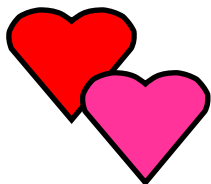


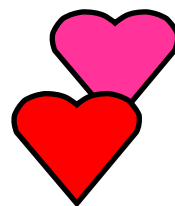
THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



***Music: The perfect Gift
for all your Valentines!***



**Accordion Club Valentine Party
Sunday, Feb 9, 2025 @3:30 PM**

Meetup Info for Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again on Sunday, February 9, 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!

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/
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Maggie Abel

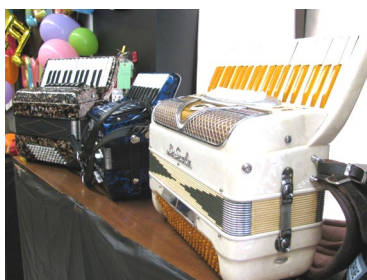
I'd like to send a Valentine to a founding member of our club. An accordionist we can look up to as he plays variously around town, then returns to teach us and put his stethoscope up to our out-of-sort squeezeboxes. Hubby and I reserved at Royal Bavarian in Moore last month, getting seating just before the room got packed.



Well, pretty soon the inevitable Chicken Dance came up so we groupies felt compelled to add our contribution to the mix.



What's been on my mind is the upcoming music immersion weekend. National Accordion Association has been part of my March schedule for over a decade. Meet music-minded folks and bring your accordions to trade for something with a prettier grill or more (or fewer) buttons.



Choose one of the evening jam rooms (introductory? advanced? by chord? by note? by ear?). Concerts, meals, a dance one night, workshops each day



to improve your this or that. Turn to page 4 in this newsletter for the juicy details from the convention's founder, Norman Seaton. Let's us get packin!

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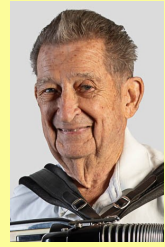
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**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is 3:30 PM,
Sunday, February 9, at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.**

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 each and everyone 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!

CURRENT NEWS: Once again, the Bohemian Knights performed at the Royal Bavaria Restaurant every Friday and Saturday in January from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. A great chance each year to hear great live music! The Royal Bavaria Restaurant is located at 3401 South Sooner Road, Moore, OK. They serve an excellent German cuisine plus home-brewed beer. What could be better? Good food, good beer, and good ethnic music. I was glad to see those of you who partook of it! If you plan to attend next year, **reservations are required**. Don't leave home without them.

START PLANNING: I have a great plan for you. Next March 13 through 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 is initiating a collaboration invitation requesting 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. The Fun Band music is now available on the NAA Convention website. Consider this something to do in 2025. If you are not familiar with the program, give me a

note and I will get you started. Remember, for those who plan to play in the FUN Band, the music arrangements are available this month on the NAA website.

ALBUQUERQUE ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and BAND CAMP is scheduled from 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 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. Registrations are open until March 15, 2025. This event will cost \$269 per person. For all registrations and additional information please go to kdcstudios@gmail.com.

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



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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!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL ACCORDION ASSOCIATION'S NORMAN SEATON:

Attention All Interested Accordionists!

Read this message then forward to all accordionists on your e-mail contact list!

Accordion Vacation Time!

Are you ready for a three-day musical vacation away from the everyday stress? **Register today for the 2025 National Accordion Convention in Lewisville, Texas.** Registrations for both the Convention and the hotel can be made on our website:

<http://www.accordions.com/naa/>

Political and economy discussions are not authorized during the accordion vacation! 😊

Every accordion event and concerts are located inside the Hilton Hotel - including all meals!!

2025 National Accordion Convention

Hilton Garden Inn - 785 SH 121 - Lewisville, Texas

This hotel is 8 miles North of DFW Airport

March 13-15, 2025

Hotel Registration closes at midnight February 16, 2025, after which date you can still attend but you lose the preferred room rate and the included breakfast.

Convention Payments are due February 23, 2025.

The 2025 Accordion Convention includes:

- Twenty-two (22) different team members conducting
 - Friendly non-competitive events including
 - Six (6) concerts open to the public
 - Numerous educational activities
 - Breakfast, lunch, and banquet meals each day

Read all about these activities on the convention website!

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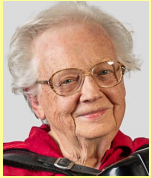
Contact Information Problems

Notice: This message is being delivered to nearly 1000 accordionists in both the USA and Canada using the Brevo automated email service. Unfortunately, the file is outdated and must be reorganized before next year's (2026) activities. According to the new SPAM laws, the NAA officials are no longer allowed to determine who is actually receiving the electronic mailing. After the 2025 convention is history, we will consolidate our various email names into one file and start all over again!

If interested, accordionists will continue to receive NAA inform by any one of the following activities:

- Attending the convention
- Paying dues
- Email Norman Seaton (natlaccordion@sbcglobal.net) and request to continue receiving NAA messages.

If you are no longer interested in the National Accordion Association, please unsubscribe now!



January Meeting Minutes

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held its first meeting of the new year Sunday, January 12, at 3:30 PM. Fifteen members (including one on Zoom) attended.

Anne Lopez and Lois Roth played "warm-up music" starting around 3:15.

At 3:30 President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. VP/Treasurer Ron Shearon led The Pledge of Allegiance. We sang one verse of "America The Beautiful."

The meeting was a celebration of member Cassi Radicelli's 100th birthday. Photos of Cassi's life and of her family (daughter Anne Lopez and others) were projected on the wall throughout the afternoon.

Anne and Lois began the music with "Mockingbird Hill." Then they performed several international songs: "Never On Sunday," "La Vie en Rose," and a solo by

Anne: "Lasst Uns Brezeln Kaufen."

A jam session came next. John Warren joined the ladies for some old favorites including "Sidewalks of New York," "Beer Barrel Polka," "Five Foot Two," and "Harbor Lights."

Dick Albreski performed the 2025 Fun Band songs that he has chosen and arranged for the convention coming up in March: "Make Believe" from Showboat, "La Belle Julie," composed by Dick, "Variations on Third Man Theme," "Paris Nights," and "Mexican Fiesta"—a medley of Mexican songs.

Anne and Lois joined Dick for two lively polkas: "Tick Tock" and "Pennsylvania." Dick played and sang the Polish version of "Happy Birthday" to Cassi.

He also played the "Polish Wedding Song," and told a few entertaining stories about playing at Polish weddings which lasted all day and longer.

Then it was time to sing. Anne and Lois provided music for "Tiny Bubbles," "Que Sera Sera," and "Auld Lang Syne."

The sing-along ended with a rousing "Happy Birthday" to Cassi.

Our club photographer Diana Richard took a group photo of everyone at the meeting.

Anne played the exciting Jewish dance, "Hava Nagila," accompanied by several members keeping time with maracas.

The meeting was adjourned.

Anne and Lois had another jam session while the clean-up volunteers worked. They played "Blueberry Hill" and more. Thanks to Karen West for organizing the refreshments, and to all who contributed!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 9, at 3:30 PM. It's time for Valentine music! Join us if you can.

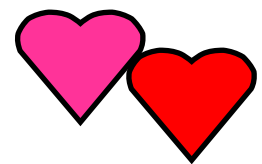


Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings to Members!



T.W. Wright	Feb 21
Susan Hause	Feb 22
Bob Mansfield	Feb 24



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
Jan. 12, 2024
Pix:
Diana L. Richard



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SMILING FACES: Diana immortalized us at our New Year's Best!



Oklahoma Squeezins

**OAC Meetup
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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 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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Repairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	
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