

# ***THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS***

**"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"**

## **The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter**

***Christmas is three  
times as jolly  
with accordions  
joining in the fun!***

***Read all about  
the annual  
Christmas party  
doings inside!***



## ***Meetup Info for Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 — 3:30 PM***

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Avenue and NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you into the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) will direct you to where we and our accordions await!

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live 3:30 PM meeting in person, may wish to experience it via *Zoom* (the same way and same codes you used in previous years).

On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with both audio and video, go to:

[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/  
j/5236709799](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)



# **PREZ SEZ**

**Maggie Abel**

I was thinking today about Oklahoma Accordion Club, what it is like. Somehow it reminds me of a concept from old TV westerns, of the hitching post. A place where the townsfolk can park there for a while, tie up their hosses, sit back and see what local news the others have, and pass on some information of their own, as well. We show up each month and admire the loyalty we are surrounded with, for one thing. Our VP/Treasurer who is already serving two board positions, on top of that drives 80 miles to be present at the meeting. (Thanks, Ron!) Word gets around regarding the accordion hitching post. This month we had a guest who was selling an accordion that belonged to a dear friend of his family. At a previous meeting two ladies came bearing an instrument. We could be kind of an instrument swap place! Some players have returned from a hiatus of some kind, vacation, medical, or family business, and we're so glad to see them again. The songs we choose to play and hear, often come from some distant time. Our high school days, or some television show (remember how so many were devoted to music?). But this Christmas party coming up will feature youth student performers bringing a variety of tunes. Students of Dick Albreski, who has taught many a squeezeboxer, constantly dot our musical landscape at the hitching post. The upcoming party involves bringing warm gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. They'll be delivered to services who supply them to the needy. Also bring snacks to delight the palate, if you are able. Bring children. Bring accordions if you have them. Bring loose dollars for the raffle tickets you will use to vote for "silent auction" gifts and white elephants that will be on display. Bring your own unneeded items to be raffled off thusly using the tickets. Proceeds go to our accordion students who'll be attending the March convention. Bring \$20 for your annual dues, if you're able. That's only \$1.66 per meeting! Or a nickel a day! Join us at the hitching post this Sunday the 8th for a memorable day! Maggie

**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is December 8,  
Sunday, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.**

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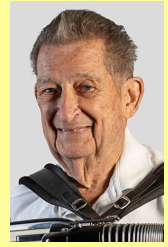
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# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski



**GUESS WHAT?** They say, "Money is the root of all evil." I can't believe that! Money keeps our Accordion Club going. Our Accordion Club is not evil! In fact, thanks to you all, it is beautiful! Now the GUESS WHAT? It is time to renew your membership for 2025. We need every one of you to continue to support the accordion. Please don't let us down. The individual fee for one year is only \$20, and a lifetime is only the moderate total of \$300. Better yet, do you have or know of any potential new members. We need them too!

**NEXT BIG OAC EVENT...**At the December 8 OAC meeting we again feature our Youth and hopefully raise money for them to attend the National Accordion Convention in March 2025. The youth will perform Sunday plus there will be a silent auction where we ask members and guests to bring items that can be auctioned off. In addition, we ask members and friends to bring treats to share. Without your support this event cannot happen. Please plan on helping with this annual event. The students will thank you. We meet at the Messiah Lutheran Church on the corner of Portland & Northwest Expressway at 3:30PM. Don't forget your accordions and your friends. Both are welcome.

**START PLANNING:** I have a great plan for you. Next March 13 to 15 in Lewisville, TX, the National Accordion Association will hold its annual Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn. This is your opportunity to enjoy some of the best accordion performances close to home. In addition, the

NAA will initiate a collaboration invitation to request other musicians who play string, reed, and brass instruments to join in the convention. This will be a tremendous leap forward to all instruments playing all music. You can also participate in the program. There will be jam sessions, an adult FUN Band plus other chances to play for your old and new friends. Consider this something to do in 2025. If you are not familiar with the program, drop me a note: I'll get you started.

**ALBUQUERQUE ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and BAND CAMP** is scheduled May 14 to 18, 2025, at the Hyatt Place Albuquerque Airport in Albuquerque, NM. There are special room rates for those who attend, and you can also pick your desired dates. This event hosts Zoom meetings prior to the event that will help you to play the required music. You must register prior to the meeting to obtain both the Zoom meetings schedule and music. Registrations are open until March 15, 2025. This event will cost \$269 per person. For registrations and additional information please write to [kdcstudios@gmail.com](mailto:kdcstudios@gmail.com) **Dick!**

## Free Accordion Music Websites

Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music:

- [Donquattrocchi.com](http://Donquattrocchi.com)
- [8notes.com/accordion](http://8notes.com/accordion)

Try em! You'll like em!



