

# ***SQUEEZINS***

*“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”*

**The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter**



## ***March Hybrid Meeting***

Our March meeting will be held **Sunday, March 10, 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.

**Zoom instructions are on page 3.** If you need help using Zoom, please call Maggie Abel, and ask her for a trial session on using the Zoom meeting features.



# PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Here's the last newsletter before the March 20-24 Annual Convention of the National Accordion Association. Anyone attending should return home as a changed, new, and improved accordionist! More inspired, having more penpals, bearing a different accordion from the Swap Shop, and with a satisfied tummy from all those free breakfasts, scrumptious lunches, and conversational dinners. We're downloading the free sheet music now from the NAA website to print out and take with us. We are even snagging the website's suggested songsheets (note that alliteration) for the evening jams, bringing them with us! Accordion immersion, here we come!

In the meantime, with the OAC club here at home, the beat goes on. Loyal squeezeboxers show up on the second Sunday of each month (March 10 at 3:30) to assure that newbies will have someone to meet and encourage them. There are new duets to perform, shakers on the tables so you can keep time with the performers, singalong lyrics projected on the walls, and an overhead to display your music if you are giving an educational presentation.

On February 17, four OAC members attended the Valentine Dance at Yukon Czech Hall. Milo and Lucy Shedeck, and Frank and Maggie Abel Boyd attended from OAC. Milo & Lucy first met at a Saturday Czech Hall Dance, and us Boyds married there. Milo is the handsome guy on the right on stage in the Bohemian Knights Band. Czech Hall is open each Saturday for a great dance involving not only polkas, but waltzes, rumbas, and variety dances, aka the Chicken Dance, Mexican Hat Dance, and many others. (Only five bucks!)

Every few months I get an email from some person, place, or establishment looking for willing accordionists to play for their special event! This is the time to be bold! Practice before us at the club so that you'll be ready with your pieces, to be called to play at one of these serendipitous opportunities! Other times, I hear from someone searching for an accordion teacher. Our members can post in our newsletter if you are a teacher, or have an accordion to sell, etc.

See alla y'all this Sunday 3:30 pm, March 10, at Messiah Lutheran!



Maggie Abel  
Prez



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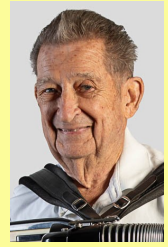
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# Mark Your Calendars

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 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be significant changes to this convention. Check the website for additional free banquet announcements. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be a special Accordion World Cup event that will be held on July 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. To compete you must be 32*

*years old or younger. The first prize is \$5000 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$3000. More to follow on this 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, Bridge & Wolak, Nicolay Bine, 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 has announced that it will hold its annual convention from July 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in West Conshohocken, (Philadelphia area) PA. They ask that you hold the date and visit ([www.ameraccord.com](http://www.ameraccord.com)) for news releases concerning this event. Joe Natoli will be one of the featured artists. More data to follow as released.

*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' this article.*

## Hybrid Meeting Info

Out-of-town members, or anyone who cannot attend the live 3:30 pm meeting in person, may 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, call Maggie at 405/201-7867 to give it a test-run.

## In-Person Meeting Info

Simultaneous with the Sunday, March 10th Zoom meeting, at 3:30 pm we'll be meeting in person at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Avenue and NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!), takes you into the foyer, where you'll see arrows on the wall directing you to the left hallway where you'll hear accordion music leading you to where we await you in the music room.

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come sit down with us and listen to our sweet sounds!



# February Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, February 11, 2024. The January meeting had been canceled because of inclement weather.

President Maggie Abel called us to order at 3:30 pm. There were 12 members present in person, and two members and one guest joined us on Zoom. Total attendance was 15.

We recited The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ron Shearon. We sang "America the Beautiful," accompanied by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth. Maggie introduced all the attendees.

The music began with a Valentine sing-along: "Love Makes the World Go 'Round," and "Have I Told You Lately." Anne and Lois provided the music. The duo then performed "The Song From Moulin Rouge," "La Vie En Rose," and "Only You." Anne soloed with "Under Paris Skies."

Sil Lopez sang "Quizas, Quizas, Quizas" ("Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps"), accompanied by Anne on accordion. John Warren joined in for a jam session of many old favorites, including "When The Saints Go Marching In" and "Jambalaya" for Mardi Gras. Anne and Lois played "Lucky Polka."

Ron Shearon told us some interesting facts about the hymn "Amazing Grace." Then he played the song. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 10. It will officially start at 3:30, but if you come early there will be music and visiting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

## Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC members:



*Ted Shadid, March 1*

*Ron Shearon, March 1*

*Janet Haskin, March 8*

*Becky Rickard, March 25*

*Dan Hanson, March 28*



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](mailto:accordion_karen@yahoo.com)





OAC Meetup Pix  
Feb 2024  
by Diana L. Richard







Peek into a few rooms  
during last year's

## National Accordion Association

Convention in Dallas, March 2023





## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**  
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I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the *Oklahoma Squeezins*, by:  E-mail  Conventional Mail

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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