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Hello TOTFA membership! The end of summer is approaching and we have a few contests for you over the next couple of months. August is over, but it did not end nicely. We had a total eclipse, and a massive catastrophic hurricane as well. I know that some of our members have been displaced, and have received everything from minor damage like fallen trees, all the way up to severe damages by winds and flooding to their entire homes.

I want everyone to know that our thoughts and prayers have been with you during this terrible time. I also could not be more proud of the fellowship of our sister states, the neighbors all around the state, and the complete strangers that have put differences aside and taken time to come out and help with the relief efforts after Hurricane Harvey. This is an absolute catastrophe, but I know we will continue through and do our best.

On a more positive note, we have a great, long-standing contest next week on September 8th. The Johnson County Pioneer & Old Settlers Reunion falls this week and next week. This year makes the 125th year that they have held a reunion, and Johnson County is making this a big shindig. I hope all of you can take some time to come up. Alvarado is a small town that I have previously called home, and is conveniently located on I-35W just south of Fort Worth. You can blink your eyes and miss it, but they are pulling out all the stops in this little Texas town.

This is going to be a *full 7 days* of activities. Beginning a week before the contest, on Sept. 2nd, they are starting off with a parade, dancing-horse show, (yes dancing horses) and

celebrity goat dressing contest. Saturday night, Sept. 3rd, Texas Country artist, Austin Allsup is headlining the show. The next week will consist of mutton busting, gospel music, baby contest, bar-b-que cook-off and bake-off, Johnson County Queen contest. Carnival Rides begin on Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6pm.

The Fiddle Contest is on Friday, Sept.8th with Registration at 6pm, and contest starting at 7pm. There has been an upgrade to the sound system this year, and it should make for a much better attraction for such a great audience that turns out every year. The reunion will end on Saturday, Sept. 9th with an Arts and Craft show and vendors, car show, and chuck wagon demonstration. The finale the celebration is a *free concert* from our very own Texas staple, *Asleep at the Wheel* beginning Saturday, Sept.9th at 7:30pm-9pm. The TOTFA fiddle contest payouts and divisions are listed on page 5.

In September, we have a long-running contest not sanctioned by TOTFA, in Crockett, Texas. The World Championship Fiddlers Festival will be held Sept.23rd and they will be honoring the Solomon family and Mr. Bobby Christman this year. Just a reminder that they adjusted the dates a couple months ago, so if you had reservations at the local hotels, please call them and make your adjustments if needed. More information on page 6.

On October 7th, we have the Bowie Chicken and Bread Days Fiddle Contest in Bowie, Texas. This has been a staple in the TOTFA scene for as long as I can remember. The weather is always great and the community comes out to show their support. There is a car show, antique malls on the square, and many vendors and craft booths. Check the website for more info on prizes and placings.

I spoke this week with Mr. Jesse Roy Hart who has always helped us get the Sequin contest going. This fiddle contest will be on October 14th and is one of the only ones we have left in the area and it has been running for 36 years!!!! This is a great contest that runs in conjunction with the Guadalupe County Fair, so you can be assured that the kids and family will have plenty to do during the day. We would love to see some support.

If you are a teacher or have a contest that you coordinate or assist with and would like to discuss placing an advertisement in “The Texas Fiddler” newsletter delivered to the membership, please give any of your directors a call (our contact information is listed at the bottom of page 8).

We have different options for sizes of ads, and prices. I have listed them on the top of page 9. We all share the love of music, so let us share the wealth and let each other know about all of our different opportunities. Remember!! In this age of electronics, we still have members who are interested in learning and other musical opportunities, but do not participate in social media. The Fiddler Newsletter is a traditional, yet fantastic avenue to get the word out.

I also am looking for any fundraising ideas or venues to have a TOTFA benefit. Give us a call if you know any places that won't break the bank.

Thank you for all of your memberships and every bit of support you give to your friends, fellow musicians, and neighbors!!!

~~Jordan Bankston, TOTFA President~~

Here and There

Date	Name / Location
Sep 8	Johnson Cty Pioneers & Old Settlers Reunion Fiddle Contest, Alvarado, TX
Sep 23	Crockett World Championship Fiddlers Festival, Crockett, TX
Oct 7	Chicken & Bread Days Fiddle Contest Bowie, TX
Oct 14	J. Box Roberts Memorial Fiddle Contest Seguin, TX
Oct 21	East Texas Yamboree Fiddlers Contest Gilmer, TX
Nov 11	Dale McPherson Memorial Glen Rose, TX



OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2017

7 Divisions, over \$7500 in prizes

JUDGES: Jason Crisp, JayDean Ludiker, Dale Morris Sr.,
Marty Elmore, Junior Marriott

INFORMATION: Search Facebook for the Bob Wills Fiddle Festival & Contest page for rules, schedule, host hotel info & more, or contact 817-875-6022 or fiddlesaregood@gmail.com

