

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



November Hybrid Meeting

Our November meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 3:30 pm.
It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a *Zoom* meeting.
Please follow the signs.

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

What a month of musical joy! Our month to shine! Yes, the accordion excels in a blues, rock, orchestral, classical, folk, and other settings. But pure Bavarian exultation (aka rapturous delight) prevailed this past month, and in many locations. It has only just begun! (Some polka-related schedulings and photos can be found on *Facebook's* "All About Polka" group.)

Czech Hall's biggest day of the year was Saturday, October 1. Two bands performed over the course of the evening, The *Masopust Band* and the *Bohemian Knights* (featuring our *OAC's* past treasurer, Milo Shedeck). At the halftime, during the changing of the bands, authentically bedecked Czech Royalty were introduced, and several groups performed authentic folk dances, such as an historic an ax-throwing dance!

In October, our illustrious *Oklahoma Accordion Club* secretary, Lois Roth, performed at a senior care facility, concentrating mostly on German music. She was ably assisted by her daughter, Club Photographer Diana Richard, and was accompanied by costumed Club members Maggie Abel and Frank Boyd, who polka'd and waltzed around Lois, and pranced through the appreciative crowd sitting at café tables nearby. When the inevitable "Chicken Dance" came up, several crowd members came forward to join its demonstration!

Another of our Club treasures, Club Co-Founder Dick Albreski, was kept very busy in October. I guess his lederhosen hardly had a chance to dry this month, as he was the face of the accordion to a number of local establishments and facilities!

Outside of official Club activities, several music groups around town feature at least a token accordion! For instance, on Saturday, November 19, the amateur senior citizens music group known as *The Garage Band* will perform at noon during the Art Show at *Will Rogers Senior Center*. (More info can be found on *The Garage Band's Facebook* group.)

Our Club's regular event can always be found on the second Sunday of the month at 3:30 pm at *Messiah Lutheran Church* on the southeast corner of NW Expressway & Portland Avenue. Bring an accordion, or just come to listen and make accordion friends!

You can attend this month's *OAC* meeting via *Zoom* by going to this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



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November Hybrid Meeting Information

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!



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

Frank Boyd, November 4

Frankie Martinez, November 9

Lois Wyrick, November 13

Donna Dove, November 16

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



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

FUN BAND at the *National Accordion Association Convention*. Once again, I will conduct the *FUN Band* at next year's convention. Mark your calendars for March 15-19, 2023. Currently, I am working on the tunes that I feel will be appropriate. If you have any suggestions concerning the music, please let me know. Thank you, Dick Albreski

WURSTFEST in New Braunfels, Texas, November 4-13, 2022. If you have not attended this Oktoberfest event, then I encourage you to do so. It is BIG. There will be a variety of polka bands from the US and Germany. Some local names who will perform are Robert Atwood, Terry Cavanagh, and Alex Meisner. Music is only one of the reasons to go. The other is the food. I had potato pancakes there that were GREAT!!!! For more information go to www.wurstfest.com.

Annual OAC Christmas Party. Yes, we will have our traditional Christmas Party this year, with hopes that you, you, and you will attend. There will be no party without you. We encourage those members who plan to attend to bring socks, scarves, gloves, and hats for the homeless. This is a tradition we established many years ago and should not be forgotten. If you wish to donate and cannot attend the party, please contact the Board members for their assistance. We will not have a Silent Auction, as in the past, due to an expected limited attendance. We hope the Silent Auction will start up again in future years. The intent of the Silent Auction is to raise money for our Youth. No Silent

Auction, no money for the Youth, unless you have an extra 50 cents that you could donate. Our treasurer, Ron Shearon, will be more than happy to take all donations. The donated money is for the Youth who attend the *National Accordion Association* meeting in March 2023. Incidentally, the Youth will perform at this Christmas party. Last, bring a friend, and bring a treat that you can share with others. Remember, without you, there can be no party, so please make sure you come. See you there!

Gordon Kohl presents online 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

FUTURE EVENTS

National Accordion Convention, March 15-19, 2023, at the *Hilton Hotel* in Richardson Texas. Information to follow in November 2022.

Accordion Extravaganza, on May 17-20, 2023, at the *Hughes Theater* in Branson, Missouri. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. More to follow.

As future events happen, hopefully we will see them in advance to make plans. Keep checkin' this column.

• Dick Albreski, OAC Co-Founder



October Meeting Minutes

Oklahoma Accordion Club

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2022

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. She introduced all those attending. There were eleven people present: Six members and one guest in person, and three members and one guest on *Zoom*.

VP and Treasurer Ron Shearon led "The Pledge of Allegiance."

- Announcements: Dick Albreski is busy this month with Oktoberfest gigs. Anne and Sil Lopez stayed home today to be with Cassi (Anne's mother).
- Frank Gesinski was with us on *Zoom*. He started the music with a medley of German Oktoberfest songs: "O Du Lieber Augustine," "Du Du Licht Mir im Herten," "Nach Hause," and "Geh'n Wir Mal Rüben." He then played "The Chicken Dance," "The Hokey Pokey," and a Strauss waltz.
- Ron demonstrated how he is tuning his *Crucianelli* accordion. He said it's an ongoing process. He is tuning it and adding more reeds by following instructions on *YouTube*. He played an Italian waltz — "Neapolitan Nights."
Ron is the proud owner of thirteen accordions.

- Maggie handed out music chord charts with lyrics of several Garage Band songs from the recent variety show at *Will Rogers Park*. Lois played them while we sang "Sloop John B," "Wagon Wheels," and "Country Roads."
- Lois Roth entertained with more German music. She performed "Drink Brother, Drink." "Fraulein," "Die Lorelei," "You Can't Be True Dear," and others.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Maggie had brought a box of sheet music and music books that were donated to the Club by Accordionist Bob Burger. Players took what they wanted. The remaining music will be on display at the next meeting. Member Anne Lopez wrote a thank you card from the Club to Mr. Burger.

Join us on Sunday, November 13 at 3:30 PM at *Messiah Lutheran Church* for an afternoon of music, visiting, and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary



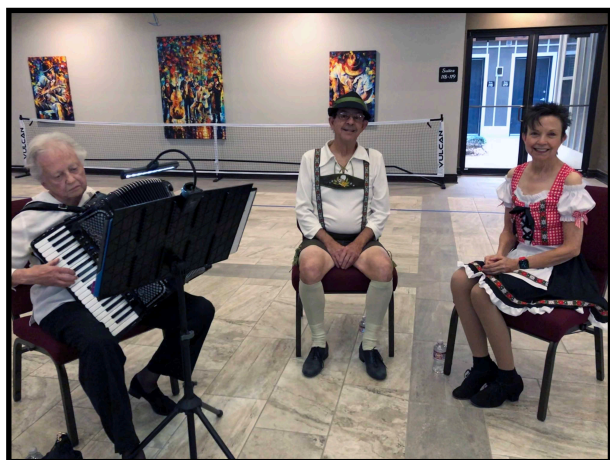
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Oktoberfest at Chech Hall



Lois's Accordion Gig at a Senior Care Facility





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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

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