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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



February Meeting

The February meeting will be held on Sunday, February 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.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a jam session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* has planned a number of exciting events this year -- as usual!

MARCH: Many group members are looking forward to attending the *National Accordion Association* convention March 7-10 in Richardson, Texas (aka Dallas). *NAA* is where friends are made and songs are played! Details and registration are available at <http://www.accordions.com/naa/>

Workshops, accordion jams, a special banquet with strolling accordionists from around the world, a Friday night dance, and Saturday night grand finale concert -- all await YOU! At the upcoming meeting, I'll ask a few past attendees to describe their experiences at *NAA* for curious newcomers!

If you are looking for a roommate to share hotel expense during the convention, let me know, and I will put you in touch with any other potential roomies from the Club!

APRIL: Our customary pizza party is always a big hit! To let our pizza coordinator, Vice-President Karen West, know you are coming, call her at 405/949-0394 and let her know how many folks you are bringing!

AUGUST: Our Club's free accordion concert in August has regularly drawn 300-plus avid listeners. Most participants are already practicing their chosen music. Solos, duets, trios, etc., are welcome. A signup sheet is being maintained at the each Club meeting to let us know what song(s) you have chosen. You are invited to perform your intended music in advance at upcoming meetings, for practice and inspiration to other performers.

Admirers curious about the amazing *Czech Hall* in Yukon venue for our concert, may enjoy this link to its history: <https://czechhall.com/about/>. Former Treasurer Milo Shedeck, of the *Hall's Bohemian Knights Orchestra*, shared it.

Bob Mansfield will conduct an accordion workshop on muscular strengthening and independent finger control at our February meeting.

I forgot to mention in last month's secretarial minutes that we enjoyed hearing the ever-faithful Wayne Turgeon as he played the Irish lullaby, "Tura Lura Lura," accompanied by Dick Albreski.

Welcome also to our new historian, Beth Henson, and our new secretary, Anne Lopez.



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January Meeting

Anne Lopez

Minutes for the Oklahoma Accordion Club January 14, 2018

The *OAC* meeting was called to order by our new president, Maggie Abel, at 3:30. Twenty-one members were in attendance.

Four new Board members were presented to the Club:

- Maggie Abel, President
- Karen West, Vice President
- Anne Lopez, Secretary
- Beth Henson, Historian

Sil Lopez will continue to serve as treasurer. Diana Richards was asked to get a group photo of the officers. See page 4.

The agenda for the year was discussed. The March meeting will be held one week later (March 18), due to the *National Accordion Association* Convention. Our Pizza Party will be held in April. Our accordion concert will be held in August, again. Milo Shedeck was asked to check on availability of the *Czech Hall*. Before the minutes of the meeting were published, Milo confirmed the *Hall* is available, and the concert will be held on Sunday, August 12. Thank you, Milo.

Our Christmas raffle raised a generous \$400 for the Club Youth. Time for dues again, so be sure to pay the treasurer, Sil, \$20 for an individual and \$10 for each additional family member.

Club members requested a workshop time at each meeting. Dick Albreski gave our first lesson by expanding our knowledge of improvisation skills to help us vary and enrich our musical selections. Thank you for a well planned presentation, Dick.

Our lesson was followed by Lois Roth and Anne Lopez playing "Arrivederci Roma" and "Never on Sunday," which demonstrated various styles of improvisation such as thirds, fifths, and grace notes, to name a few.

Dick led the *OAC Music Makers* band -- Barbara Duer, Beth Henson, Lois Roth, Karen West, Toni Paulding, and Maggie Abel. They entertained us with "Viva España" and a lively "Twelfth Street Rag." See page 5.

Our trio, Lois, Barb, and Karen, brought back memories with "Theme From Summer Place," "Bye Bye Love," and "Let It Be Me."

- Anne Lopez



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January Meeting

Diana Richard



Our 2018 OAC Officers: Maggie Abel, Karen West, Anne Lopez, Sil Lopez, and Beth Henson



January Meeting

Maggie Abel



Dick leading the OAC Music Makers band -- Barbara Duer, Beth Henson, Lois Roth, Karen West, Toni Paulding, and Maggie Abel. To view a video of them playing the "Twelfth Street Rag," go to https://youtu.be/_ye7W2FEdlE.



On the right is our beloved Milo in the Bohemian Knights orchestra at the Czech Hall playing — what else? — The “Chicken Dance.”



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The National Accordion Association will hold its annual convention March 7-10, 2018, at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. This is a great event to bring you up to date on the accordion world. All *OAC* members who plan to attend the convention are urged to join the *NAA Fun Band* that will perform at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Rehearsals for the evening concert will be held at the *Hyatt* during the day on Thursday. The *OAC Youth* will join with other youths from the area to perform in concert on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 1:30 pm. Your support and attendance is their encouragement. Please contact Dick Albreski for additional details. Both acoustic and digital accordion workshops and concerts will be featured at this convention. In addition, there will be exhibits, plus continuous accordion music and performers. For more information, go to National Accordion Convention 2018, <http://www.accordions.com/naa/sandbox/sandboxConv/conv6Registration.html>. Immediate action is recommended to share in the “special room rate pricing” at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel*.

PIZZA PARTY! The *OAC* will hold its annual pizza party on April 8, 2018, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, starting at 3:30 pm. Each member can bring one guest. Reservations are a

must! You can contact the Board members or visit the *OAC* website, <http://www.okaccordion.club>. Pizza relates to Italian music, and Italian music relates to the accordion. Get it? So, bring your accordion to the party.

On May 6, 2018, celebrate **World Accordion Day**. This is the day that the accordion was patented in 1829. Here’s your chance to plan something that will enhance the accordion in your world. **What have you planned for this most important time?** Everyone can register their plans on the World Accordion Day website: <http://www.accordions.com/cia>, and send a follow-up report of the success of your event. Make you and your accordion known.

FOR THE FUTURE: *Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.*

NOT JUST Oom-PAH concert and workshop to be held on June 16 and 17, 2018 in Austin, Texas, with Ginny Mac, Jan Flemming, Shirley Johnson, and Mario Pedone.

American Accordionists Association (ATG) 78th Annual Convention will be held July 25-28, 2018, in Lisle (Chicago), Illinois.



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:

Evelyn Albreski, February 2

T. Z. Wright, February 21

Bob Mansfield, February 24

Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Beth Henson at

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Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300.00.

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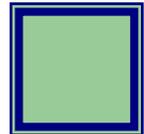
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