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The OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

THE OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB NEWSLETTER

JOIN US TO LISTEN AND PLAY AT THE

JULY MEETUP

Sunday, July 12 at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church. Snacks welcome — bring your accordion or come as you are.

July meetup

Meetup Info for Sunday, July 12, 2026 - 3:30 PM

If you can't attend the 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience some of it via Zoom - using the same codes (see red type below) you may have used in previous years. I'm told Zoom's musical sound quality has recently improved! So feel free to tune us in!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799

PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Sadly, we received word that longtime Oklahoma Accordion Club member Cassi, mother of Anne Lopez, has passed on.

Casimina H. Radicelli (née Contorno), affectionately known as "Cassi," went to be with the Lord on June 8, 2026, at the age of 101. Born in 1925, Cassi lived a life marked by faith, devotion to family, kindness, and unwavering love for those around her. A devoted Catholic, she lived her faith through her actions, always placing family, compassion, and service to others at the center of her life.

Cassi was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jerry Radicelli, who passed away in June 2012. She graduated from John Hay High School in Cleveland in 1943 and was immediately hired by the White Motor Company as a secretary. Family and friends often joked that you could eat off her kitchen floor.

Known for her bright smile, contagious laughter, and genuine warmth, Cassi made everyone feel welcome. More than anything, Cassi loved her family.

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Membership: $20 per year individual, +$10 per year family add-on. Visitors welcome.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Maggie Abel
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PREZ SEZ (CONTINUED)

Maggie Abel

Her legacy is one of faith, love, kindness, laughter, and quiet devotion.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

Dick Albreski

THIS MEANT a LOT! Recently I played for a retirement center. A lady came up to me after I completed my performance and said, "I am 81 years old, and I never liked the accordion until today!" What a tremendous compliment!

The ATG (Accordion Teachers Guild) will hold its 84th annual Festival in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park Hotel from July 8th to the 12th, 2026. This event will host many terrific accordionists plus concerts, competitions, jamming, and all-around accordion fun. Joey Miskulin, Radu Ratol, and Stas Venglevski are the headliners with JoAnn Sommers conducting the ATG orchestra. Joey Miskulin is also known as the CowPolka King. He started playing at the age of 13 with the Frankie Yankovic polka band. The ATG will also introduce ClubATG — an open mic back at the hotel with a cash bar. For more information go to atgaccordions.com.

The American Accordion Association (AAA) holds its annual festival August 13th to the 16th, 2026, at the Marriott Philadelphia West in Conshohocken, PA. This event includes various educational and entertaining events plus foster camaraderie among accordion enthusiasts. Guests and artists include Cody McSherry, Don Gerundo, Emmanuel Trifilio Trio, Frank Busso Jr. Trio, Frank Busso Sr., Guenadly Lazarov, Joe Natoli, Nathan Chaperton, Peter Peluso, Peter Stan, Ray Oreggia, and the Accordion Pops Orchestra under direction of Al Terzo. For updates and registration, visit www.ameraccord.com.

HEADS UP!!! The next National Accordion Association Convention will be held from March 17th to the 21st, 2027 — not in Forney, Texas, the site of the last event. This next event will feature accordion bands and will be for all accordion enthusiasts, acoustic and digital, beginners and professionals. More to follow including the place in the next newsletter. Mark your calendars for this one.

ACCORDION MUSIC

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

- **Don Quattrocchi** — https://donquattrocchi.com/

MEETING MINUTES

June meetup · Sunday, June 14, 2026

Eighteen members and two guests attended. The Oklahoma Accordion Club held a meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2026, starting at 3:30 pm.

Accordion players who performed were Tom Phillips, Wayne Turgeon, Dick Albreski, Ron Shearon, Dana and Rod Kroutil, and Lois Roth.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 12, at 3:30 pm.

Because of poor vision I can no longer do the secretary job. If anyone is interested in being the club secretary, please speak to Maggie Abel. Thank you.

Performers: Tom Phillips, Wayne Turgeon, Dick Albreski, Ron Shearon, Dana Kroutil, Rod Kroutil, Lois Roth

— Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

July birthdays

Diana Richard	July 4
Lois Roth	July 6
Buck Anderson	July 10
Frank Gesinski †	July 14
Jacque Warren	July 15
Becca Smith	July 18
Dick Albreski	July 23
Bill Henson	July 31

Birthday list updates: Karen West (okaccordionclub@gmail.com)

PHOTOS

Look back at Sunday, June 14, 2026

June 2026

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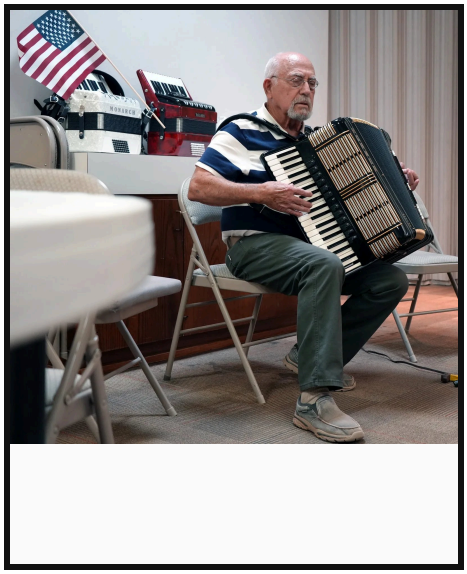

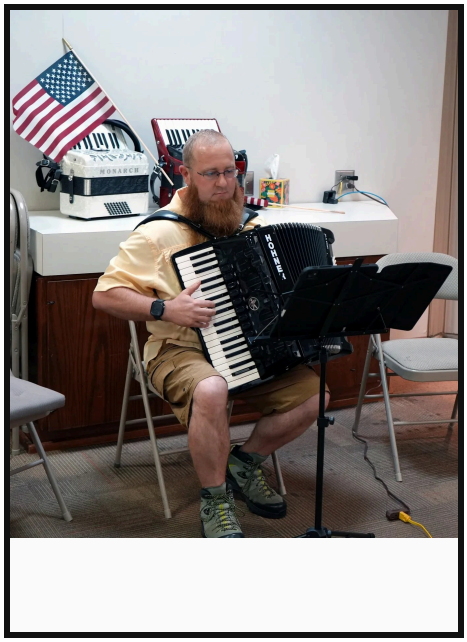

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☐ Family Membership: $10 per year for each additional family member

☐ Lifetime Membership: One-time fee of $300

☐ Youth Membership: Complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

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