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Hello Fiddle Fans,

The 41st Annual TOTFA Convention and Contest is behind us now, and I feel that it went very well. Member attendance wasn't as good as I had wished for, but that is something the board of directors will discuss and try to improve upon in the future. I would also like the members to give their input on this as well.

A big thanks goes out to the McPherson family for all that they do, and for allowing us to tie our convention to the Dale McPherson Memorial Contest. We had a great turnout in the two youth divisions. I appreciate all the parents who bring their kids out and support fiddling. I also want to thank Jason Andrew, Clayton Bankston, and Shorty Chancellor for the job that they did in the difficult task of judging, and to Valerie Ryals for keeping things moving as the emcee. Additionally, thanks to the rest of the board of directors and volunteers for making this contest run smoothly.

The main content of the business meeting involved the revisions of our by-laws, contest rules, and financial disclosure. All of these items can be viewed on our website. Two things that I am particularly proud of, is that we are in better shape financially than we were a year ago and our membership is also up significantly.

One more thing that I would like to express to the parents of our youth divisions. I have expressed my appreciation for you bringing your kids to contests, lessons, recitals, etc. and am sincere in my appreciation. I know from experience with my own daughter, how time consuming and financially challenging it can be, but I would like to ask one more thing of you. There is a significant drop in audience numbers after the end of the youth

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Division. I know you all have busy schedules, as do I, and you have things that you need or like to do when you leave. I ask you to please stick around and expose your children to the older fiddler players. You may not realize the importance of it, but this is how these kids are going to develop their own styles and their own identities as musicians. Even the very youngest kids, whether you think they are listening or not, are picking up on what they are hearing from the more accomplished musicians. Any teacher in this, or any genre of music, would tell you that students need to hear multiple versions of these tunes, and multiple styles, so that they can develop their own style. As they develop as musicians, they need to stand apart from one another. Developing kids musically is a subject that I am passionate about, and could bore you with it for much longer if you were to allow it, so I'll end it here. I would be glad to bore you on a more personal level when I see you, if you would like!

Thanks again to everyone in attendance at Glen Rose, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Adios,



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★ Congratulations to the TOTFA members who competed in the Red Stegall Youth Fiddle Competition.

- Christiana Nugent – 2nd Place 0-12 Division
- Katie Crawford – 1st Place 13-18 Division
- Shannon Hunt – 2nd Place 13-18 Division

★ Congratulations to the TOTFA members who competed in the World Championship in Crockett, TX.

- Jesse Mears – 1st Place Senior Division
- Cliff McCall – 4th Place Senior Division
- River Lee – 1st Place Junior Division
- Elliott Dean – 2nd Place Junior Division
- Ray Franklin – 1st Place Accompanist
- Anthony Mature – 2nd Place Accompanist
- Jim Reina – 5th Place Accompanist
- Simon Stipp – 6th Place Accompanist
- Wes Westmoreland – 1st Place Open
- Carl Hopkins – 2nd Place Open
- Jake Duncan – 3rd Place Open
- Fred Gebhardt – 8th Place Open
- Anthony Orosco – 9th Place Open
- Phillip Pryor – 11th Place Open

★ Congratulations to the TOTFA members who competed in the Bob Wills Fiddle Festival.

- Harrison Schumann – 1st Place Junior Division
- Katie Crawford – 2nd Place Junior Division
- Elliott Dean – 3rd Place Junior Division
- Karissa Nugent – 4th Place Junior Division
- Eliza Cain – 5th Place Junior Division
- Faith Nugent – 1st Place Adult Division
- Michelle Kuhlman – 2nd Place Adult Division
- Kevin Freeman – 5th Place Adult Division
- Starr McMullen – 1st Place Senior Division
- Tom Fonville – 2nd Place Senior Division
- Ray Franklin – 1st Place Accompanist
- Devon McCauley – 3rd Place Accompanist
- Royce Franklin – 4th Place Accompanist
- Simon Stipp – 5th Place Accompanist
- Bobby Christman – 6th Place Accompanist
- Bubba Hopkins – 3rd Place Open Division
- Jason Andrew – 8th Place Open Division



DECEMBER - January

Bob Davis	December 12
Benjamin McGuire	December 16
Emmy Curtis	December 17
Daniel Brown	December 20
Starr McMullen	December 20
Chris Sell	December 20
Carter Roberts	December 24
T.C. Mitchell	December 27
Brent Young	December 28
Jesse Roy Hart	December 30
Betty Solomon	December 31
Vicki Raines	January 02
Karen Bowen	January 04
John T. Hudson	January 11
Chris Marshall	January 14
Abby Morris	January 15
Jesse Mears	January 19
David Looper	January 21
Joseph Stainton	January 27
Sheryl Sultenfuss	January 27



