

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Germanfest! 2018



DATE: Sun Sept 9
MEETING: 3:30 pm
DINING: 4:00 pm

We need a food count, so reserve by 10 pm Fri Sept 7 with V.P. Karen West
call: (405) 949-0394 text: (405) 830-1058 email: accordion_karen@yahoo.com

Get ready for Oktoberfest music and fine German cuisine in a Bavarian setting!! Enjoy brats, hotdogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage salad, rolls, and apple kucken.

Soft drinks provided.

Members, call in your reservation now for you and one guest!

(Additional guests may make a donation.)



OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB
Messiah Lutheran Church
NW Expressway at Portland



September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9 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.

Please make your reservations now.

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

Ode to the Polka

I am proud to be a member of this Club — people who work together toward a goal and attain some very interesting accomplishments. We are positioned between two such accomplishments right now. One is our glorious concert, which -- through our sweat and our dues -- we are able to offer to the public for free. The second is the celebration of the one of the many routes of the accordion's fame, the *Germanfest* traditions.

About 35 years ago, I went on a date to an Ohio facility called *Germania*. A luscious dinner of German food was served, after which a live ensemble, dressed in European garb, began to play.

Germania had a round, outdoor dance floor, and the weather was perfect. When the music suddenly started, my date led me around and around among the line of couples. It was exhilarating, exciting, fantastic! His lead was so forceful, I could follow as easily as a child can skip! Afterward, I was out of breath.

Up to this time, I had frowned on dancing, mainly because I did not know how to dance and had no desire to learn.

So, my ignorance led me to breathlessly ask, "What was that? What did we just do?"

His answer: "The polka." Looking back, I'm sure the heavens opened with a great chorus, and rainbows filled the sky. The polka remains my first love, despite all the dances I learned afterward.

I looked up *Germania* on the Internet, and found the interior looks like a verrrrry fancy version of *Czech Hall*, where we have our annual public concert.

In my several decades of living in Ohio, I learned that the polka was embedded in the dance culture there. I worked in the ballroom studio where one of the first dances taught to beginners was the polka. It was said that if you got married, you were not really married until you danced a polka at the wedding reception.

I'm looking forward to our festive September 9 meeting, where we can enjoy our own little German celebration of the music that has been most famously shared with the accordion.

- Maggie Abel
OAC President



Advertisement



FRANK GESINSKI
Live Accordion Music & Accordion Lessons

8035 S. Irvington Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74136-8404

918/492-1715

AccordionFrank@att.net

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

405-201-7867

magster@aol.com

VICE-PRESIDENT

Karen West

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

405/949-0394

accordion_karen@yahoo.com

TREASURER

Sil Lopez

Edmond, OK 73013

405/285-9145

sil.lopez68@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Anne Lopez

Edmond, OK 73013

405/285-9145

danz4545@hotmail.com

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Beth Henson

Mustang, OK 73064

405/376-4407

bhenson1@cox.net

PAST PRESIDENT

Barbara Duer

Oklahoma City, OK 73162

405-721-9657

bduer@sbcglobal.net

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

Tulsa, OK 74136

918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER

Diana Richard

Diana.I.richard@gmail.com

WEBSITE

<http://www.okaccordion.club/>

Lifetime Members

- Jim & June Butricks
- William "Rusty" Dolton
- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez
- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli
- Ophelia Woody

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

OAC Septemberfest 2018 will be held at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* on our scheduled September 9, 2018, meeting. This is a prelude to the spirit of the Oktoberfest parties held in October. This German tradition requires good folks, good food, and good music. The *OAC* has all three. For good folks, none better than the members and guests of the *OAC*. For food, there will be brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, red cabbage, sauerkraut, rolls, soft drinks; and for dessert, the very tasty "German Kuchen Strudel". The food will be served starting at 4:00 pm. That's two of the requirements. For the third, we have a great bunch of accordion players who will fill the hall with polkas, waltzes, and other traditional German tunes. Now here is what you must do: You must make a reservation. Each member can bring one guest. This is the only event that is closed to the public, and only members and guests who have made reservations can attend. Why reservations? We have to know who is coming so we can order the correct amount of food. Call Karen West at 405/949-0394 to make your

reservation. See you all at the *Septemberfest* party! DAS IST GOD!

Yukon Czech Days will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, in downtown Yukon, Oklahoma. Festivities begin at 11:00 am, with a massive parade, followed by traditional Czech music and dancing throughout the day. *OAC* member **Milo Shedeck** will direct the **Bohemian Knights Orchestra** in performing familiar polkas, waltzes, and schottisches. There will be many culinary and merchandise vendors available to satisfy all your wants and desires. In the evening, there will be a grand ball at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road. Plan today for a day in Yukon, Oklahoma.

