

# ***SQUEEZINS***

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

**The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter**

***Transport  
yourself  
into  
another  
world, a  
musical  
world!***



***Hear songs  
celebrating  
our nation's birth  
July 14 at  
Oklahoma  
Accordion  
Club at  
Messiah  
Lutheran  
Church!***

## ***Meetup Info for Sunday, July 14, 2024 — 3:30 PM***

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again on Sunday, July 14, 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**

Hope a happy Fourth was had by all!!

Tulsa Accordion Club's Irene Bookbinder admired the purple accordion played by Alex Meixner (see pic on page 1) at the National Accordion Association earlier this year. Bless her heart, Irene learned which company Alex had bought it from, and decided to treat herself to a purple one also! It will arrive in a couple of months, and I can't wait to see it!

How much is too many? Or how many is too much? Accordions, that is.

Some may say, "You can only play one accordion at a time." True. But what if you have company, and your guest would like to try it out playing along with you? What if your accordion is temporarily in the shop, and you don't have a loaner to tide you over?

Our club VP & Treasurer, Ron Shearon, maintains more than a dozen squeezeboxes, some of which he uses for parts. Guitarists oftentimes have more than one guitar: a bass, a slide, a classical, a dobro, an acoustic, an electric, etc. Concert pianists like Virginia Campbell usually liked to keep two pianos on hand.

Where do you get spare accordions? Few music stores in OKC carry them. You might hafta go to an accordion convention such as the one we attend in Texas in March. Sometimes an accordion teacher has accumulated spares to rent or sell. Horn Trader (near Reno and Western) has a few shelves of various models that musicians have traded in. OAC members sometimes are selling one of theirs.

Let me know your thoughts on multiples! Or bring it up at the next meeting—just a few days hence!

— Mag

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**Sunday, July 14, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC**

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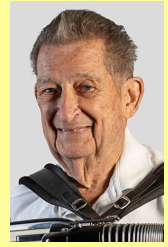
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## **Lifetime Members**

**Maggie Abel**  
**Jim & June Butricks**  
**William "Rusty" Dolton**  
**Janet Haskin**  
**Roland Lohmann**  
**Frankie Martinez**  
**Bob Mansfield**  
**Tom Phillips**  
**Phil Scibelli**  
**Ophelia Woody**

# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski



*Friends, there is not much happening domestically at this time, except for the ATG and AAA meetings. So, what do we do? We support our local Accordion Club. This is where more than two, or more, encourage and promote the accordion. The accordion clubs have been a great help in keeping the accordion alive, but they, like everything, need support. What can you do? Our next meeting is on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 3:30 PM. Make plans today to attend.*

**The ACCORDION TEACHERS' GUILD (ATG) 2024**  
Accordion Festival will be held at the Kansas City at the Marriott Country Club in Kansas City, Missouri, from July 23 through 27, 2024. There will be a special Accordion World Cup event held on July 26 and 27. To compete you must be 32 years old or younger. The first prize is \$5000, and second prize is \$3000. More to follow on this special event. The fees for attending the festival are: Single day Early Bird for a member is \$120. Non-member Early Bird single day is \$130. The full package fee for members is \$475 and non-members \$520. There are other fees to suit your attendance. The current lineup of performers includes Gorka Hermosa, ATG Festival Orchestra under the direction of Joan C. Sommers, Grayson Mansfield, Bridge & Wolak, Nicolay Bine, UMKC Community Accordion Ensemble, Mirco Patarini, Stas Venglevski and Das Kollektiv Duo. For best

results go to the ATG website ([www.Atgaccordions.com](http://www.Atgaccordions.com)) for the most recent 2024 Festival information.

