

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



T. Z. Wright and Maggie at the Woody Guthrie "WoodyFest" music festival in Okemah, Oklahoma, recently. T. Z. was performing at one of the venues.



August Hybrid Meeting

Our August meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8.

It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a Zoom meeting.

If you need instructions for using Zoom, please call Maggie Abel and ask her for a trial session on using the Zoom meeting features.

For meeting details and instructions, see page 3.



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

So great to see familiar faces reappearing at our in-person meetings! And after the long absences, everyone seems so very glad to see one another again!

Our next meeting takes place in our usual room, on the right side of *Messiah Lutheran Church's* foyer. The building is best entered from the south (beneath the drive-through portico). Of course, the *Zoom* contingent is still available for those who prefer it! Call me if you need an assist using it!

Our pledge to the flag at the beginning of the meeting is a new feature, something I don't remember us doing in the past.

How nice it is to enjoy having composers in our midst. Dick Albreski kindly debuted his new composition for us in July.

Do you find you run into interesting friends when the accordion is mentioned at social gatherings? I always invite those new acquaintances that I run into — the ones who say they used to play the accordion, or they have their uncle's accordion in the closet — to attend our meeting. Sometimes a person who was simply trying to sell a relative's accordion, after coming to the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*, decides to keep that squeezebox and learn how to use it!

It was suggested after the July meeting that, since the *OAC* has not presented an August concert in the past two years, it might be nice for members to play at a meeting a concert piece which they performed in the past at our concert! After all, it was all practiced up in a previous year, so it might not take as much effort to reprise it. So, I'm encouraged to dig out my "Lady of Spain!"

Come in out of the heat and renew old friendships on Sunday, August 8, at 3:30 pm -- cuz good times are here again!



• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President

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August Hybrid Meeting

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live meeting in person, may still wish to experience it in *Zoom* (the same way they did in previous months).

(1) On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with audio and video, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

OR

(2) On your landline or non-smart telephone, to join us by audio only, call this number:
346/248-7799. When you are asked for a meeting ID, type in 523-670-9799.

If you want to try out the system before that date, just call me at 405/201-7867, and we'll give it a test to make sure all systems are go.

Grab your Ma and bring your Pa, as we broad-jump into that *OAC* squeezebox spirit, anticipating our upcoming meeting!



Outside Group Policy Messiah Lutheran Church Open Up and Recover Safely Plan:



- We ask that everyone who is entering the building wears a mask. The rule of thumb is:

IF YOU'RE MOVING, YOU'RE MASKING

- Once you are in place and safely distanced, you may remove your mask if you desire
- Groups are responsible for providing masks for their group members if they do not have their own
- Groups are responsible for providing their own hand sanitizer, gloves and disinfecting wipes to do the wipe down of touch points on the doors, bathrooms and surfaces used by their group during their activities.

Sanitation & Disinfecting of touch points: Wipe down all touchpoints used by group including but not limited to:

- Inside and outside door handles on all doors touched by group members
- Restroom touchpoints including faucet handles and stall door touchpoints
- Any chairs and or tables used by the group

Maintain Social Distancing

- Groups are asked to abstain from shaking hands and we encourage doing non-contact greetings.
- Seating should be set up to maintain proper spacing (family members from same household may sit together)
- If distancing cannot be assured, then masks should be worn
- It is recommended that group members use hand sanitizer before your group activity begins and again before leaving

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

The **Accordionists & Teachers Guild (ATG)** reluctantly has cancelled the *80th Anniversary Festival* in Lisle, Illinois, that was to be held in July 2021. Definite plans are being made to reschedule the *Festival* for next year, 2022, with many of this year's scheduled artists to perform. We all know the reason for this year's cancellation! COVID!!

Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting on August 8, 2021. I plan to attend that meeting and, perhaps, play some standards from the past that we don't hear anymore. We don't even hear them in an elevator. I would like to ask you to attend the meeting, but if you can't be there in person, make sure you attend it on *Zoom*. See you all at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, corner of Portland and Northwest Expressway, at 3:30 pm.

It's time for the Not Just Oompah! Accordion Concert and Workshop featuring Joe Natoli, Master accordionist and Composer. Topic: Music Composition. The workshop dates are on August 23 and 24, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. They will be on *Zoom*! The workshop will focus on composing, and include elements in arranging,

alternative Stradella basses, plus using the accordion registers more effectively. Registration for all events is a must, since this is a fee event. \$70.00 for the *Zoom* workshop, plus all required materials that will be sent via e-mail, or \$25.00 for a concert only, to be held on August 22, 2021. Joe Natoli will play his original compositions plus some specialty arrangements. I've had the pleasure of listening to this accordionist play, and I can assure you, you don't want to miss an opportunity to hear him play.

HEADS UP! Yes, there will be a *National Accordion Association* convention in March 2022. Plans are now being completed, with special emphasis on new talent, new workshops, and new performances. Start marking your calendar for this one, because it will be a great one. Yours truly will once again direct the FUN BAND. Keep in touch, a lot more will follow.

FOR the DIGITAL Accordion Players. Joe Natoli is working on finalizing plans for the next IDEAS Symposium 4.0. More information will follow as it is released.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**

John Buchanan, August 1

Kristine Anderson, August 20



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.



July Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes July 11, 2021

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* met on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at the usual venue. Thirteen members and two guests attended in person. One additional member and one additional guest attended via *Zoom*.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. She introduced all those present. She said that Frank Gesinski couldn't be with us because his family was celebrating his 80th birthday.

•Ron Shearon led the group in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance."

•Barbara Yuill and Dick Albreski began the music program with "Autumn Leaves," followed by a new song composed by Dick called "Waltz for Barbie."

•Dick soloed with "All of Me," and "I Love Paris" with a boogie beat.

•Ron played "Over The Waves" and "Neapolitan Nights."

•Anne Lopez and Lois Roth entertained the group with a variety of songs, including: "America The Beautiful," "Tavern Waltz" ("Erika"), "Elmer's Tune," and "Play A Simple Melody."

•Lou LeBrun attended on *Zoom*. She performed "Accordeon Samba," and a Sigmund Romberg favorite, "Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise."

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 8. Join us for music and a jolly good time!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



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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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18 |

Your status (please check all that apply):

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