

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



***St. Patrick needs
YOU
at the***



**Accordion Club St. Patrick's Day Party
Sunday, March 9, 2025 @3:30 PM**

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

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again on Sunday, March 9, 2025, 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

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

What stays on my mind? The upcoming music immersion weekend March 13. National Accordion Association has been part of my March schedule for over a decade.

Turn to page 4 in this newsletter for the juicy details from the convention's founder, Norman Seaton.

Meet music-minded folks. Enjoy concerts, meals, a dance one night, workshops each day to improve your this or that.

Choose one of their evening jam rooms (newbies? advanced? by chord? by note? by ear?).

Carpool or room-share. Let's us get packin!

— Maggie



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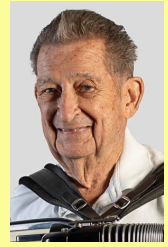
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Dick Albreski



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!

START PLANNING—You still have time: I have a great plan for you. This March 13 through 15, 2025, 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. Reservations are now open for the convention and the hotel. 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. Incidentally, 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 mu-

sic. 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.

FUTURE EVENTS:

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

ACCORDIONISTS AND TEACHERS GUILD (ATG) 83rd FESTIVAL to be held on July 16 through 20, 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 atggaccordions.com.

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

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

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!

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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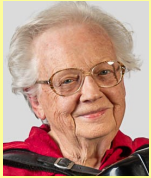
Contact Information Problems

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!



Report of February Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Fourteen members and one guest attended. There was live music beforehand to get us "in the mood."

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. We recited The Pledge of Allegiance, and we sang verse one of "America the Beautiful."

Anne Lopez and Lois Roth began the afternoon with several songs to celebrate Valentine's Day. They performed "Somewhere My Love," "L-O-V-E Love," "Only You," and "You Made Me Love You."

Karen West played "I Walk The Line" for a sing-along. Then she performed "I've Got You Under My Skin" — a Cole Porter classic.

John Warren joined Anne and Lois for an informal jam session. Songs included "Beer Barrel Polka," "When The Moon Comes Over The Mountain," "Five Foot Two," and "You Are My Sunshine."

Anne tried out John's accordion by using it to perform "Tarantella."

Ron Shearon played "Over The Waves" and "I Don't Know How This Song Ends."

Maggie reminded us of the National Accordion Association's annual convention next month. A number of our members will carpool to attend it. She also suggested we pay our OAC dues if we haven't already done so.

The meeting was adjourned. Anne and Lois played a few more songs while the clean-up group worked.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 9. That is also the first day of **Daylight Savings Time**. Adjust those clocks and join us at 3:30 PM for music and fun!



Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Secretary

Birthday Greetings to Members!

Ron Shearon Mar 1
Tad Shadid Mar 1
Janet Haskin Mar 8



Earl Folk Mar 16
Becky Rickard Mar 25
Dan Hanson Mar 28

*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
Feb. 9, 2025
Pix:
Diana L. Richard





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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):

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<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobby	<input type="checkbox"/> Amateur	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

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