The AMERICAN ACCORDION ASSOCIATION has announced that it will hold its annual convention from July 12 through 14, 2024, in West Conshohocken (Philadelphia area), PA. They ask that you hold the date and visit ([www.ameraccord.com](http://www.ameraccord.com)) for news releases concerning this event. Joe Natoli, Hanzhi Wang, and Dallas Vietty will be some of the featured artists. There will a festival concert directed by Frank Busso Sr. There will be performance opportunities for all attendees, three festival orchestras, vendors, exhibits, plus several food functions with live music. More data to follow as released. As future events happen, hopefully we will see them in advance, so you can make plans to attend. Keep checkin' this article! ~ Dick

## Free Accordion Music Websites

I recommend you check out  
the following sites for  
*new and free accordion music!*

**Donquattrocchi.com**  
OR  
**8notes.com/accordion**

*Try 'em! You'll like 'em!*



# June Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held a meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024. Our venue was the music room at Messiah Lutheran Church in OKC.

Before the meeting Anne Lopez and Secretary Lois Roth warmed up with a few favorite songs. President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. There were ten members and two guests attending.

We recited The Pledge of Allegiance and sang a verse of "America the Beautiful."

Anne told us of her cousin's recent vacation in France. She found a cross and grave near Normandy that might be that of a family member.

Myke Dixon has been searching for a chord organ in good condition. He finally found one in Kansas.

Anne read aloud a note from Larry Gering's son Chris. He thanked the club for providing accordion music before Larry's funeral April 7. He enclosed \$100 honorarium for our club.

VP/Treasurer Ron Shearon gave us a message from Past Prez Dick Albreski. He says "Hi" and would like to be with us but was not feeling well.

We were all happy to have past VP Karen West back with us today after several months recovery from surgery.

The music began with Anne and Lois performing three country/western tunes: "Tennessee Waltz," "San Antonio Rose," and "Waltz Across Texas."

The theme continued with their singalong: "Hey Good Lookin'," "Red River Valley," "Deep in the Heart of Texas," and "Home on the Range." Member Frank Boyd projected the words to each song on the wall.

Anne demonstrated several ways to make a song more interesting by changing reeds or octave as you repeat the song.

Anne and Lois played "The Anniversary Song" to celebrate Maggie and Frank's first wedding anniversary. Maggie and Frank enjoyed a dance together.

The meeting concluded with Myke Dixon joining Anne and Lois for a jam session. They played a variety of songs. Anne performed her special version of "Blue Moon."

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 14, at the usual time and place. Join us for a few hours of music and fun!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary*

## Birthday Greetings to OAC Members!



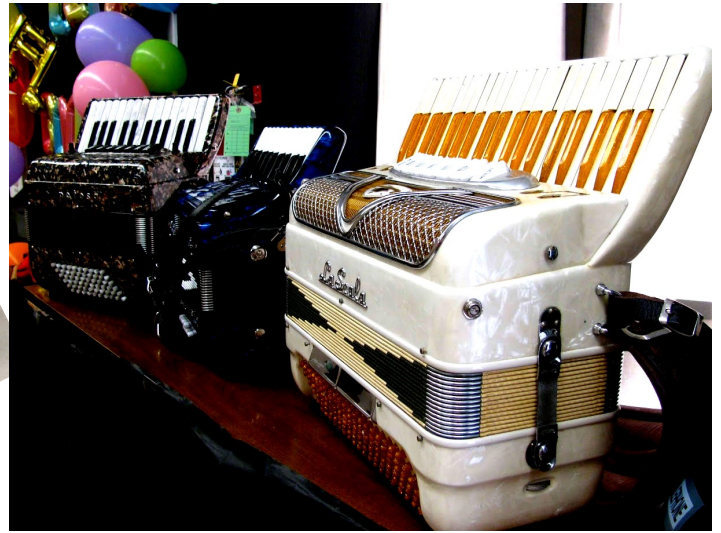
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**Lois Roth, July 6**  
**Buck Anderson, July 10**  
**Frank Gesinski, July 14**

