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THE OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB NEWSLETTER

Meetup Info for Sunday, October 11, 2026 — 3:30 PM

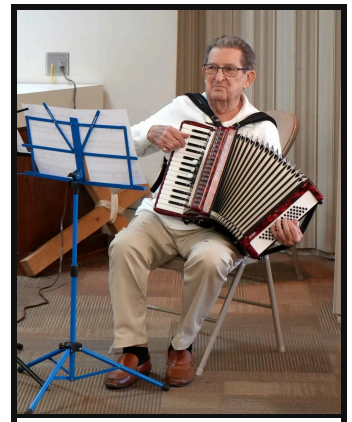
JOIN US TO LISTEN AND PLAY AT THE

OKTOBERFEST MEETUP

Can't attend in person? Join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799>

HERE'S THE WORD FROM DICK ALBRESKI!

The Oklahoma Accordion Club (OAC) is going **OKTOBERFEST!** What does that mean for you? It means we are going to party and play. Party means at the October meeting we will serve Hot Dogs, Potato salad, drinks and apple strudel. But we only serve to those who make a reservation. Remember, your one guest is always welcome. Reservations are a must because we must know who is coming. Please let a Board member know you are coming, or you can even let me know you are coming and better yet how many of you are coming? Now the Play part. You can receive four prepared sheets of Polkas and waltz arrangements. How do you receive them? You ask for them. Dick Albreski has them ready and waiting for you. Our goal at the October meeting is to have a **POLKA JAM** with a **BUNCH** of members playing together. The arrangements are not challenging and can be site read the first time. The intent of the arrangements is to have a bunch play with confidence. Last Sunday there was one rehearsal, and it went well. We will have some great music at the October Octoberfest. **DANKE.**



Oktoberfest meetup

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen West

October 8 **Sharon Fox**

October 14

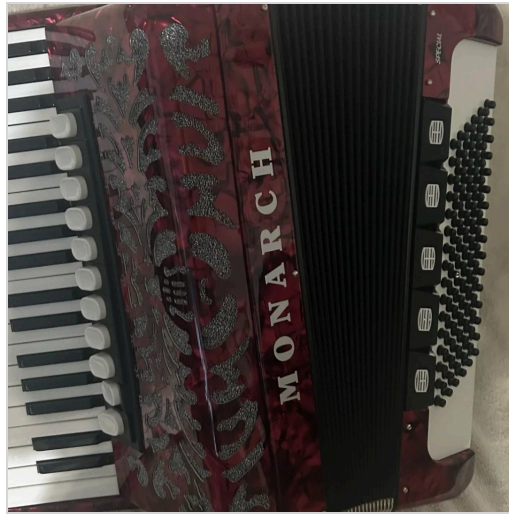
Anne Lopez

October 22 **Jocelyn Pedersen**

October 25

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

Silent auction — Monarch accordion



The Oklahoma Accordion Club will offer in a silent auction at the **October meeting** a **37/96 Monarch** semi-pro accordion. This accordion has **37 treble keys** with **4 treble reed blocks** plus multiple switches containing a full master, bassoon, and musette voices (**LMMM**). The **96 bass** has **4 bass reed blocks** containing a standard Stradella system and **5 switches**. It comes with a hard-shell case and shoulder straps. The accordion weighs **23 pounds**. A similar Monarch accordion recently sold for **\$1995.00**. Play and examine it at the **October meeting** — bids open there.

Can't make the meeting but still interested in bidding? Email **okaccordionclub@gmail.com** and we'll help you place a bid.

— Dick Albreski

A LITTLE OKTOBERFEST HISTORY BY MYKE DIXON

Did you know the first Oktoberfest didn't have any accordions?

It's true. Oktoberfest started in Munich in 1810, almost 20 years before the accordion showed up. And it wasn't really about beer, either.

It started with a wedding. Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria married Princess Therese on October 12, and instead of keeping the celebration to themselves, they invited the people of Munich to join in. The festivities lasted several days and wrapped up with a big horse race on October 17. Apparently everyone had a pretty good time, because they decided to do it again the next year. Over the years, the horse races were joined by food, carnival rides, music and, yes, quite a bit of beer.

So why is most of Oktoberfest in September? Simple: Munich has nicer weather in September. Organizers gradually moved the festival earlier while keeping the name.

As for the accordion, the first instrument bearing that name was patented in 1829.

So Oktoberfest had already been partying for nearly two decades before somebody thought to bring an accordion.

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MARK THOSE CALENDARS! Dick Albreski

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 the music. Jamming will be encouraged plus there will be workshops. This event is still in planning and there will be more added to the event as it progresses. For contact information currently go to **NatlAccordion@sbcglobal.net** or call **Norman Seaton direct at 214-938-5984**. Also visit www.accordions.com/naa. As I learn more so will you. Keep watching this article and keep squeezin'.

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MEETING MINUTES

September meetup · Sunday, September 13, 2026

The **Oklahoma Accordion Club** met **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by musical performances from club members and guests.

Members were reminded that annual membership dues should be submitted to Vice President **Ron Shearon** in January.

