

# ***THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS***

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

**The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter**

***New guest lends  
her button box to  
one of our  
curious oldtimers.  
Explore the  
fascinating world  
surrounding  
accordion  
"adoration"!***



## ***Meetup Info for Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 — 3:30 PM***

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again on Sunday, Nov. 10, 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**

Hey, if you usually practice your accordion at “home alone,” you might be surprised at how many jams there are around your town for you to join in on. Where a variety of instruments are accepted, you get a chance to make new friends and even get a little guidance or shop-talk from musicians who are used to playing with others. Perhaps you’ve already learned of some places open to you bringing your own instrument and playing along.

A few spots my accordion and I have visited in my exploration: On the first Saturday of each month from 6 to 9:30 PM, St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church hosts the Oklahoma City Traditional Music Association, which offers several jam and workshop rooms, each with a different gen-

re in mind.

Moore First Baptist Church jams Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 PM.

Mustang Community Center had three slots each week for music players when I visited there.

For those age 50 and up, Will Rogers Senior Center jams on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon.

The Healthy Living Center on Rockwell near NW 115th boasts an active music contingent.

Getting to know a few people at these jams makes you privy to additional sessions, some even in private homes. A thriving community of music aspirants are eager to share their findings with you, just as you no doubt mention the lyrical opportunities provided by Oklahoma Accordion Club to people you run into! ~ Maggie

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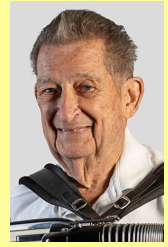
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**Ophelia Woody**

**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is November 10, Sunday, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.**

# Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski



**WHY NOT** plan on attending the next Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting at the Messiah Lutheran Church located at Portland and Northwest Expressway on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. You can bring a friend and your accordion as well. This is our time to shine!!!! What other instrument can do all that an accordion can do with Christmas music? I will be there to share some Christmas music with you and trust you will do the same for me. No, I didn't forget Thanksgiving music but really, I don't think there is a bunch. Surprise us if you can.

**NEXT BIG EVENT...**At the December 8 OAC meeting we will again feature our Youth and hopefully raise money for them to attend the National Accordion Convention in March 2025. The youth will perform plus there will be a silent auction where we ask the members and guests to bring items that can be auctioned off. In addition, we ask that members and friends bring treats to share. Without your support this event cannot happen. Please plan on helping with this event. The students will thank you. Thank you.

**START PLANNING:** I have a great plan for you. Next March 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 N.A.A. will initiate a collaboration invitation and 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 and I will get you started.

**There is a new Digital Accordion.** KORG, who has manufactured many digital keyboards has released its first digital accordion. This instrument has a universe of sounds, instrumentation, and performance capabilities. Those in the know of digital accordions find this accordion to be very competitive. You can see a brief demo of the accordion by checking the KORG website. Kevin Solecki is now a dealer for this instrument. If you check it out, I'd would be curious on your thoughts. Keep me posted.

**As future events happen, hopefully we'll see them in advance, so you can make plans to attend. Keep checkin' this article!**

## 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 met on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 3:30 PM. There were 14 attendees: 12 members and 2 guests. President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. VP Ron Shearon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The OktoberFest music began with Dick Albreski and Myke Dixon playing "Edelweiss." Dick told a few memories he had of Frank Gesinski. Then he played one of Frank's favorite songs: "Tico Tico." Barbara Yuill joined Dick for the toe-tapping "Beer Barrel Polka." They followed with "Waltz For Barbie" composed by Dick. Dick played "Gypsy Polka."

Guest Kirsten Corrao said she started teaching herself to play accordion during the covid lockdown. She played "Song of the Volga Boatman" on her button accordion.

Maggie related how she began her accordion lessons with Dick.

John Warren and Lois Roth jammed together with "Five Foot Two," "Too Fat Polka," and others. Lois performed several German songs including "You Can't Be True Dear," "Circling Pigeons Landler," and "Vagabunden." She concluded the music with "Red Wing" and more familiar songs.

The meeting was adjourned. We will meet again Sunday, November 10 at 3:30 PM.

Come and enjoy the music and the fun!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth  
OAC Secretary

## Birthday Greetings to OAC Members!



Frank Boyd, Nov 4  
Frankie Martinez, Nov 9  
Myke Dixon, Nov 12  
Donna Dove, Nov 16



*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

Oct. 13, 2024

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## **Frank Gesinski**

of Tulsa

**Rest in Peace  
2024**





## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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

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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

☐ Semi-Professional ☐ Associate ☐ Hobby ☐ Amateur ☐ Other

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