**Jacque Warren, July 15**  
**Dick Albreski, July 23**  
**Billy Henson, July 31**



*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)*





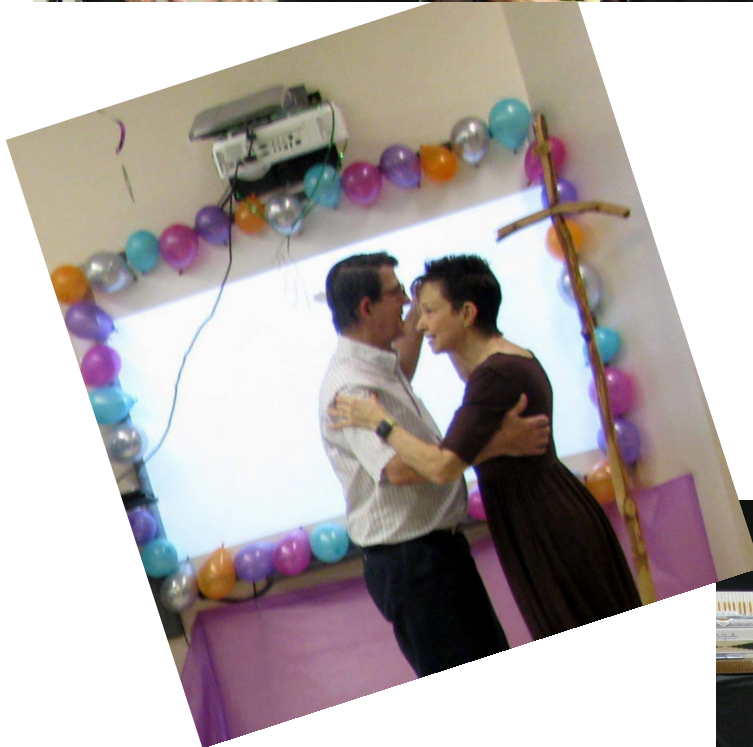
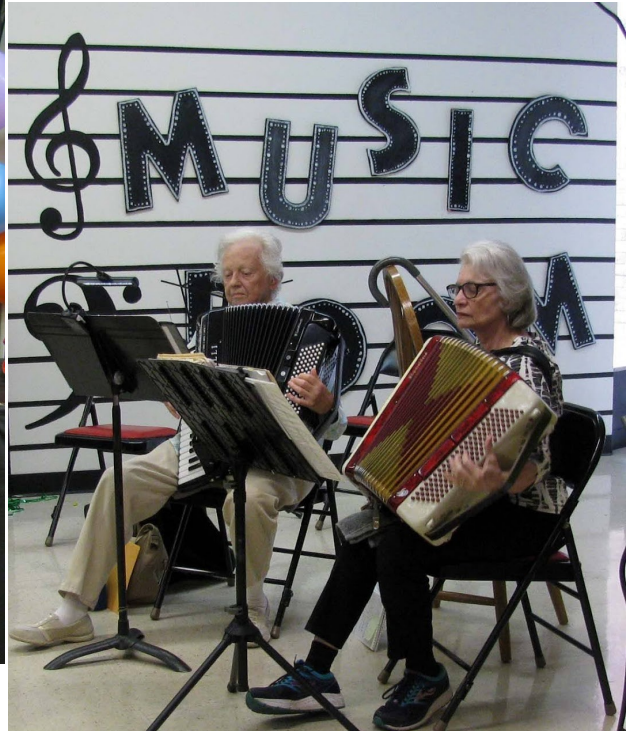
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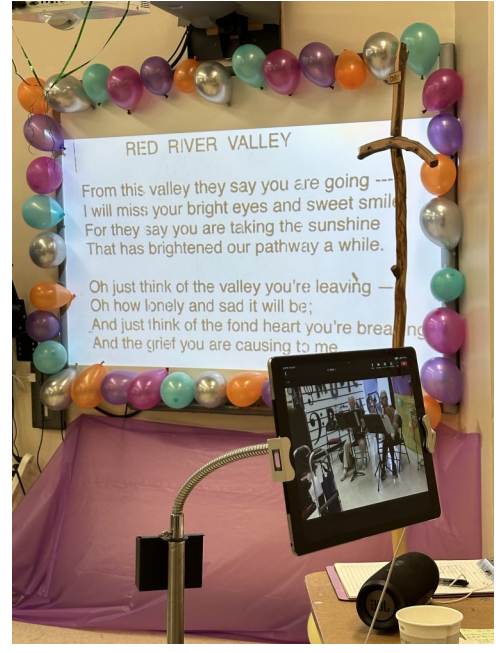


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June 9, 2024**

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## OAC Meetup June 9, 2024

Pix by Maggie Abel





Looks like mother and daughter. The picture may have been taken because the girl and her accordion had something to do with a patriotic event. 1930s or 1940s.