National Accordion Association Convention will be held March 7-9, 2019 at the *Hyatt Regency Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. Mark your calendars for this great event. Much more info to follow.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of *Squeezins*.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
c/o 7109 NW 102nd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (_____) _____

Birth day (MM/DD) _____ / _____ (optional)

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins', by: E-mail Conventional mail

The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

- Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300
 Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply): Professional Teacher Repairman Student

Semi-Professional Associate Hobby Amateur Other



Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:



Sil Lopez, September 15

Barbara Pedersen, September 22

Lou LeBrun, September 26

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 Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com.



Oklahoma Accordion Club hosts its 6th **An Accordion Affair** August 12, 2018 Czech Hall, Yukon

The Star-Spangled Banner

Laz Elliott

Welcome & Introduction

Emcee Lucas Ross with Dick Albreski

The Youth Band, directed by Dick Albreski:

De Colores

Asher Elliott

Autumn Breezes

Laz Elliott

Fascination

Matthew Medley

Whatever Will Be, Will Be

Anna Rockwood

Big Parade March

Alex Rockwood

Oklahoma Waltz

THE YOUTH BAND: Laz Elliott, Asher Elliott,
Matthew Medley, Anna Rockwood, Alex Rockwood

Amazing Grace

Matthew Medley & Toni Paulding

Tum Balalaika, Sherele, Sher

Bob Mansfield & Beau Mansfield

Accordion Rag, Raggedy Rag

Barbara Duer & Lou LeBrun of Springfield MO

The Entertainer, Fun with Lou LeBrun

Lou LeBrun

INTERMISSION

**Old Time Sing-along: You Are My Sunshine,
Que Sera Sera, Love Makes the World Go Round**

TRIO: Barbara Duer, Anne Lopez, Lois Roth

**Tell Me a Story, Lover Tell Me Why,
Give Me My Heart Back**

Lois Roth & Anne Lopez

Sunny Afternoon, Whiskey Before Breakfast

TZ Wright

Waltz Theme by A. Durand

Toni Paulding & Dick Albreski

It Had to be You

Karen West & Lou LeBrun

Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes

Ron Shearon

Granada

Dick Albreski

Saints Go Marching In & Amazing Grace medley

Tom Phillips

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

Barbara Pedersen

**You're a Grand Old Flag,
Yankee Doodle Dandy, This Land is Your Land**

TRIO: Lois Roth, Barbara Duer, Karen West

***** PRIZE DRAWING *****

FINALE: God Bless America (All)

Oklahoma Accordion Club meets at 3:30 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Call first in March (convention month) and August (concert month).

We meet at Messiah Lutheran Church (south entrance), 3600 NW Expressway at Portland Ave., Oklahoma City.

President: Maggie Abel (405) 201-7867 magster@aol.com ... **Instructors:** Dick Albreski, OKC (405) 721-0564 juaccord@hotmail.com

... Bob Mansfield, Norman (405) 550-2663 bobmansfield@cox.net ... Frank Gesinski, Tulsa (918) 492-1715 AccordionFrank@att.net

... Visit the club online at www.okaccordion.club or Facebook: Oklahoma Accordion Club.

August Concert

Anne Lopez

OAC Minutes August 12, 2018

Our annual "Accordion Affair" was a huge success. We had approximately 325 attendees, enjoying a wide variety of accordion music, including waltzes, polkas, Bob and Beau's Yiddish music, the Youth Band, and more.

The great Ragtime of Lou and Barb brought the house down. Thank you, Lou, for making our concert a hit!

Thanks to Mike Clark for helping backstage and keeping the performances going smoothly.

A special thanks to Bryan Roth, our sound man, for donating his time, equipment, and talents to give us a great sound.

All the volunteers help was greatly appreciated, as it made the work easier for all. We can't thank

all of you enough. The way everyone stepped up to help through donations, time expenditures, and sweat, down to our newest member, Nita, setting up chairs, says a lot about our Club. Our president, Maggie Abel, did a wonderful job orchestrating the entire event. Karen West saw to it that the advertising brought in the crowd. Barb Duer produced a survey to help us evaluate the concert. Frank Gesinski's work was multiplied sending out templates of the concert poster and other updates. And, of course, Dick Albreski and Lucas Ross drew a large crowd with their charm, antics, and free TV advertising. United we stand!

This year's attendees were very generous with their donations. They commented on the high energy and spirit of the group as they entered the hall, and they appreciated our talent.

- Anne Lopez
OAC Secretary



Advertisements

The Bohemian Knights

Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski



Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376
miloshedeck@cox.net
Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates



JUST ACCORDIONS

Sales • Repairs • Instruction

Dick Albreski

(405) 721-0564
7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162
juaccord@hotmail.com

7-07

August Concert

Diana Richard



August Concert

Diana Richard



Advertisement

For Sale

S. Soprani Accordion

41 treble keys
12 treble switches (2 masters)
120 bass buttons
7 bass switches
19 ½" keyboard
Sano 8M pick up

Purchased new c. 1970

\$500 or best reasonable offer

(405) 613-5228

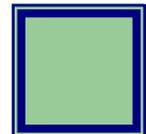


Seller is a member of the Oklahoma Accordion Club

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL