2 nd - \$100
3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$100	3 rd - \$50
	<u>Championship</u>	
	1 st - \$600	
	2 nd - \$400	

Contest begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

HERE & THERE

4th of July Fiddle Contest Belton, TX ~ July 4th

Yettie Polk Park ~ Belton, TX

<u>0-15</u>	<u>16-30</u>	<u>31-50</u>
1 st - \$50	1 st - \$50	1 st - \$50
2 nd - \$40	2 nd - \$40	2 nd - \$40
3 rd - \$30	3 rd - \$30	3 rd - \$30
4 th - \$20	4 th - \$20	4 th - \$20
<u>51+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Championship</u>
1 st - \$50	1 st - \$50	1 st - \$100
2 nd - \$40	2 nd - \$40	
3 rd - \$30	3 rd - \$30	
4 th - \$20	4 th - \$20	

Registration is at 12 p.m. Contest begins at 1 p.m.

DONE GONE

77th Annual World Championship Crockett, TX ~ June 8th

Civic Center ~ Crockett, TX

<u>0-9</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>14-16</u>
1 st - \$100	1 st - \$125	1 st - \$175
2 nd - \$75	2 nd - \$100	2 nd - \$150
3 rd - \$50	3 rd - \$75	3 rd - \$125
<u>60+</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
1 st - \$250	1 st - \$525	1 st - \$100
2 nd - \$200	2 nd - \$425	
3 rd - \$150	3 rd - \$325	

Contest begins at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

47th Annual Southwest Fiddle Championship Groesbeck, TX ~ May 11th

City Park ~ Groesbeck, TX

<u>0-15</u>	<u>16-35</u>	<u>36-64</u>
1st - River Lee	1st - Eischen Harkins	1st - Carl Hopkins
2nd - Elliott Dean	2nd - Mia Orosco	2nd - Jason Crisp
3rd - Noelle Nugent	3rd - Faith Nugent	3rd - Ed Carnes
4th - Jessica Sell	4th - Karissa Nugent	4th - Cliff McCall
5th - Shannon Hunt	5th - Allie Billings	5th - Joey Dvorak
<u>65+</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Grand Championship</u>
1st - E.J. Hopkins	1st - Anthony Mature	1st - Carl Hopkins
2nd - Tom Fonville	2nd - Ray Franklin	2nd - Mia Orosco
3rd - Larry Boddie	3rd - Jim Reina	3rd - Eischen Harkins
4th - Billy May	4th - Hyatt Hopkins	4th - Jason Crisp
	5th - Bobby Christman	