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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Valina Polka and Ross

See the Prez Sez column on page 2

In the most recent issue (#16) of *Caregiver Magazine*, OAC President Maggie Abel is interviewed. She is photographed along with her accordion on pages 4, 27, and 28. You can pick up a free copy at most OKC senior centers, such as *Will Rogers Senior Center*, or read it online at <https://caregiveroklahoma.com/digital-issues>.

September Hybrid Meeting

Our September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12.

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

September is the month of many possibilities for fans of the accordion! All offered through affiliation with the *Oklahoma Accordion Club!*

I suppose all members received the two *Fun Band* songs in the e-mail that the *OAC* sent out in mid-August. The various parts (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) were included in the mailing. Choose the part most suited to you and brush up on it, and we'll have fun putting them together September 12! You know Dick Albreski arranges the most interesting and accessible tunes for us in his *Fun Band* collection.

Note that this month we'll be meeting in the Multipurpose Room at the *Messiah Lutheran Church*, instead of our customary room by the front door. Let's enter through the same south door as always, and signage will be posted pointing the rest of the way. You'll recall we had our Christmas meeting and a number of others in this Multipurpose Room.

Yet again, September's meeting will be both in-person, and also *Zoomed* to accommodate those far away! Contact me if any *Zoom* prep is needed! Same "codes" as before (shown on page 3).

Last month's meeting had delightful moments, such as several times during the playing when members felt moved to dance -- including Anne's Mom, Cassi!



During August, some Houston friends of the *Club* put on a great show at *Royal Bavaria's German Restaurant* in Oklahoma City! The combo, "Das Ist Lustig," consisting of "Valina Polka" [her *Facebook* name] and her accordion-playing hubby, Ross. They outdid themselves two nights in a row (see their photo on the front page of this newsletter). Valina and Ross, much like another favorite performer, Molly B, sing and play a number of instruments. The couple involved the crowd in polka and Chicken Dance, among others. We've seen them perform (and even teach yodeling) at the *National Accordion Association* conventions in Dallas.

Recent situations during the past two years caused the *OAC* to miss hosting our annual concert in Yukon's *Czech Hall*. However, last month a few folks discussed a good idea. Since many of us have performed there in the past, why not revive something we have previously played at the concert, and present it once more at the *Club* meeting. Sure would be nice to go down memory lane and relive some of those great tunes!

Looking forward to hearing some melodies on Sunday, September 12, at our 3:30 pm meeting at *Messiah Lutheran Church*. September is an "Oktoberfest" month, so perhaps some well-loved German tunes will be among the offerings!

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September 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

Head's Up! The *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of Milo Shedeck (OAC), will be playing at *Fassler Hall* on September 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. *Fassler Hall* is a German style beer hall located at 421 NW 10th Street in OKC. They are starting the Oktoberfest season early this year. You don't want to miss the music, the beer, and their most delicious food.

Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting on September 12 will be another IN and OUT. IN pertains to those members who plan to attend, and OUT pertains to those members who choose to attend it on *Zoom*. We need more INs than OUTs, so plan to attend, and don't forget to bring your accordion.

It's time for the *Not Just Oompah!* Accordion Concert and Workshop featuring, Joe Natoli, Master accordionist and Composer; Topic: Music Composition. The dates are now: September 26, with a concert from 3:00 to 4:00 pm; then two workshops, one on September 27, and one on September 28. Both workshops are from 7:00 until 9:30 pm. This will be a *ZOOM* event, and the fee for all is \$70.00. If you wish to attend the concert only, then the fee is \$25.00. You can get more info, plus register for the workshops and concert at www.NotJustOompah.org.

YUKON CZECH DAYS will be on October 2 in Yukon, OK. And again, the *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of Milo Shedeck (OAC), will perform in the afternoon. Plan to attend and listen to some great polka music under the big tent. There

will also be traditional Czech food, and plenty of beer to make your day more enjoyable. Also, a ton of vendors with items that will tempt your wallets.

2021 IDEAS Virtual Symposium 4.0 on October 29 to November 7, 2021. The *International Digital Electronic Accordion Society (IDEAS)* is announcing its 2021 Symposium that will be completely virtual once again because of the ever-advancing COVID Delta variant. However, the quality and scope of this year's symposium promises to be every bit as engaging and educational as the past symposiums, with a lineup of world-renowned digital accordion players. Registration will open soon, and will be announced on the "GR8 IDEAS" Facebook group when it does.

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. Incidentally, the *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, which housed the previous *NAA* conventions, is now the *Hilton Hotel*. I'm told there are no changes to the program from past programs. See you there.

There seems to be a lot more happening this year, in spite of the pandemic. As I hear or learn about upcoming events, I will pass them on to you. Keep Squeezin'.



**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.



August Hybrid Meeting

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes August 8, 2021

The *OAC* held its monthly meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2021, at the usual church venue. It was a hybrid meeting, with attendees both in-person and on *Zoom*. Ten members (including two on *Zoom*) and two guests were present. Total attendance was twelve.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. She introduced her guest, Frank Boyd.

- Maggie read a note from Lou LeBrun in Springfield, Missouri, which said that Lou's accordion needs repair work, and so she is trying to get it to Dick Albreski in Oklahoma City.

- Dick told us that the *Bohemian Knights* performed recently at a fund-raising event for the *Enid Philharmonic*. It was an Oktoberfest party, and was held in a large building in Enid. He said he has several other performances coming up, and will keep us informed about the dates and locations.

- Karen West is going to e-mail two *Fun Band* songs to *OAC* members. Each song has three parts and was arranged by Dick Albreski. The songs were performed by the *NAA Fun Band* at past Dallas conventions. She suggested that players practice the parts they prefer, and we will try the songs at our next meeting.

- Ron Shearon announced that the *Club* received \$59 in donations from the people who divided the music that Barbara Duer left to the *Club*.

- The business meeting ended with the group reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

- Then it was time for music! Ron had brought his Roland accordion, and he played "Over The Waves."

- Dick delighted the group with several songs, including "Somewhere Over The Rainbow," "All of Me," and "Tico Tico."

- Karen and Lois performed two seasonal songs: "In The Good Old Summertime" and "When You Wore a Tulip."

- Anne Lopez and Lois Roth played a polka medley, followed by a Swedish song "HaHambo." Then Anne handed out song sheets for a fun sing-along of "Home on the Range," "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain," and "When The Saints Go Marching In."

- The music concluded with a jam session. Dick, Anne, and Lois played a variety of songs, including "San Antonio Rose," "Harbor Lights," and "Beer Barrel Polka."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 12. Please join us for Fun and Music. Bring your accordion and play — German songs or any songs!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



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Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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

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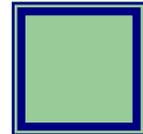


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