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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

April Hybrid Meeting



May Hybrid Meeting

Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 8, at 3:30 pm. It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a Zoom meeting. **Masking is not required for meeting attendance, but you are welcome to wear one.** 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 pages 3.

Don't forget to bring your "Sing-Along Music" that we recently e-mailed you!



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

Spring has sprung at the *Oklahoma Accordion Club*. To mix a metaphor, great ideas are poppin' like popcorn!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming *OAC* meeting on Sunday, May 8, starting at 3:30 pm, meeting at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, on the SE corner of Portland and NW Expressway.

That day, an intriguing presentation on the history of the accordion will be given — the same one that was popular at the March convention. You'll be spouting accordion trivia to your friends for weeks afterward!

Past Prez and Co-Founder Dick Albreski is promoting activities to inspire young players age 18 through 25. He has been discussing it with the planners of the next Dallas convention!

I'm sure most surveys would agree that eating hot pizza while listening to live accordion music is an ideal state to be in! Therefore, our April pizza party was quite successful. Apparently food is some people's bottom line! We had a few leftovers for peeps to take home, thanks to the culinary organizing wing of the Club — aka Karen West and Lois Roth!

Some of you attendees may have seen me at the last meeting sporting a jolly denim outfit embroidered with a large accordion, colorful music notes, and "diamonds"! Well, that attire was a gift from Lou LeBrun of "Fun with Lou LeBrun" fame. So thrilled, I want to wear it even to the grocery store!

Two weeks ago, I made a special trip to a Norman venue called *Big Brewing Company*, where my friend, Hope Cory, played accordion, accompanied by banjoist Clayton Roffey. Hope wore big jingle bells on her shoes to keep time, and sang along. If you are playing somewhere, let us know, as we want to come hear you as well!

We'll have our usual hybrid meeting May 8 at 3:30 pm — that is, a live face-to-face meetup, plus a simultaneous *Zoom* hookup. Instructions for the *Zoom* are on page 3 of this newsletter. Just call me if you have questions or you want to try out your connection this week in advance!

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



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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!



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Minutes

April 10, 2022

Before the meeting, Lois Roth played some "welcome music."

- President Maggie Abel called us to order at 3:30 pm. She thanked Karen West and all who had organized today's party. She asked for a show of hands from those who were going to perform today.
- Tom Phillips led us in *The Pledge of Allegiance*. He followed with a prayer and blessing.
- Maggie was wearing a special outfit of jeans and jacket decorated "accordion style." She said that Lou Le Brun had sent it to her.
- Dick Albreski began the music with "La Dolce Vita." He followed with "June Night," "Volare," and "L'Amour, Toujours, L'Amour."
- Then the food arrived, and we feasted on pizza and various desserts.
- Maggie and other members who had attended the *National Accordion Convention* last month told about their favorite moments and memories. All

agreed that it had been wonderful to have the convention again after missing two years!

- Dick said he wants to get the young players, age 18 through 25, involved in playing together at the next convention. He has spoken to the planners about it.
- Then we had more accordion music. Lois Wyrick and Dick performed a waltz called, "Oh Le Petite Blanc".
- We all joined in a seasonal singalong of "Easter Parade," "Peter Cottontail," and "April Showers." Players were Dick, Karen, and Lois R. They concluded with "That's Amore" to celebrate Pizza Party Day.
- Winston Sok joined the meeting and played some Palmer-Hughes songs, including "Echo Waltz," "Hurray For Love," and "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes."

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 8. Come and help celebrate Mothers' Day, Memorial Day, and the merry month of May!

- Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Albuquerque Accordion Extravaganza and Band Camp, May 12-16, 2022, Conducted by Dan & Kim Christianson. Come and be part of this three-day fun event, where you will be working with accordionists from all over the US. There will be 7 band arrangements available with your registration. Fee for this event is \$135.00. For more information, go to:

<https://squeezeplay.samcart.com/products/squeeze-play-concert-of-the-month-club/>, or e-mail Kim at kdestudios@gmail.com, or call direct: 719/459-2061.

The 80th (ATG) Accordions Teachers Guild Anniversary Convention will be held in the Chicago area (Lisle, Illinois) July 20-24, 2022. The ATG is also promoting a Band Workshop. At this Festival, they hope to have an 80-piece accordion band to commemorate their 80th anniversary. The fee to hold your seat is \$25.00, and will be applied towards your festival registration. More information will follow.

The 2022 AAA (American Accordion Association) Festival has been postponed until 2023. Due to the AAA's commitment to the health

and safety of its members, attendees, and guest artists, they have elected to postpone this year's event. You can visit their website:

www.ameraccord.com for more information.

Gordon Koh Presents On-Line Workshops on Sundays, that cover a variety of music. For more information, you can contact Gordon at gkohl5890@gmail.com. The fee is \$20.00, and will include handouts in PDF form.

NOT JUST OOMPAH will host a special summer live event in Austin, Texas, with Lori Brooke presenting "Western Swing," and Alex Meixner presenting "Polka Magic." This event will be held at the *Hilton Garden Inn*, Austin, Texas, June 25-26, and the cost is \$175.00, which includes workshops, meals, plus other amenities. Registration, payment, daily schedule, and hotel options will be available after May5 at www.NotJustOompah.org.

Keep checking this section for more accordion events and news!

• Dick Albreski, OAC Co-Founder



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