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

Dick Albreski performed several selections of Polish, Czech, and Slovak music in preparation for Oktoberfest: "**Julida Polka,**" "**Jasiu, Jasiu,**" "**Annie Did It Wrong,**" and "**Twelve Angels Waltz.**"

Dan Newton brought two accordions, including a café accordion and a 72-bass Planet accordion. His performances included Mozart's "**Prune Song**" and a polka taught to him by **John Warren**.

Shayla Chavis-Smith performed "**Can Can.**"

Denise performed "**My Wild Irish Rose.**" Denise shared that she has played accordion for approximately 20 years. She grew up in a Nebraska neighborhood with a strong Bohemian community and previously performed with two other girls.

John Warren performed "**Too Fat Polka**" (also known as "**Vegetables on Parade**"), "**Notre Dame Fight Song,**" and "**By the Sea.**"

Lois Roth and Anne Lopez returned to perform "**Lili Marlene,**" "**Edelweiss**" (accompanied by a club sing-along), and "**Rain Rain Polka.**"

Dick Albreski and Dana Kroutil performed "**Country Garden.**"

Dick Albreski, Dana Kroutil, and Rod Kroutil performed "**Diamond Waltz.**"

Rod Kroutil performed "**Rock, Rock, Rock and Roll.**"

Job Elliott, who has been playing accordion for approximately 18 years, performed the first movement of Bach/Vivaldi's **Concerto in A Minor**, arranged for accordion by Job Elliott, and "**Magic Fingers**" by Monnette.

Ron Shearon and Bob Mansfield performed "**A Little Doodah**" from the 1949 film "**Samson and Delilah,**" with Bob Mansfield playing free-bass accordion.

Lois Roth and Anne Lopez performed "**Twinnies,**" with President **Maggie Abel** adding to the entertainment by dressing in a wig and skirt.

Lois Roth and Anne Lopez also performed "**Blue Skirt Waltz.**"

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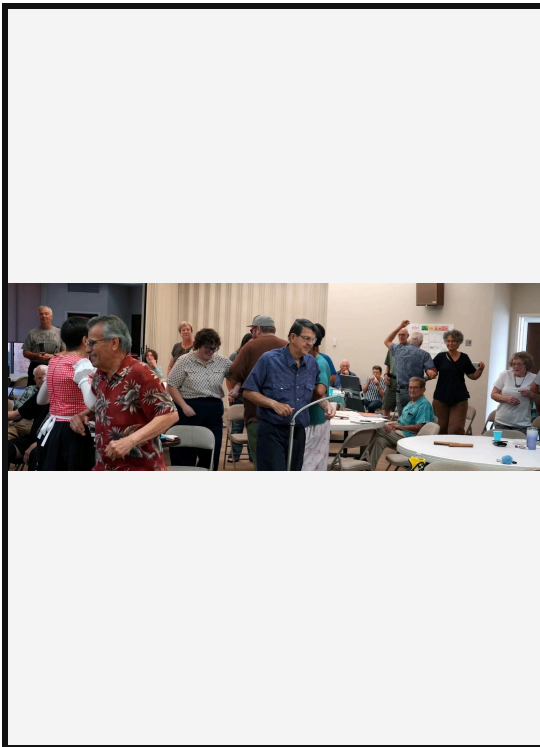
The club discussed preparations for its upcoming **Oktoberfest** celebration in October, including information about signing up to participate.

Members were reminded of the **blind auction** scheduled for the October meeting.

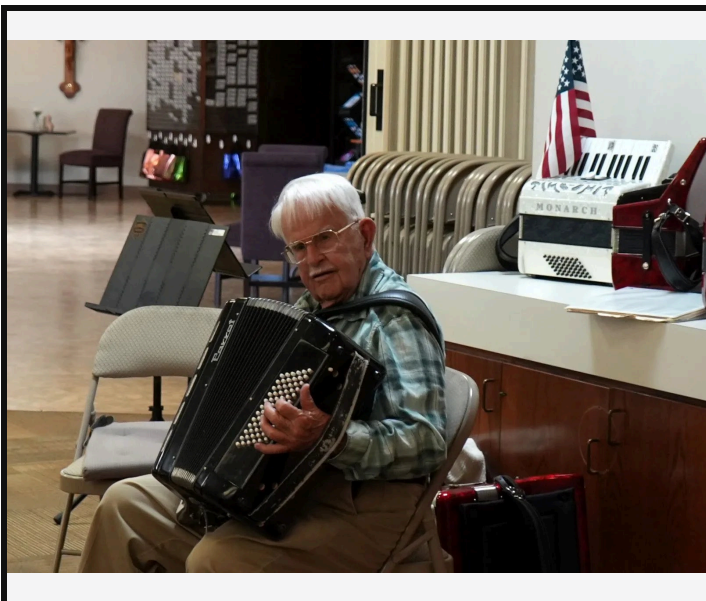
An opportunity to perform for residents at **Iris Memory Care** was shared with the club. Interested members were encouraged to contact Iris Memory Care for additional information.

The September meeting featured a variety of musical styles, including traditional polkas, waltzes, classical arrangements, and familiar favorites.

— *Myke Dixon, Acting Secretary*









OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

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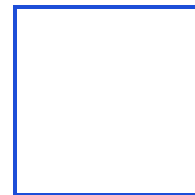
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