# October Meeting Minutes

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held a meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2024. The location was Messiah Lutheran Church in OKC. Before the meeting began, Anne Lopez played "Kiss of Fire." Great "warm-up" music!

A small accordion was presented for sale, and several players took turns trying it out. The owner, Steve Corbin, is with a band. He gave our group tickets to their November 23 show in El Reno. Later, a member purchased his accordion.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. Thirteen members and three guests were present. Our Treasurer and VP Ron Shearon led the Pledge of Allegiance. We sang the first verse of "America the Beautiful."

Ron showed us a large accordion that he bought at an estate sale. It originally weighed 75 pounds! He removed all the electronics and reduced it to a 31-pound instrument. He played "Song of the Volga Boatman."

Karen West performed "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy From Company B." Karen had been unable to play for many weeks, and it was good to hear her again.

Dick Albreski played his accordion for us. Songs included "Besame Mucho," "White Christmas," "Fascination," and "Just Because" with vocals. Dick joined Anne and Lois for two Spanish songs: "South of the Border," and "Spanish Eyes."

Maggie announced the plans for the December 8 Christmas party. There will be an auction to raise money for our Youth Group. And we will collect winter accessories for charity—socks, hats, gloves, etc. Dick will bring three of his students to play for us. And there will be raffle tickets for a silent auction.

Music continued with a solo by Anne: "Say Si Si." She dedicated the song to Nancy Swanney who had donated her sheet music collection to OAC.

The sing-along songs were two golden oldies from World War I: "Smile, Smile, Smile" and "Til We Meet Again." Then the audience enthusiastically helped with "Mexican Hand Clapping Song." Accordion accompaniment was provided by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth.

Sil Lopez sang "Quizas Quizas Quizas" with Anne on accordion. Anne played "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" (a song made famous by Herb Alpert). She followed with "La Raspa" (The Mexican Hat Dance).

Anne and Lois performed "Ashokan Farewell", "La Paloma," and "A Gay Ranchero." Anne soloed with "Tico Tico" and "Jarape Tapatio." They closed with several polkas, and the traditional "Autumn Leaves" (solo by Lois).

The meeting was adjourned, and there was jamming afterward. Our Christmas meeting will be Sunday, December 8, at 3:30 PM. Come and enjoy the fun and the music!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary*

## Birthday Greetings to OAC Members!



*Lou Bennett Dec 9*

*Lucy Shedeck Dec 13*

*Maggie Abel Dec 21*



*Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it.  
If your birthdate isn't 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)*



**OAC Meetup**  
**Nov. 10, 2024**  
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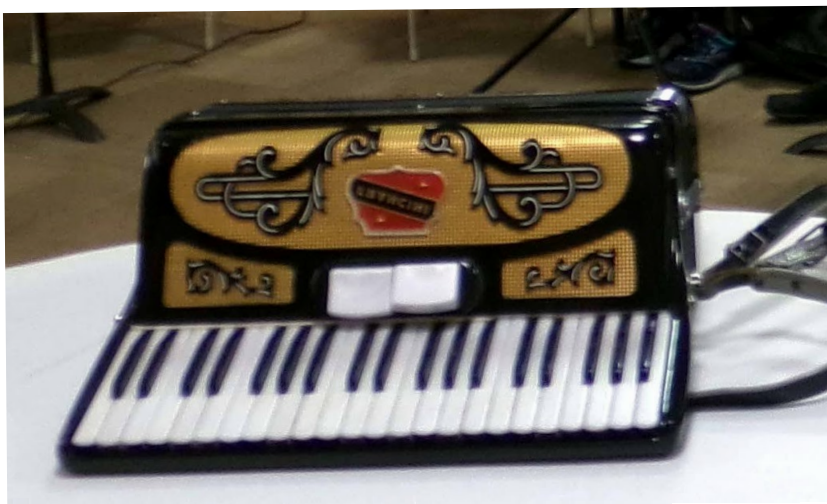




**Top:** Lois and Anne are a popular duo who play melodies for us most every meeting, plus provide group sing-alongs.

**Middle:** Ruth and Gene from the Oklahoma Seniors Cabaret heard the music and dropped in to "Czech" us out!

**Last:** This accordion changed hands during our November meeting.





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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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