

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Happy Valentine's Day!!!



February Hybrid Meeting

Our February meeting will be held **Sunday, February 11, at 3:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church.**
It will be a "hybrid meeting," and will combine both an "in-person" meeting and a *Zoom* meeting.

If you need instructions for using *Zoom*, please call Maggie Abel,
and ask her for a trial session on using the *Zoom* meeting features.

For meeting details and instructions, see page 3.



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

This is the month we find out how truly indispensable our newsletter editor from Tulsa, Frank Gesinski, really is!



Frank has masterminded this periodical for innumerable years, and he *sagely* knows the club news inside and out! As he lives several hours away, we dispensed with the awarding of the shiny ceremonial plaque, the catered retirement dinner, also the gold watch, and simply send our greetings and thanks for being the glue that helps hold this club together!

There was no meeting in January due to catastrophically cold weather, which resulted in a lack of photos or even minutes of that nonexistent meeting! So this month we'll dig into a sampling of some guaranteed vintage club photos from the preceding 20 years of images!

Many who attend the National Accordion Association Convention in Lewisville, TX, next month, are glad we can still attend OAC's regular Sunday March 10 meeting, prior to the NAA's March 20-24 convention. If you are joining one of the NAA bands in TX, such as Dick Albreski's Fun Band, downloadable sheet music for all parts is available on the NAA website (see calendar on page 3 for links).

Come to our upcoming OAC meeting Sunday, February 11, held at 3:30 p.m. at OKC's Messiah Lutheran Church. We'll greet you with open bellows—I mean, open arms!!! ~ Maggie

Deja Vu

Dick Albreski

Years ago, one would go to the movie theatre to watch a silent film. To give action to the silent film was a piano player who would try to capture the theme of the film in music. Recently I was asked to do a similar task, which I truly enjoyed. I was asked to play French tunes at a local movie theatre while the guests were entering to view a French movie. I was the opening act. Who said music doesn't alter our lives? My French tunes played on musette reeds encouraged the attendees to look forward to the movie and hopefully appreciate it more. Someone has to do it and I was glad it was me!



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Heads up! Yours truly will again conduct the FUN BAND and YOUTH Band at the National Accordion Convention to be held at the Hilton Gardens, 785 State Highway 121, Lewisville, TX, from March 20th to the 24th, 2024. There will be significant changes to this convention. Plans are now being made to make it the best. I would strongly urge all accordionists and accordion lovers to attend this annual event. For more information download [2024NAA-Schedule.pdf](#). Wednesday evening will be a relaxed 'meet and greet' for those early folks. Thursday evening will be open mic night for those who want to perform. Friday evening is Party night and Saturday evening after the banquet will feature a professional performance. Both the FUN BAND and the Youth Band are currently scheduled to perform on Saturday March 23rd, 2024. FUN BAND in the evening. Youth Band at lunch. During the day, there will be dealer rooms for all your accordion needs and individual classroom activities. For the list of the talented performers go to National Accordion Convention 2024,

The convention is carefully planned but only your attendance can make it happen. See you there!



The ACCORDION TEACHERS GUILD (ATG) 2024 Accordion Festival will be held at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club in Kansas City Missouri from July 23 to the 27th, 2024. There will be a special Accordion World Cup event that will be held on July 26 & 27th. To compete you must be 32 years old or younger. The first prize is \$5000.00 and the 2nd prize is \$3000.00. Move to follow on this special event. The fees for attending the festival are: Single day Early bird for member is \$120.00. Non-member early bird single day is \$130.00. The full package fee for members is \$475.00 and non-members \$520.00. There are other fees to suit your attendance. The current lineup of performers includes Gorka Hermosa, ATG Festival Orchestra under the direction of Joan C. Sommers, Grayson Mansfield, Bridges & Wolak, Nicolay Bins, UMKC Community Accordion Ensemble, Mirco Patarini, Stas Venglevski and Das Kollektiv Duo. For best results go to the ATG website for the 2024 Festival information.

The AMERICAN ACCORDION ASSOCIATION data on the 2024 Festival has not released complete festival data to date. This data should follow soon.

Free Accordion Music Websites. Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music: [Todoaccordion.com](#), [Donquattrocchi.com](#), or [8notes.com/accordion](#). Try it! You'll like it! As future events happen, hopefully we will see them in advance, so you can make plans to attend. Keep checkin' here!



Hybrid Meeting Info

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live meeting in person, may still wish to experience it in Zoom (the same way they did in previous months). Choose method (1) or (2).

(1) On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with audio and video, go to:

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

OR (2) On your landline or non-smart phone, to join us by audio only, call this number:

346/248-7799. When you are asked for a meeting ID, type in 523-670-9799.

If you want to try out the system before that date, just call me at 405/201-7867, and we'll give it a test to make sure all systems are go!

Howdy, Susan!!

Meet recent member Susan Hause. She acts in plays and teaches piano. Here she is with her newly acquired accordion!





ACCORDION ODE

I have a big accordion --
Scandalli is its name.
I hug it almost every day --
More fun than any game!

Rows of buttons on the left
Can really be a riddle!
Shiny keys are on the right,
And bellows in the middle.

I take it on my knee and play
A peppy polka tune,
German waltzer, gospel song,
Or "Shine On Harvest Moon."

So if you feel a little blue
Just pick up your old friend,
And play a simple melody --
You'll soon be on the mend!

~ Lois Roth, Club Secretary
(no minutes cuz no Jan. mtg!)

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:

T.Z. Wright, February 21

Susan Hause, February 22

Bob Mansfield, February 24

Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com





**2009
OAC
Highlights**





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December 2023 Portraits



by member Myke Dixon



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300

Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

Your status (please check all that apply): Professional Teacher Repairman Student
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