

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Frank Boyd, Maggie Abel, Lucy & Milo Shedeck at Czech Hall Oktoberfest dance



Playing on the front porch of the Church while waiting for the custodian to let us in

October Hybrid Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Sunday, October 9, 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

Last month, our farthest-away member, Wayne Turgeon, appeared to us on *Zoom* once again. And the month before, came Myke Dixon. You might say we like to keep in touch with our accordion alumni!

It's been suggested that each attendee select one of their pieces from months or even years back, and reprise it for the group. You already learned it once, so this time you can skate by with it! To our joy!

I stand ready to help any accordion fancier to set up the *Zoom* method on your computer. Online setup is rather simple. The only thing easier is to SHOW UP IN PERSON. The choice is yours. Your accordion will love you for it.

Our instruments employ many types of music, but none so festive, colorful, and bold as the polka! This month we celebrate the oom-pah-pah of *Oktoberfest* [aka *Septemberfest* or *Germanfest*], a most well-known employment of the accordion! Squeezeboxers say this month -- above all others -- is when the most gigs are requested.

Yukon Czech Hall celebrated *Oktoberfest* all day until midnight on Saturday, October 1. Other locales may have started in late September, or even delayed it a few weeks until later in October. If you're willing to travel, you can experience one fest after another over a period of weeks.

In accordance with this familiar season, Sunday, October 9, at 3:30 pm, has been declared *Oklahoma Accordion Club's* official "*Germanfest* meeting." Several members will show up this Sunday, modeling their seasonal Bavarian attire, with dancing shoes on as well! Kudos to any who may wear something with a festive touch, or even a Halloween touch, to add to the occasion. Some people -- like our former VP, Karen West -- need only the slightest such hint to don amusing personal décor!

We gather this Sunday in *Messiah Lutheran Church's* "South Pod" room, which has a kitchen. You are welcome to bring a snack to share -- not necessarily German, but Hey! Enter the Church's front door, which is located south of the building where the portico and circular drive meet. We are inside and quite visible on the right of the foyer. Just listen for the music and follow your ears!

• Maggie Abel, *OAC* President



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October 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!



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

Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting on October 9, 2022. This will be a "FUN Meeting" only if you make it. It's *Oktoberfest* time, and a good reason to pull out some of those waltzes and polkas that you enjoy. The accordion is known as the chosen instrument for ethnic music, and you can prove it by playing your favorites for the members and guests at the meeting. Oops! Don't stop there. See if you can find other times and places in October to share your talent with others. Remember: "Squeezin' is Pleasin.'" See you at the meeting!

FUN BAND at the 2023 National Accordion Association Convention. Once again, I will conduct the *FUN Band* at next year's convention. 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.

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



Happy Belated and Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:



Karen West, October 8

Anne Lopez, October 22



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.



September Meeting Minutes

Oklahoma Accordion Club

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2022

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* held its ninth meeting of the year on Sunday, September 11, 2022. There were fourteen attendees: Ten in person, and four on *Zoom* (thirteen members and one guest).

Before the meeting Ron Shearon and Anne Lopez played "Welcome Music."

- President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- We stood and recited "The Pledge of Allegiance." Anne offered a prayer for all those affected by the NYC bombings on 9/11/01.
- Maggie introduced those who were present. Wayne Turgeon joined us on *Zoom* from his home in England. He said that he will be traveling to Israel in the near future.
- The music began with some early *Oktoberfest* songs played by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth: "The Country Musician," "Liechtensteiner Polka," and "Hofbräuhaus."
- Anne said she had recently exchanged emails with Lou LeBrun in Springfield, Missouri. Lou said that the Tulsa accordion group is going to visit her soon and play with her. If anyone wants to contact Lou, they should text her because her phone isn't working.
- The music continued with Dick Albreski performing a waltz called "Tulips from Amsterdam." He followed with a lively polka medley: "Liechtensteiner," "Tick Tock," and "Pennsylvania," and finished with "Schneewalzer" ("Snow Waltz").

- This is Dick's busy season. He has several gigs at different breweries, including one in Okarche. The *Bohemian Knights* will be at the *Yukon Festival* on October 1. He said he will send us his schedule.

- Next on the program was Ron playing "Neapolitan Nights."

- Maggie played "Charlie the Chimp" with vocal by Frank Boyd. Maggie said they had rehearsed outside the church for 20 minutes while waiting for the maintenance man to come and unlock the door.

- Then it was singalong time. Anne and Lois accompanied the group as they sang "Lili Marlene" and "Edelweiss." Then Dick added his accordion expertise to the fun, and we danced "The Chicken Dance."

- While the dancers rested, Anne and Lois played a polka medley: "Just Because" and "Too Fat," and "No Beer," "Das Kufsteiner Lied," and "Erika" ("Tavern Waltz").

- Winston Sok joined the meeting on *Zoom*. He played "La Vie En Rose" and "That's Amore."

- Frank Gesinski (also on *Zoom*) played "Chicken Dance," "The Hokey Pokey," and "Yours."

- Maggie said her slogan is "Make Accordions Great Again!" (MAGA).

- The meeting was adjourned.

Our *Oktoberfest* party will be Sunday, October 9, at 3:30 pm. Come early and enjoy the visiting and the "Welcome Music."

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary





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☐ 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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