

# SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'!"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



## Frank & Maggie are tying the knot at Czech Hall!



Come dance to the Masopust Polka Band, then enjoy the wedding!

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

7:00 Dance. 8:00 The vows.

8:15 Eat some cake, dance, and be merry!

Free entry by mentioning "LET THEM EAT CAKE!" Snack bar available!



Czech Hall 205 North Czech Hall Road Yukon, Oklahoma 73099

## May Hybrid Meeting

Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 14, 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

Well, it seems that -- as of late, the *Oklahoma Accordion Club's* second-Sunday-of-each-month meetings have fallen on major holidays such as Easter and Mother's Day. Yet our stalwart band has continued to meet and celebrate our love-love relationship with our "one-man-band instrument," aka the accordion.

Last meeting, we welcomed a new member, Sharon Bish, who had been invited by the daughter of our previous new member, John Warren. How delightful is the thin thread that connects us one to another.

As the red-themed flyer included in this newsletter on page 7 states, Sunday, May 14 is our next meeting, and it shall boast yet another holiday--well, an *OAC* holiday, the Pizza Party day. Karen West is accepting the RSVPs so that she may order the right amount of that tasty treat for our attendees to enjoy. There are four categories to choose from: Pepperoni, Supreme, Cheese, or Veggie. Details and contact information are on the red flyer, and Karen needs your input by Saturday noon, May 13, for our meeting the following day.

Did you ever think back to a time -- maybe in your childhood, or maybe when you sat with your grandparents, or when you lived in a certain friendly neighborhood long ago -- and you thought to yourself, "Those were the days!!" Looking back, you might realize that, at that time, you took that era for granted, and that it really was a heavenly time in your life.

Our *Oklahoma Accordion Club* is like that. Are we just attending a perfunctory meeting, or are we bonding with lifetime-long friends who share a unique musical interest that many others have never heard of? We cherish our meetups and the often-glorious tunes that our experienced members play for us out of their generous souls. Let us not wait until years in the future, to appreciate and absorb the beautiful memories that the *Oklahoma Accordion Club* is blessing us with.

Next meeting -- the Pizza Meeting -- is this Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14 at 3:30 p.m. at *Messiah Lutheran Church*, OKC! Be there or be square! :-D



- Maggie Abel, OAC President

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# May 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

**Don't forget the Pizza Party on May 14; 2023 at the regular scheduled *OAC* meeting. Please make sure you confirm your reservation and Pizza choice to Karen West at [accordion\\_karen@yahoo.com](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com) or call her at 405/949-0394. Reservations must be made by noon on May 13. See you there!**

**ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and Band Camp**; May 17-20; 2023; at the *Hughes American Family Theater* in Branson; Mo. Kim and Dan Christian will perform; conduct; and teach at this gala event. There will be a band camp with a concert. Music is available for those who register. *Lodge of the Ozarks* will give special rates for those attendees. Costs for the event is \$250.00. The motel charge is separate. For additional information go to [SqueezePlay.biz](http://SqueezePlay.biz).

Another source of accordion information is the [Accordionusa.com](http://Accordionusa.com) website. This website tells it all from the U.S. to the rest of the accordion world.

**American Accordionists Association Convention**, July 12-16, 2023, at the *Marriott Philadelphia West* in Conshohocken; PA. This will be their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with concerts; workshops; competitions; the *Festival Orchestra*; plus many great accordion performers. Joan Cochran Summers will conduct the *Festival Orchestra*; Grayson Masfield, world-renowned accordionist; will perform; plus one of my favorites is Joey Miskulin, with his "flyin' fingers," will also

perform. There will be several orchestras at this event. The *Accordion Pops Orchestra*; the *Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra*; the *Busso Festival Orchestra*; and a *Youth Orchestra*. For more information, go to their website at [www.AmerAccord.com](http://www.AmerAccord.com).

**Accordionists & Teachers Guild Festival (ATG)**, July 19-22, 2023, at the *Lisle Hyatt* in Lisle, IL. Among the honored guests will be the *Polyphonia Orchestra from Reunion Island*, and *Das Duo Kollektiv Duo* of flute and accordion from Austria. Grayson Masfield, Stas Venglevski, and Kevin Friedrich -- all world-renowned accordionists -- will perform, plus Helmi Harrington will give a workshop on a brief history of the accordion. This event will include workshops, concerts, competitions, exhibits, and a banquet, plus much more. For more information, visit their website at [www.atgaccordions.com](http://www.atgaccordions.com).

**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>. 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



# April Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

## Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Minutes April 9, 2023

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held their monthly meeting on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. Seven members and four guests attended.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

- Frank Boyd led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.
- Music began with our newest member, John Warren, playing some of his favorite tunes. We enjoyed hearing "Star Dust," "By The Sea," "Love Me Tender," and more.
- John said that he has had a few lessons, but he is mostly self-taught. He plays "for the fun of it."
- Mike Dixon, a previous Club member, was in town and stopped by to see us. He didn't have his accordion with him, so he borrowed one and played "Take Me Out To The Ball Game."

• Anne Lopez and Lois Roth led a singalong of seasonal songs: "Easter Parade," "April Showers," and "Peter Cottontail." They continued with several duets: "Mockin' Bird Hill," "When It's Springtime In The Rockies," "Lucky Polka," and "Amazing Grace."

• The meeting concluded with John joining Anne and Lois for a jam session of old favorites, along with a few requests from the audience.

During the afternoon we all visited the refreshment table, set up by Karen West and helpers for delicious snacks.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Club's annual Pizza Party meeting will be held on Sunday, May 14, at 3:30 pm. Make your reservations with Karen West, and come join the festivities!

Respectfully submitted,

• Lois Roth, OAC Secretary



## Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC member:

**Rusty Dolton, May 2**



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](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com).



# *April Hybrid Meeting*

Diana Richard





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**SUNDAY MAY 14**

**3:30 pm**

**IS OUR OAC**

# ***PIZZA PARTY***

You and your guests are invited to  
Oklahoma Accordion Club's  
fabulous **Annual Pizza Party!**



**BRING UR OWN POP!**

Nothing could be finer than to bite into a piece of **supreme, pepperoni, cheese, or veggie pizza** -- accompanied by spirit-lifting accordion music provided by our Club members.

So that the pizza may be plentiful, **RESERVATIONS BY NOON, SATURDAY MAY 13** are requested for this **MAY 14** event. Each member is **free to invite one guest**. (But for a **donation, you may invite additional guests**.) Our reservations mistress, Karen West, would like to be emailed at **accordion\_karen@yahoo.com**. If email is not convenient, leave a **voice message on 405/949-0394, Karen's home phone**. Or a **text message on 405/830-1058, her cell phone**. *In your message, state the number of attendees and your preference among the 4 types of pizza mentioned above!*

RSVP by NOON 5/13/23 to Karen West by

Email **accordion\_karen@yahoo.com** / VoiceMail 405-949-0394 / or Cell 405-830-1058







## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**  
Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**  
c/o 209 South 2<sup>nd</sup>; Bison, OK 7370

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (optional)

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the *Oklahoma Squeezins'* by: ☐ E-mail ☐ Conventional Mail

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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