

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Nick Bratkovich

Nick will perform at the Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Nick has played the accordion since the age of six, and formed his first band at the age of 13. He is the premier accordionist in all Serbian, Balkan, and International folk music. Nick grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and now calls Tulsa, Oklahoma his home.



and bring a friend. Our meeting starts at 3:30 pm at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

SEE YOU THERE!



Please plan to attend,

October Meeting

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 pm	Individual and Group Performances
5:00 pm	Jam Session

The October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, at 3:00 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone

is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a Jam Session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

Evie and I truly thank everyone who pitched in and helped with the *Septenberfest* party. We did it again. The event was a success, and we look forward to the next.

Speaking of the next, at the end of this year, Bob Mansfield and yours truly will come to the end of our terms as president and vice-president. The OAC is on the go, and we want the momentum to continue. Nothing would make Bob and me more proud then to have other members take over and continue the goals of our Club. I have asked for a nominating committee, but I was thinking about appointing all of the members as the nominating committee, and have all the members suggest nominees. This is your Club, and this is your opportunity to do something for it. Please think about whom you would like to lead, and have their names ready at the October meeting. We will vote at the December meeting, and the new prez and vice-prez can take over in January.

Don't forget that Nick Bratkovich will be our guest soloist at the October meeting. Nick is an extraordinary accordion player who will delight your musical tastes with his repertoire of tunes. Plan to be there with a guest.

Jumping ahead to December, we again will have our cookie and candy exchange, plus our call for hats, gloves, socks, and scarves that we can donate to those who are in need. Collecting the above items for the needy is an annual OAC tradition. This is a heads-up for you all to start looking for the needed items.

See you at the meeting.

• Dick



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Milo Shedeck

Glücklich Oktoberfest!

This is a happy month for Germans, Czechs, Polish, and beer drinkers!

Lucy and I, along with Dick and Evelyn, have already enjoyed the festivities, great music, and food at the *Choctaw Oktoberfest*.

The *Bohemian Knights Band* is playing almost every weekend for music venues celebrating *Oktoberfest*.

Happy *Oktoberfest* Birthday to:

- Karen West on October 8
- Anne Lopez on October 22,

- Diana Bongiovanni on October 24
- Jocelyn Pederson on Oct 25

A special thanks to Dick and Evelyn for preparing the great food for the annual *Septemberfest* party at the last meeting. Polish cooking is much better than German food. Barbara Duer did a great job donating her time and money on decorating the tables. Thanks to all the members that brought fans. The happy music was perfect for happy people!

We still have a positive checking account balance.

Respectively,
Milo Shedeck



Mark Your Calendars

October 13, 2013: the Oklahoma Accordion Club will feature Nick Bratkovich at their monthly meeting.

October 28-31, 2013: Accordions International will have their annual accordion event, *Carnival of Venice in Vegas*, at the Gold Coast Hotel in Las Vegas. For more info, call 800/472-1695, or check their website, vegas@AccordiomInfo.com.

November 1-10, 2013: Wurmfest in New Braunfels, Texas. If you like German, Czech, and Polish food and music, you must attend this event. Ten days of the best bands from all over the world. Go to www.wurfest.com for all details and schedules.

Q: My accordion is a half step lower than the other instruments in my band. The other musicians keep complaining. What do I do?

A: Undoubtedly, you've thrown your lot in with a group of unappreciative people with little or no talent. However, if you wish to humor them, walk several hundred yards away from the group. At the beginning of your solo, run rapidly toward them

while playing your accordion. The Doppler effect will make it seem that you're in tune with them.

Q: My spouse has threatened to move out due to my practice schedule. I usually play from 3:00 to 5:30 am. How can I save my marriage?

A: You can't. You really should be practicing for longer than that. We would suggest starting earlier, perhaps about 1:00 am.

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September Meeting

Lois Roth

Minutes of OAC Meeting September 8, 2013

We were welcomed to the annual *Septemberfest* meeting by President Dick Albreski. There were 26 members and 10 guests present.

- The music began with Dan Orza performing the beautiful "Waltz Allegro," composed by Charles Magnante.
- Tom Phillips offered a prayer. Then we all enjoyed the German food: Brats and rolls, potato salad, various side dishes, and apple pie. A big Thank You to Evie and Dick for the delicious dinner!
- Music continued with *The Accordionaires* (Dan Orza, Karen West, John Buchanan, and Lois Roth) playing three very German songs: "Schutzenliesel," "Lustig ist das Zigeunerleben," and "Liechtensteiner Polka."
- Dick took over with "Beer Barrel Polka" and other selections.
- Anne Lopez and Dan played a duet: "Two Guitars." Then Anne soloed with "Wooden Heart" and "Lilli

Marlene."

- Dick performed "European Waltz," "Pennsylvania Polka," and "Schneewalzer."
- Bob Mansfield played a German medley, including "Hofbrauhaus," "You Can't Be True, Dear," "Holtzacton Schattus," and "Tomorrow Belongs To Me" from *Cabaret*.
- Dick introduced the guests. We were glad to welcome two new OAC members: Rod and Carolyn Murrow. Dick also reminded us that we need a nominating committee for the positions of president and vice president.
- The music concluded with Anne and Lois performing three songs from Lois's collection of concertina music: "Isabella Waltz," "The Country Musician," and "Rain Rain Polka."

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 13. Nick Bratkovich from Tulsa will perform for OAC members and guests. You don't want to miss this great accordion player!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth
for Secretary Maggie Abel



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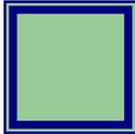
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