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The OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our Squeezin' is Pleasin'!"

THE OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB NEWSLETTER

JOIN US TO LISTEN AND PLAY AT THE

AUGUST MEETUP

Sunday, August 9, 3:30–5:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. New website live at okaccordion.club — pictures, news, and videos. Snacks welcome.

August meetup

Meetup Info for Sunday, August 9, 2026 — 3:30 PM

The Oklahoma Accordion Club meets on the Second Sunday of each month from 3:30pm–5:30pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3600 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Messiah Lutheran is at the intersection of NW Expressway and Portland Avenue, just west of I-44 and Baptist Hospital, and north of Deaconess Hospital on Portland Avenue. Use the south entrance—there is a covered portico at that doorway if the weather turns.

Can't attend in person? Join us on Zoom at the same time. Open the link below on your phone, tablet, or computer.

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

PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Next meeting coming up is Sunday, August 9, at 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

This month begins a great gift from our member Myke Dixon, an updated website that contains our beautiful pictures, news, and videos of players. It will only go uphill from here. More will be added as fast as our little digital legs can carry us!

Try it out today by clicking this link:

https://okaccordion.club/

Look in all the pockets, tap on every option, thumb through years of meeting photos--identify old friends who played here before.

This is your notice that the Oklahoma Squeezins newsletter is now digital rather than carved on a clay tablet like before!

Your feedback is welcome and maybe some of your mementos can make their way into future issues! Check it throughout the month to see how it's changing and multiplying!

xoxox

Maggie (Pres. Sez) Abel

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MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

Dick Albreski

August is a time when we should start preparing for October. In October, we have **Octoberfest** and that's when the accordion really comes to life. No other instrument in my mind can sound as good as an accordion playing a German polka or waltz. We say German tunes but still play a lot of others that enhance the Octoberfest music. At **this month's OAC meeting**, I will start the trend and play a Octoberfest tune or two. How about you?

THE AMERICAN ACCORDION ASSOCIATION (A.A.A.)

The American Accordion Association (A.A.A.) will hold its annual festival on **August 13th to the 16th, 2026** at the **Marriott Philadelphia West in Conshohocken, PA**. This event will include various educational and entertaining events plus foster camaraderie among accordion enthusiasts. Some of the guests, artists, conductors, and presenters are **Cody McSherry, Don Gerundo, Emmanuel Trifilio Trio, Frank Busso Jr., Guenadly Lazarov, Joe Natoli, Nathan Chaperton, Peter Peluso, Peter Stan, and Ray Oreggia and the Accordion Pops Orchestra under the direction of Al Terzo**. (The Accordion Pops Orchestra was started in 1970 by the Accordion Teachers Guild of New Jersey). For updates and registration, visit the American Accordion Association festival page at **www.ameraccord.com**.

NATIONAL ACCORDION ASSOCIATION CONVENTION FOR 2027

National Accordion Association Convention for 2027. This will be in my mind one of the very best conventions for 2027. It will be held in **Mesquite, Texas**, at the **Hampton Inn and Suites located at 1700 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149**. The dates are **Thursday March 18th to Saturday, March 20th, 2027**. This will be the **41st year for the NAA** and I am proud to announce that world-renowned **Peter Soave** and Cleveland-style polka pioneer **Joey Miskulin (!!!)** will be the featured artists. I will again conduct the Fun Band for those accordionists (acoustic and digital) who want an easy, relaxing, musical adventure. And for those who want a more intense opportunity, **Gordon Kohl** will provide

MEETING MINUTES

July meetup · Sunday, July 12, 2026

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met Sunday, July 12, 2026. President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order, and Vice President Ron Shearon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Myke Dixon served as acting secretary.

Lois Roth and Anne Lopez opened the musical portion of the meeting with "America the Beautiful" and "Happy Birthday."

Shayla Chavis-Smith performed "No Place Like Home" and "Old MacDonald."

Dana Kroutil and Rod Kroutil performed "Echo Waltz," "Noon Patrol," and "Two Kittens."

Dana Kroutil performed "Our Boys March."

Lois Roth and Anne Lopez returned to perform "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (club sing-along), "Blue Hawaii," "Wooden Heart," and "Love Me Tender."

John Warren performed the Notre Dame song and "By the Sea."

Dick Albreski and Barbara Yuill performed "Before They Take Me Away," "Mexican Fiesta," and "Bernadette."

Dick Albreski and Rod Kroutil performed "Danube Waves," a duet using a Palmer-Hughes arrangement.

Dick Albreski performed "Kiss Me Tonight," "Lover," and "Beer Barrel Polka."

Myke Dixon gave an update on the Oklahoma Accordion Club website and discussed video and ways it can be used to share club performances.

Dick Albreski gave club announcements.

Upcoming accordion events were discussed, including the National Accordion Association Convention in Mesquite, Texas, scheduled for March 17 through 21, 2027.

Performers: Maggie Abel, Ron Shearon, Myke Dixon, Lois Roth, Anne Lopez, Shayla Chavis-Smith, Dana Kroutil, Rod Kroutil,

BIRTHDAYS

August birthdays

John Buchanan	August 1
Linda Vodicka	August 2
Maddie Smith	August 2
Chuck Vodicka	August 7
Kristine Anderson	August 20

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

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Look back at Sunday, July 12, 2026

July 2026

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