TOTFA Balance Sheet

Opening TOTFA Account Balance as of 10/26/2014	<u>\$6398.15</u>
Membership Revenue (Currently Active Members)	+\$1066.59
T-shirt Sales	+\$325.00
Advertisement Revenue	+\$90.00
TOTFA Convention Trophies/Plaques	-\$477.77
TOTFA Judges & MC	-\$1200.00
TOTFA Convention Prize Money Contribution	-\$3000.00
Ending TOTFA Account Balance as of 12/22/2014	<u>\$3201.97</u>

TOTFA Throwback Pics



TOTFA Updates

New & Renewing Members

Aileen Horan	Kaleb Snoddy
Allison Wilson	Kathy Volkman
Ashlyn Corbin	Katy Kamenicky
Ben McPherson	Kennan Fletcher
Bill Cox	Leah Lamb
Carter Roberts	Loyce Franklin
Charles Mark Pearson	Lynda Lee
Cherri Fryer	Marty McPherson
Christiana Nugent	Matt Wills
Cooper Roberts	Matt Wyatt
Delene Allen	Michelle Kuhlman
Ed Carnes	Myka Williams
Emmy Curtis	River Lee
Erin Wray	Robert Chancellor
Eugene Allen	Robert Frost
Everett Snoddy	Roland Foster
Gus Clark	Royce Franklin
Harlene Bilbrey	Sheryl Sultenfuss
Holly Strevey	Starr McMullen
Jachin Nugent	Stuart Fryer
Jason Clark	Tara Turner
Jenna Wray	Valerie Ryals
Jodi McCartney	Walter Hardin
Julie Ruggles	Whirley Mel

Done Gone

41st Annual TOTFA Convention Dale McPherson Memorial Contest

<u>0-10</u>	<u>11-17</u>	<u>Championship</u>
1 st – Carter Roberts	1 st – River Lee	1 st – Bubba Hopkins
2 nd – London McCartney	2 nd – Karissa Nugent	2 nd – Wes Westmoreland
3 rd – Jenny Lamb	3 rd – Elliott Dean	3 rd – Devon McCauley
4 th – Hayley Davis	4 th – Noelle Nugent	4 th – Marty Elmore
5 th – Jenna Wray	5 th – Katie Crawford	5 th – Tara Turner
6 th – Cooper Roberts	6 th – Jessica Sell	6 th – Jordan Bankston
7 th – Gus Clark	7 th – Shannon Hunt	7 th – Lydia Stuart
8 th – Ashlyn Corbin	8 th – Emmy Curtis	<u>Out-of-State</u>
9 th – Erin Wray	9 th – Holly Strevey	1 st – Ed Carnes
10 th – Roland Foster	10 th – Kaleb Snoddy	2 nd – Kevin DeRusha
11 th – Evertt Snoddy	11 th – Christiana Nugent	
	12 th – Charles Pearson	
	<u>36-59</u>	<u>60+</u>
	1 st – Kevin Freeman	1 st – Jesse Mears
	2 nd – Michelle Kuhlman	2 nd – Tom Fonville
	3 rd – Keenan Fletcher	3 rd – Bill Cox
	4 th – Eddie Davis	4 th – TC Mitchell
	5 th – John Greenlee	5 th – Harlene Bilbrey
	<u>Favorite Fiddler</u>	6 th – Cliff McCall
	Tom Fonville	<u>Favorite Associate</u>
	<u>Favorite Accompanist</u>	Ron Stuart
	Simon Stipp	<u>Most Improved</u>
	<u>Appreciation Award</u>	Jessica Sell
	Lisa Hopkins	<u>Board of Directors Award</u>
	<u>President's Award</u>	Bubba Hopkins
	Bart Baker	<u>Out Going President's Award</u> – Bryan Jimmerson



Cowboy True - Fiddle Contest
March 28, 2015
J.S. Bridwell Ag Center
111 Burnet St. ~ Wichita Falls, TX



<u>0-12</u>	<u>13-18</u>	<u>Open</u>
1 st Place - \$125 + Scholarship	1 st Place - \$150 + Scholarship	1 st Place - \$\$200
2 nd Place - \$100	2 nd Place - \$125	2 nd Place - \$175
3 rd Place - \$75	3 rd Place - \$100	3 rd Place - \$150
4 th Place - \$50	4 th Place - \$75	4 th Place - \$100
5 th Place - \$30	5 th Place - \$50	5 th Place - \$75

0-12 will play one tune of choice (breakdown, rag or waltz). 13-18 will play two tunes (One breakdown and one tune of choice {breakdown, rag, or waltz}). Open will play three tunes (breakdown, waltz, and tune of choice {may be breakdown or waltz}). Please send name, age, address, and contact info to: David Holcomb dch309@sbcglobal.net or enter online at www.theforumwf.org. Contest starts at 12:30 P.M. Registration is at 11:30 A.M.

