

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Registration is open for the 2023 National Accordion Convention

[National Accordion Association](#)

Hilton Hotel, Richardson, Texas

March 15-19, 2023

Register Now and Pay Later

March Hybrid Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12, 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

March: A month for excitement presents itself! How shall we spend it?

Hang out with us to meet newest members, show off a new accordion, find a practice partner, bring a new friend, or play a favorite song you've been working on!

We were glad to receive a "Cheerio" from our "across-the-pond" member, that popular chap, Wayne Turgeon. You no doubt remember that when he attended in person, he always played not one, but three pieces, and brought along a handful of guests! Currently he keeps an eye on us squeezebox mainlanders through *Zoom* and the *OAC* newsletter.

Some of us are gonna jump in the car Wednesday, March 15, and head on down to the *National Accordion Association's* annual convention in Richardson [Dallas], Texas. It's March 16-19. All the winning elements are there!!! Other accordionists from a variety of states come to mingle among their musical ilk! Plan to hit the *Vendor Room* a few times over the week to see and hear various people trading up to a newer or shinier, smaller, or larger accordion. A peek in the *Practice Room* shows Dick Albreski guiding the *Youth*, as they brush up for their annual performance. You may be chatting across the table with players you have previously admired only from afar. The *Youth Band's* performance will be at noon on Saturday, in the *Grand Banquet Hall*. The Finale Concert night brings the inspiration you need to carry on throughout the year, plus it's a super timeslot to invite family or outside guests to look in on your accordion world.

The *Fun Band* is part of the Convention that encourages you and me to join in a "recital" of several top tunes. We download and print the "Accordion One" or "Accordion Two" version of the music (arranged by Dick Albreski), practice it some at home, and tweak it to perfection at rehearsal in Dallas under Dick's sure baton before our appointed "show." The *Fun Band* will perform at the Saturday night concert. It is the **first on the program**.

Then we can say with pride, "Hey, I did that!!!"

Someone seeking to carpool or acquire a roommate for the Dallas event can contact me, and I'll try to match you up.

Mark your calendars for these milestones:

- March 12 @3:30 pm: *OAC* monthly meetup at *Messiah Lutheran*
- March 16-20: *National Accordion Association* Convention in Dallas

• April 9 @3:30 pm: *OAC* Easter theme & meetup at *Messiah Lutheran*

• May 14 @3:30 pm: *OAC* Pizza Party & meetup at *Messiah Lutheran*

Meetups are also *ZOOMed*. See page 3 of this newsletter for how to *Zoom*.

Onward and upward!
Let's have joy in March!

- Maggie Abel, *OAC* President

P.S: Check out and "like" our *Facebook* page: "*Oklahoma Accordion Club*"



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March 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!



Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

FUN BAND at the National Accordion Convention. Once again, I will conduct the *FUN BAND* at this year's convention. Mark your calendars from March 15-19, 2023, for a chance to perform with the best band in the land. The *FUN BAND* music is now available on the N.A.A. website. Let me know your thoughts on my 2023 arrangements. There will be rehearsals on Thursday and Friday. The *FUN BAND* concert will be Saturday evening. Thank you, Dick Albreski

National Accordion Convention, March 15-19, 2023, at the *Hilton Hotel* in Richardson, Texas. The *Hilton Hotel* reservation system is now open. The Convention registration is open and requires your attention. This year will be a year of change based on recent surveys. We asked and you told us what you would like. There will be workshops to meet your technical needs. There will be vendors to also meet your accordion needs. Check the website, NationalAccordion.org. It is up and running to give you the best convention ever.

Accordion Extravaganza and Band Camp on May 17-20, 2023, at the *Hughes American Family Theater* in Branson, Missouri. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. More to follow. Costs for the accordionists is \$250.00. The motel costs are separate. For total and complete data on this event, go to <https://squeezeplay.biz/branson-band-camp>

Free Accordion Music Websites. If you want some new and free accordion music, look at: <https://www.todoacordeon.com/> (Spanish); <https://www.donquattrocchi.com/sheetmusic>; or <http://8notes.com/accordion>. I personally go to Donquattrocchi.com quite often. Try it! You'll like it!

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

• Dick Albreski, *OAC* Co-Founder



February Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes February 12, 2023

The *Oklahoma Accordion Club* held its Valentine meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* of OKC.

Twelve people attended: Eight members and three guests "in person," and one member on *Zoom*.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm, and welcomed everyone.

- John Warren, a guest at the January meeting, has become a member. Welcome, John! He will play his accordion at the *OKC Daily Living Center* on February 14.
- Ron Shearon led us in reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance."
- Ron said he has recorded his beginner songs and put them on a search engine.
- Maggie reminded us that the *National Accordion Convention* is next month.
- She introduced a guest: Carol Dockins, Ron's sister.
- Maggie told us that she and Frank Boyd went to Royal Bavaria last weekend and enjoyed German music played by *The Bohemian Knights*. The *Royal Bavarian Restaurant* has been in business for 39 years.
- Our music began with Lou Le Brun joining us on *Zoom*. She performed a tango: "Jalousie," "Penthouse Serenade," "Guess Things Happen That Way," and "Til There Was You" from *The Music Man*.

- Lou told us a little about life at *The Gardens*. She hasn't been feeling well lately, and she has given up driving. She plays her accordion in the lobby twice a month, and the residents really enjoy it.
- As John would soon need to leave the meeting early, a jam session came up next. Anne Lopez and Lois Roth joined him for "By The Sea," "La Vie en Rose," "Harbor Lights," and many other songs, including several polkas.
- Then it was Singalong Time. Anne and Lois played as we sang "America The Beautiful" in honor of Presidents' Day. Valentine songs followed --- "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "The Gang That Sang Heart of My Heart," and "Tell Me Why."
- The program continued with Anne and Lois performing "Only You," "Somewhere My Love," and "You Made Me Love You."
- Ron played two songs on his 12-bass accordion: "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Arkansas Traveler."
- Karen West concluded the music by performing "Without Love." She said this song was made popular by Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, and Ray Charles.
- Karen is learning "Orange Colored Sky," and said she will play it at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.
Join us on Sunday, March 12, at (or before) 3:30 pm for a bit of Irish music, and a lot of fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, *OAC* Secretary



Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

Tad Shadid, March 1
Ron Shearon, March 1
Janet Haskin, March 8



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.

February Hybrid Meeting

Maggie Able





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.

☐ 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

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