**Johnson County Pioneer & Old Settlers
Reunion Fiddle Contest**

**Alvarado, Texas, September 8th @7pm.
Registration begins @6pm.**

Ages 66+ (will play 1st) Ages 0-15

1 st Place	\$100.00	1 st Place	\$100.00
2 nd Place	\$75.00	2 nd Place	\$75.00
3 rd Place	\$50.00	3 rd Place	\$50.00

Ages 16-25

1 st Place	\$100.00
2 nd Place	\$75.00
3 rd Place	\$50.00

Ages 26-45

1 st Place	\$100.00
2 nd Place	\$75.00
3 rd Place	\$50.00

Ages 46-65

1 st Place	\$100.00
2 nd Place	\$75.00
3 rd Place	\$50.00

Accompanist

1 st Place	\$75.00
2 nd Place	\$50.00

**Championship Playoff (1st and Second
winners from each division)**

1st Place \$100.00

Crockett World Championship

Fiddlers Festival

Crockett, Texas, September 23rd @ 10am.

Registration begins @ 9am.

Senior Division Age 60+ (will play 1st)

1 st Place	\$300
2 nd Place	\$250
3 rd Place	\$200
4 th Place	\$150
5 th Place	\$100

*The 81st World
Championship Fiddlers
Festival of Crockett, Texas
will be held Saturday,
September 23rd at the Davy
Crockett Memorial
Park. Judges will be Carl
Hopkins, Ricky Turpin, and
Brian Solomon. Number,
type of tunes, and call backs
will be determined by the
judges.*

Accompanist Division

1 st Place	\$300
2 nd Place	\$250
3 rd Place	\$200
4 th Place	\$150
5 th Place	\$100

Youth Division Ages 0-18

1 st Place \$300	2 nd Place \$250
3 rd Place \$200	4 th Place \$150
5 th Place \$100	6 th Place \$75
7 th Place \$50	
8th-10 th Place \$25 Each	

World Championship Division

1 st Place \$1000	2 nd Place \$900
3 rd Place \$800	4 th Place \$700
5 th Place \$600	6 th Place \$500
7 th Place \$400	8 th Place \$300
9 th Place \$200	10 th Place \$150
11 th – 20 th Place \$100 Each	

Done Gone

Branson Fiddle Festival Branson, Missouri August 25-27, 2017

Pee Wee Division

1. Riley Buttress
2. Mia Johnson
3. Claire Rains
4. Genevieve McAdara

Junior Division

1. Ridge Roberts
2. Nate Jacobson
3. Kate Ward
4. Tanner Marriott
5. Bailey Sidden
6. Preston Marriott

Senior Division

1. Brad Riley
2. Gary Johnston
3. Bob Hammond

Anything Goes Division

1. Kate Ward
2. Bailey Birk
3. Riley Buttress
4. Tristan Corcoran

Open Division

10. Victoria Stuesse
9. Anthony Wilson
8. Tad Johnston
7. Mike Yell
6. Evan Meeker
5. Mark Ralph
4. Jason Andrew

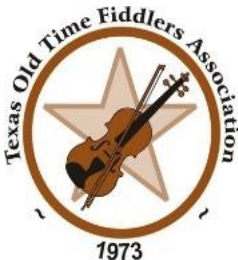
Round Robin Play-Off Championship

1. Bubba Hopkins
2. Tom Weisgerber
3. Alita Weisgerber

September Birthdays

Olaf Riewe	Sept-2	Steve Williams	Sept-13
Charlie Wallace	Sept-2	Nick Gillentine	Sept-14
Sherry Wortham	Sept-2	Eric Amundson	Sept-18
Loyce Franklin	Sept-3	George Griffth	Sept-20
Daisy Walker	Sept-6	Kevin Freeman	Sept-20
Stormy Stanford	Sept-8	Jerry Loyd	Sept-21
Carl Hopkins	Sept-11	Charlie Walker	Sept-29

2016-2017 Board of Directors



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Advertising in “The Texas Fiddler”

Place an ad in the TOTFA Newsletter for your instruction, business, or contest.

Full Page Ads \$50

Half Page Ads \$25

Quarter Page Ads \$15

Eighth Page Ads \$10

Please contact a director if you are interested!

You can renew your TOTFA membership, or make TOTFA donations or purchases through PayPal at **TOTFAPayPal@totfa.org**. Of course, sometimes the old ways are best, and we can handle that too. Send your check to the address below.

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TEXAS OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION



Membership Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
(Year is optional) ____/____/____

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address
\$ _____ Musician \$30/yr. (Contest Fiddler or Accompanist)		
\$ _____ Associate \$30/yr. (Parent, Supporter, Sponsor, Etc.)		

COST-EFFECTIVE OPTIONS

- We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only one 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 & white print via USPS.

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

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Or renew online via PayPal at <http://www.totfa.org>

TOTFA Use Only:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal (totfapaypal@totfa.org) \$ _____

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