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The OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our Squeezin' is Pleasin'!"

THE OKLAHOMA ACCORDION CLUB NEWSLETTER

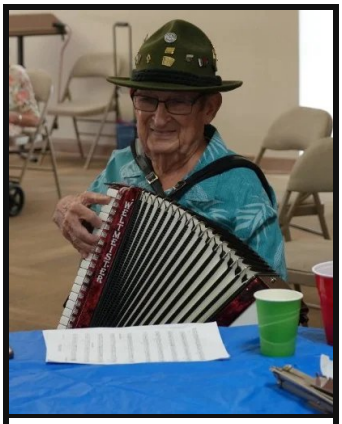
Meetup Info for Sunday, November 8, 2026 — 3:30 PM

JOIN US TO LISTEN AND PLAY AT THE

CHRISTMAS JAM REHEARSAL

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

HERE'S THE WORD FROM DICK ALBRESKI!



Dick Albreski

The Oklahoma Accordion Club (OAC) will have a special meeting on **November 8th, 2026**. Make sure you list this meeting as what you must do! First if you look thru this Newsletter, you will find a picture of a like new accordion case that will be raffled off at the **December meeting**. It will fit a **120-bass** accordion and of course a smaller accordion. It has the draw bar and wheels. Bidding will start at **$55**. Next at this same meeting we will rehearse the **Christmas Jam** tunes for the December meeting. If you haven't ever played with a group, now is your chance. The last group rehearsal was successful and so will this forthcoming rehearsal. The music is simple and easy and will be available to all. Just bring your accordions. Last, we must think about the December meeting in advance. Will we have the silent auction, will we donate hats, gloves, socks, and scarves for the Homeless? Will we bring added treats to share among the members? Last, we will **nominate new leaders in our club at the November meeting** and voting will happen at the December meeting. Open offices are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Livestream Tech, Historian, Librarian, and Newsletter Editor. Who do you want to lead our Club? You see, there is a lot to do, and we can't do it all without you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Boyd	November 4	**Frankie Martinez**	November 9
Myke Dixon	November 12	**Donna Dove**	November 16
Alberta Bliss	November 19	**Bria Smith**	November 27

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

A SEASON OF THANKS AND MUSIC BY MYKE DIXON

November is a time for giving thanks, gathering with family and friends, and looking ahead to the festive season. It's also a wonderful opportunity to share a little music with the people around us. Dick has provided a jam sheet with some Christmas favorites for this month's newsletter, and I'd like to encourage everyone to put those songs to good use. Whether you're playing for family around the holidays, entertaining friends, or simply enjoying a familiar tune together, the accordion has a wonderful way of bringing people closer.

This November, I'm especially thankful for the accordion. I'm thankful for the friendships it's brought into my life, the opportunities it's given me, and the comfort it's offered when I've needed it most. It's more than an instrument. It's a source of joy, connection, and companionship.

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you'll find an opportunity to pick up your accordion, share a song, and enjoy a little fellowship through music.

What's your favorite holiday memory involving the accordion? Whether it's a family gathering, a special performance, or a song that brings back fond memories, I'd love to hear about it.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season!

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MARK THOSE CALENDARS!

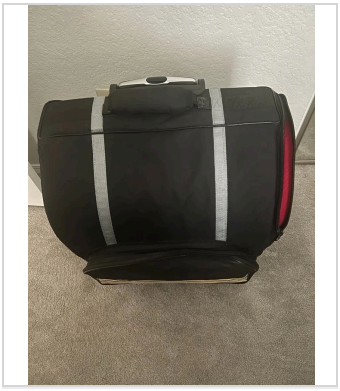
Dick Albreski

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'.

CLUB NOTICE

Raffle — accordion case



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— Dick Albreski

MEETING MINUTES

Oktoberfest meetup · Sunday, October 11, 2026

The **Oklahoma Accordion Club** met **Sunday, October 11, 2026**, for its **Oktoberfest** celebration.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dick Albreski played **"The Chicken Dance"** and **"Schützenliesl."**

Everyone then enjoyed a feast of sausages, sauerkraut, and apple strudel. While people ate, **Ron Shearon** played ambient music, and **Dick Albreski** played **"Que Sera, Sera"** and a few other songs.

Shayla Chavis-Smith played **"Old MacDonald."**

Gregory played a South African folk song.

John Warren played **"By the Sea," "When You Wish Upon a Star," "Notre Dame Fight Song," "Love Me Tender,"** and **"Beer Barrel Polka."**

A large band then performed, with **Rod Kroutil**, **Dana Kroutil**, **Denise**, **Robbie Rattan**, **John Warren**, **Myke D**, **Karen West**, and **Dick Albreski**. The band played **"Julida Polka," "Twelve Angels Waltz," "Annie Did It Wrong,"** and **"Jasiu, Jasiu."**

Dick Albreski played **"Anniversary Waltz"** for **Sarah Rattan** and **Robbie Rattan** on their 12th anniversary.

The meeting closed with the silent auction of the Monarch accordion. **Robbie Rattan** won with a bid of **$1,600**. We appreciate everyone's support.

Performers: Dick Albreski, Ron Shearon, Shayla Chavis-Smith, Gregory, John Warren, Rod Kroutil, Dana Kroutil, Denise, Robbie Rattan, Myke D, Karen West

— Myke Dixon, Acting Secretary

More photos
okaccordion.club/gallery

Christmas Jam Music No. 1
Arranged by Dick Albreski
Moderato
Hallelujah Chorus
Good King Wencelas
Joy to the World
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Andante 2nd time
fine

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