Sixty-two years ago, on March 11, 1962, Anna Maye, an  
11-year-old cousin of member Frank Boyd, performed at  
this accordion recital, "accordion to" this mimeographed newsletter.

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MARCH RECITAL

HAPPY BLUE BIRD \*\*\*\*\* THE HAWAIIAN WALTZ  
THE INTERMEDIATE BAND

RAMONA LANDRUM JOYCE PODHAISKY ANNA MAYE MARKHAM THERESA RODGERS RITA CANARY  
BILL LEBLANC NANCY PANTRY

2. AN EVENING SONG - RAINDROPS ..... DONITA JOHNSON - LOUIS RONCHETTO  
3. LONG, LONG AGO ..... RITA CANARY - LOUIS RONCHETTO  
4. THE CAISSON'S SONG ..... ANNA MAYE MARKHAM  
5. THE BOWERY ..... JOYCE PODHAISKY  
6. AUTUMN BREEZES ..... BEVERLY SANDERS  
7. BEAUTIFUL DAYS ..... JIMMY BUTLER  
8. CUCKOO WALTZ - WEDDING OF THE WINDS ..... SUE DRESSLER \* SANDRA TUCKER  
LARRY HAMILTON \* LOUIS RONCHETTO  
9. THE ROSARY \*\* THE HOLY CITY \*\* THE LOST CHORD .... LOUIS RONCHETTO  
10. FESTIVAL SELECTIONS BY THE ADVANCED BAND (ANNOUNCED)

BEVERLY SANDERS CAROL MINDERMAN JIMMY BUTLER BOBBY BLAKE TONY DEGIUSTI  
GLENDA STORY GLENDA BELLE WHEELS SANDRA TUCKER GEORGE MONES  
CAROL STARBUCK SUE DRESSLER DICKY BENNETT PETER ENGSTROM

THE ABOVE IS THE PROGRAM FOR THE MARCH RECITAL. IF WE HAVE LEFT ANY ONE OUT, WE WILL BE  
GLAD TO ANNOUNCE THE NUMBERS. LET US KNOW.

THERE WILL BE NO RECITAL IN APRIL, DUE TO THE 19TH ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN ACCORDION  
FESTIVAL AT OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY.

WE ARE STRIVING TO HAVE REALLY GOOD MASSED BANDS FOR THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR. FOLLOWING  
ARE THE DATES FOR THE LOCAL MASSED BAND REHEARSALS. IF YOU CAN, ATTEND ALL OF THESE  
REHEARSALS, IF NOT ATTEND AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

THESE REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED 5517 N.W. 23rd St.  
DON'T FORGET THE LOCATION. FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES FOR THE REHEARSALS:  
SUNDAY MARCH 18th,  
SUNDAY APRIL 1st  
SUNDAY APRIL 8th.

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ATTEND THE APRIL REHEARSALS, BUT ATTEND ALL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.  
THEY WILL START AT 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING WITH THE BEGINNER'S BAND FIRST, NEXT THE  
INTERMEDIATE BAND, ACCORDION CHOIR AND ADVANCED BAND LAST. HOWEVER, THE INTERMEDIATE  
BAND, THE CHOIR AND ADVANCED BAND SHOULD ALL BE THERE BY 3:00 P.M.

THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR WILL BE AT OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM.  
ON APRIL 14th, THIS IS A SATURDAY.

KEEP ALL OF THIS IN MIND, (ESPECIALLY THE REHEARSALS) MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

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Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> 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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