

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

***Let’s
celebrate
LOVE
musically
this
Sunday!!!***



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

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, February 8, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there’s a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) directs you to us and our accordions!

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can’t attend the 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience some of it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. **Zoom’s musical sound quality has recently improved!** So feel free to tune us in! Here's how:

On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with both audio and video, go to

[https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)
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PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Hey, you there! You on the other side of the bellows!

Here's a request I read today online from a lady who wrote (my paraphrase), "I'm a senior accustomed to playing the piano. I would love to try playing an accordion, but need advice on what to buy."

Others had already recommended to her a variety of types of accordion, but I asked our club's founder Dick what would be good advice for this willing gal.

He said, "First, you don't buy an accordion, you rent one with the option to buy. Second, you must have professional guidance so you do not develop bad habits."

Along that line, note that Dick plays Friday and Saturday nights this weekend at Royal Bavarian Restaurant in Moore.

And we'll spend time with Dick during the Ides of March at the National Accordion Conference in Forney (Dallas area), Texas.

We're on the right track. Let's enjoy our progress! Plan to "Stick with Dick!"

We said "Aloha" to Hawaii at the last meeting. This week we head toward the February 8 "Love-Love-Love" themed meeting! And what can do justice to love better than a romantic song on the accordion?!!!

— Maggie

Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 PM @ Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC

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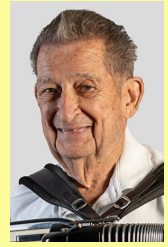
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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



NATIONAL ACCORDION CONFERENCE (not convention) will be held in Forney, Texas (21 miles east of Dallas), from March 18th to the 21st, 2026. Registrations for the TownePlace Suites are now open. Incidentally if you register now, breakfast will be included. To register go to N.A.A. website. Fee with banquet for accordionists is \$200. Your non-accordionist partner tagging along is just \$50. Reservations won't require payment until March 2026. Reservations may be canceled, and refunds are available. This year's event will mark the 40th anniversary of the National Accordion Association.

The musical journey began in 1986 and has grown to be one of the most attended, respected, and anticipated events of the accordion world. The emphasis in 2026 will be "Accordion Fun Band and Orchestra." If this tempts you, make plans to attend. The Fun Band music for 2026 has been determined and it is currently available on the website.

The Orchestra will encourage additional instruments to join in for a more diversified sound. We aim to please and have one of the best meetings ever in 2026. For more and current information go to accordions.com, the National Accordion Association website or the [OAC Newsletter](#). See you in Forney, Texas, on March 18th, 2026!

SQUEEZE PLAY is an invitation to join the SAN DIEGO Accordion Extravaganza and Band Camp from May 13th to the 16th, 2026, at the Wyndham Days Inn, San Diego, California. It is being presented by Kim and Dan Christian. There will be 3 days of intensive practice and an evening concert on Saturday, May 16th. Once registered you receive all the music plus a schedule of Zoom and video lessons even prior to the concert. Room reservations are \$119 with free parking. You can get more information by calling SqueezePlay.biz @ 719-459-2061 or go to the Squeeze Play website.

— Dick

Free Accordion Music

Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music:

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



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Report of January Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

OAC held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The theme was Hawaiian. There were 14 members and 12 guests attending.

Vice President Ron Shearon led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and we sang "America the Beautiful."

In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, grass skirts and colorful leis were provided to attendees. A banner depicting beach sandals decorated the wardrobe

table.

The singalong generated by Anne Lopez and Lois Roth included "Auld Lang Syne" and "Tiny Bubbles."

Accordion players who performed today were Anne Lopez, Lois Roth, John Warren, Maggie Abel, and Shayla Chavis-Smith.

Guest Patsy Clymer from the Will Rogers Senior Center's Hawaiian Class demonstrated and taught several accordionist ladies the Hula, while Patsy's husband John Clymer played "The Hukilau" on his ukelele. Patsy was accompanied by a number of

her classmates in tropical garb.

Ron delighted member Susan Hause by announcing her as the winner of the raffled Princetti accordion, which he put immediately into her keeping.

The snack table was handled by Karen West.

There was the inevitable jamming after the meeting!

We'll meet next on Sunday, February 8, at 3:30 PM. The theme is L-O-V-E -- that's "Love!"

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings!



T.Z. Wright Feb 21

Susan Hause Feb 22 Bob Mansfield Feb 24



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



OAC Meetup Jan. 11, 2026 Pix: Diana L. Richard



During Lois and Anne's sing-along, Frank shines their lyrics onto the wall.





OAC Meetup

Jan. 11, 2026

Pix: Diana L. Richard





NOTE:

**Attendance to Oklahoma Accordion Club
is free to our very welcome guests.**

For those who are able to do so, an annual contribution of \$20 per year helps a noble cause. Remembering to do so in January makes you a dues-paying member who is helping OAC to preserve and continue this irreplaceable instrument.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

Make checks payable to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
Mail your membership dues to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**
c/o 209 South 2nd; Bison, OK 73720

Name _____ Date _____
Street _____
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Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

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.

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| ☐ 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	
☐ Semi-Professional	☐ Associate	☐ Hobby	☐ Amateur	☐ Other

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