

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



***April Showers Bring May Flowers
and more practice time!***

Meetup Info for Sunday, April 13, 2025 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there’s a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) directs you to us and our accordions!

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

If you can’t attend the live 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. Zoom’s musical sound quality is nothing to write home about, but feel free to tune us in anyway!

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

Thanks to Diana L. Richard for documenting some of the Texas adventures we had last month at the National Accordion Association 2025 Convention.

We met new friends at the nightly multiple jam rooms!



I enjoyed my newest NAA roommate, Texan Eleanor Boyd.



The tuition this time was adjusted to include ALL the wonderful meals each day, so with a full tummy I didn't even have to hoard snacks for the room!

One nice thing was getting to know some of the principals much better this year. I could dine with the "celebs" at the breakfast table, all very accessible.

Some of our club dues went to the local youth who attended, and whose playing we enjoyed during our meals.

Now we have a full year to share the energy we gained into OKC's loyal accordion community, starting Sunday!

Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday, April 13 at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.

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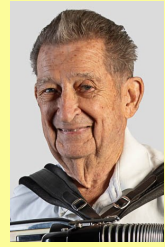
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GUESS WHAT? They say, "Money is the root of all evil." I can't believe that! Money keeps our Accordion Club going. Our Accordion Club is not evil! In fact, Thanks to you all, it is beautiful! Now the GUESS WHAT? It is time to renew your membership for 2025. We need each and 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 at the moderate total of \$300. Better yet, do you have or know of any potential new members? We need them too! PS: Have you paid this year's dues?

ALBUQUERQUE ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and BAND CAMP is scheduled from May 14th through 18th, 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 will host 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. Registration is open until March 15th, 2025. This event will cost \$269 per person. For all registrations and additional information please go to kdc-studios@gmail.com.

AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION (AAA) Festival to be held July 11th to the 13th, 2025 in Conshohocken (Philadelphia area), PA. The event features Concerts, Workshops, Competitions, Orchestras, Exhibits, Food Functions, and Guest Artists. Watch this article or ameraccord.com for more hotel discounts and other Festival announcements.

ACCORDIONISTS & TEACHERS GUILD (ATG) 83rd FESTIVAL to be held on July 16th to the 20th, 2025 in Lisle, IL, featuring: Radu Ratoi, Bridge & Wolak, Duo TWO accordions, Peter Soave & String Quintet, UMKC Community Accordion Ensemble, Festival Member Orchestra conducted by Joan Sommers, Workshops, Master classes, Competitions, Luncheons and a Dinner Banquet.

For more information watch this article or visit: atgaccordions.com.

A Future Venture: The National Accordion Association is currently revamping its convention protocol to be more in tune with today's requirements. The recent convention held in March 2025 was a success but also showed conventions must change. Stay tuned to this column as new information is released on the future events!

~ Dick

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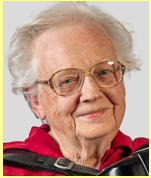
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Free Accordion Music Websites

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

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



Report of March Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met on Sunday, March 9, 2025. The location was Messiah Lutheran Church in OKC.

Before the meeting we watched musical video from (last year's) 2024 National Accordion Convention. President Maggie Abel reminded us that the 2025 National Accordion Convention in Lewisville, Texas, kicks off in a few days (on March 12).

Maggie called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. VP/Treasurer Ron Shearon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to previous discussions comparing the weight of various accordions, Ron presented a special scale at the meeting to weigh the accordions of any who were curious. He noted that the reeds are responsible for much of the weight. Aluminum reeds give a higher pitch. Metal reeds can deteriorate.

Past President and club co-founder Dick Albreski described playing in a

band during his high school days. He said he made more money doing that than his buddies earned from their jobs at gas stations.

He reminded us that when it comes to accordions, older doesn't mean better.

Then it was time for music! Ron played "This Is Our Song For You."

Dick performed an Irish medley: "Does Your Mother Come From Ireland?" and "It's A Great Day For The Irish." He followed with "Volare" and "Arrivederci Roma." He demonstrated his way of alternating basses, using the 6th instead of the 5th. He explained: "In the scale you have 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 notes. When you alternate the bass, you alternate C bass which is 1 and G bass which is the 5th on the scale. I suggest using A which is the 6th on the scale." Dick concluded with "The Clarinet Polka."

Anne Lopez, Secretary Lois Roth, and John Warren played several songs including "Harbor Lights" and "Beer Barrel Polka."

Next we enjoyed a lively singalong session, with Anne and Lois providing the music for "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "When The Saints Go Marching In," and "You Are My Sunshine."

Anne and Lois performed a variety of Irish tunes: "Given's Waltz" (solo by Anne); "Peggy O'Neil"; "The Kerry Dance" and "O'Malley's Song" (both solos by Anne); and "Jambalaya" in honor of Mardi Gras. They also played audience requests including "Peg O' My Heart" and "Danny Boy."

The meeting was adjourned.

We'll meet again on Sunday, April 13, at the usual time and place. Join us for a few hours of music and fun. Bring your accordion and play for us or with us!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings to **PAID** Members!



Shirley Hammack Apr 2
Milo Shedeck Apr 14
Ophelia Woody Apr 27



*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*



OAC Meetup
Mar. 9, 2025
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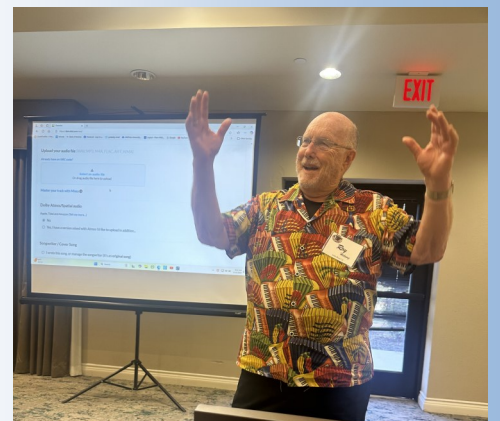


2005 NAA Convention
Lewisville, TX
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2025 NAA Convention
Lewisville, TX
Pix: Maggie Abel





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
c/o 209 South 2nd; Bison, OK 73720

Name _____ Date _____
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):

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