

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Thank You, OAC

Once again, our Club came together and donated a "bunch" of socks, gloves, hats, and scarves for the needy at our annual Christmas party. The box of warmth was given to Bob Waldrop, director of the *Oscar Romero Charities*, who was overwhelmed with our

generosity. This charity actually visits the downtown sites, and gives out food and other necessities to the homeless. Just think, your donated gift is now keeping another soul warm and, hopefully, better.



January Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, at 3:30 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The church is 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

Barbara Duer

It's a new year. 2014 was a wonderful year for the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*. We have new members, the concert was a success (as usual), and the Christmas party was great!!!! I've had a wonderful time.

Tom did a great job auctioning off the items we brought to raise money for the Youth Band. Thank you, Tom. Our donations help pay for the Youth Band's expenses at the accordion convention in Plano in March. Dick does a great job with the youth, and each student gets to play a solo. It's a great experience for young people.

Thanks to everyone who played at the December meeting. Let's keep it up!!

I'm still gathering interesting data on Russian Music. This month, it's the "Volga Boatmen Song."

The "Song of the Volga Boatmen" (known in [Russian](#) as [Ey, ukhnem! "yo, heave-ho!"], after the refrain) is a well-known traditional [Russian](#) song collected by [Mily Balakirev](#), and published in his book of folk songs in 1866. It was sung by [burlaks](#), or barge-haulers, on the [Volga River](#). Balakirev published it with only one verse (the first). The other two verses were added at a later date. [Ilya Repin's](#) famous painting, *Barge Haulers on the Volga*, depicts such burlaks in [Tsarist Russia](#) toiling along the Volga.

The song was popularized by [Feodor Chaliapin](#), and has been a favorite concert piece of bass singers ever since. [Glenn Miller's](#) jazz arrangement took the song to #1 in the US charts in 1941.

I'm sharing half of the "Volga Boatmen Song." I think this is a particularly nice arrangement, although you can only see half of it this month. I'll bring copies of the complete arrangement to the meeting, and I'll also play it.



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The Treasurer Sez

Milo Shedeck

[Editor's Note: Here is Milo's column that I neglected to use in the December Squeezins. My apologies to Milo.]

From your new Treasurer:

- The good news is: I am your new-old treasurer for another two years.
- The bad news is: Dues are coming up again for another year, starting January 1.
- The good news is: Some members have already paid for 2015.
- Dues are only \$16.00 for a primary membership, and \$8.00 for additional family members.
- Think about a lifetime membership for a Christmas present: only \$180.00.

- Our December meeting is always exciting with good food, chocolate chip cookies, and candy -- and don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift to be in our ticket-bag fundraiser.
- Don't forget to bring scarves, gloves, hats, socks, etc., to be given as our Christmas gifts to the homeless. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, and be ready to sing carols.
- We have over \$300 in the treasury, and will be adding to that with new dues.

Merry Christmas to all!

Your Continuous Treasurer.
Milo

Happy New Year. We finished with the treasury in a positive balance. Yahoo!
• Milo



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The Bohemian Knights will be playing at the Royal Bavarian Restaurant, located at 3401 South Sooner Road in Moore, OK, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm each Friday and Saturday evening in January. Come and enjoy the fun as the restaurant celebrates its 21st anniversary. Good food, brewed beer from their in-house brewery, German music, and prizes for all. Grand prize is a trip for two to Germany during the 2015 Oktoberfest.

National Accordion Association Convention will be held from March 5-7, 2015 at the Southfork Hotel in Plano, Texas. Don't miss this accordion-packed event that will start your 2015 accordion year. More information to follow.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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December Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Christmas Party meeting December 14, 2014

- President Barbara Duer called the Christmas Party meeting to order. Twenty-seven festively dressed members and seven guests attended.
- Throughout the meeting, music stopped periodically while Vice President Tom Phillips drew raffle tickets or called an auction so winners could claim a prize such as monogrammed accordion-themed T-shirts made by Annette Zongker, wine baskets, Christmas ornaments in the shape of accordions, homemade afghans (one by Barbara and one by Beth Henson), a decorative treble clef pillow, accordion-themed potholders, a book of French music, and others. Tickets were only 50 cents each.
- A box of donated winter hats, gloves, scarves, and socks was collected for a local charity, the *Oscar Romero Foundation*, which delivers them to the homeless.
- It was announced that Today is the day members typically pay their annual club dues to Milo Shedeck. Members pay \$16, and additional family members, \$8.
- The entertainment began when Bob Mansfield led a sing-along. Barbara played banjo, Anne and Lois played accordion, and Karen jingled the bells. The songs: "Jingle Bells," "Silver Bells," and "Joy to the World."
- That group (minus Karen) was soon joined by T. Z. Wright, who played guitar and sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."
- T. Z., Bob, Barbara, Anne, and Lois played "Silver Bells."
- Milo played "Joy to the World."
- Christopher Darr received his new member badge.
- From a copy of the *Norman Transcript*, Bob Mansfield read an article about the Club's annual concert.
- Barbara said Czech Hall may be the site of the Club's concert the second Sunday in August. The

Hall has a prep room for musicians, and a raised stage.

- Roland Lohmann wants the Club to add an additional concert at a different time of year, perhaps at the *Norman Event Center*. The board will consider doing so.
- Mike Clark, Past President Dick Albreski, and Jerry Wooley played "I Saw the Light," followed by "Old Time Religion."
- Barbara played a version of "Jingle Bells," heavy on the minors, on her accordion. She also played the "French Expectation Waltz," employing her musette sound.
- T. Z., notably using his iPad instead of sheet music, played "Mr. Grinch" on the guitar, then on the accordion he played "Daddy Please Don't Get Drunk This Christmas."
- Roland and Rod Murrow played "I'm Gettin' Nothin' for Christmas," followed by the witty "Rinky Doo Café."
- Janet Haskins debuted as a soloist with "Carol of the Bells," chosen because she has always loved to play it on the piano.
- Bob and Barbara played a duet: "Up on the Housetop" from the Green Book.
- Bob played something he had played at *St. Michael's Episcopal Church* in Norman that morning: "Prelude in B-flat."
- Bob and George Secor played Bach's etude, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."
- George soloed "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and "The Christmas Song" ("Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire").
- After receiving a request, George explained the difference between a piano accordion and a freebase accordion.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted
Maggie Abel, Secretary



December Meeting

Diana Richard



Volga Boatmen #1

Herrliche Wolga

(Kosakenritt)

Deutscher Text: Joachim Popelka[®]

Nach Leo Knipper
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Honor Role of Lifetime Members

- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez



- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli





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- Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
- Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

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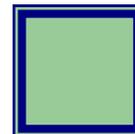
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