

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Noted Accordionists



Weird Al Yankovic



Steve Urkel



No wonder Myron Floren was so good, he had four hands!



Ginger Rogers



Stan Laurel

Meeting info

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, at the Messiah Lutheran Church, which is located at the intersection of NW Expressway and Portland Ave., just west of I-44 and Baptist Hospital, and across the street from Deaconess Hospital on Portland Ave. Festivities begin at 2:30, when the orchestra rehearsal starts. At

3:30 our meeting begins, followed by individual and group performances, and then a "jam session" follows until 5:00 or 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.



The Treasurer sez

Dick Albreski

Time flies when you are having fun. Last month many of us enjoyed the NAA meeting and, in April, we celebrated Easter. Easter is a special time for Evie and me. Our heritage taught us many unique Easter traditions that allow us to reminisce on days gone by. One of my tasks was to play traditional Polish music for friends and family. Easter being a time of joy and rebirth, the accordion is the perfect instrument. It gives us joy, and how many of you "started a musical rebirth on the accordion"?

The accordion also gives each of us many other gifts. May I share one of those with you? Recently I played for an assisted living center here in Oklahoma City. I play only happy tunes and the folks did enjoy my selections. There was clapping, some singing, and even moderate dancing. But the greater reward was the lady who was asleep in her wheel chair. For some unknown reason, my eyes began to stare at her right hand. As I played, the index finger on her right hand was keeping perfect time with my music.

She may never know that I played for her but she did enjoy the gift given to me that I could share with her. Have you "shared" lately?

Our membership renewal was rewarding. Only a few members did not return. We did however gain some new members. We sold some of the OAC music bags, and OAC member Milo Shedeck has placed an ad for the Bohemian Knights Polka Band in our newsletter. [CZECH it out.](#) The membership, the bags, the ads all add to our bottom line. At this point in time we have \$1666.60 in the checkbook and our expenses to date totaled \$28.47. Remember the next meeting is also on the first not the second Sunday of May. See you there.



Q. How do you protect a valuable instrument?

A. Hide it in an accordion case.

Q. What kind of calendar does an accordion player use for his gigs?

A. "Year-at-a-Glance."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Bill Henson

Mustang, OK

MustangBilly@cox.net

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jim Wooley

Oklahoma City, OK

jimmiewoolly@sbcglobal.net

TREASURER

Dick Albreski

7109 NW 102nd Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73162

405/721-0564

evrich@swbellnet

SECRETARY

Beth Henson

Mustang, OK

BHenson1@cox.net

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Bob Mansfield

Oklahoma City, OK

bobmansfield@cox.net

PAST PRESIDENT

Dan Orza

P. O. Box 721320

Oklahoma City, OK 73172

cell: 405/326-1124

fax: 405/722-5525

dano9731@att.net

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

8035 South Irvington

Tulsa, OK 74136-8404

918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBSITE

<http://www.OklahomaAccordionClub.com>

The Prez sez

Bill Henson

Just a reminder to those who missed our last meeting, our next meeting will also be in the first weekend in May. This is because of Mother's Day occurring on our normal meeting date.

The past few meetings have been great; those who have been there have been very positive about the performances. We have a good club with a lot of talent. Everyone is welcome to come and play their accordion.

In the future we are going to incorporate some of what we experienced when we went to Dallas to the NAA. Workshops are very educational, and I enjoy learning new things that I may not have known before. So be prepared to learn as well as be entertained at future club meetings.

Behind the scenes, you have several very dedicated members. Of course, the ones you know about are your board of directors, but there are others that help, also. Anne sends out cards to club members for anniversaries and birthdays and other occasions, Frank puts together this wonderful newsletter, and Diana is working on getting our website back into operation and up-to-date.

It really works well when people help, and it makes for a fun time for all. I appreciate all of the member participation we have had at the last meeting.

Come to this month's meeting and prepare to have a good time.



Advertisements

ACCORDIONS & KEYBOARDS

JOHN GAUNT OWNER

1248 SOUTH HIGHLAND AVE, CLEARWATER FL 33756

WE SERVICE WHAT WE SELL

EMAIL: ACCORDEON@AOL.COM

www.accordionsandkeyboards.net

Store (727) 443-4113; Home (727) 530-7007

New Used Buy Sell Trade Consign Repair Button Boxes
Portable Pianos & Organs Amplifiers Accordions

6/07

The Bohemian Knights

Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski



Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376

miloshedek@cox.net

Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates

April Meeting Minutes

Beth Henson

Minutes
Oklahoma Accordion Club
April 5, 2009

- There were 17 members and one visitor present.
- President Bill Henson recognized our visitor, John Lohmann, Roland's son.
- A Big Squeeze has been scheduled for August 9. We may change our regular meeting date to accommodate the event.
- Although our numbers were few, the music was great.
- Roland Lohmann performed "Memories of Paris" by Frank Maracco.
- Bill reported that the NAA in Texas was fun even though it rained the whole weekend.
- Our club is going to start having quarterly workshops. Bob Mansfield will present

the first one in May on bellows control and action.

- Bob Mansfield performed "Wave" (Latin).
- Jairon Baquero performed "Olive Blossoms" and "Gianina Mazurka."
- Anne Lopez performed "Blue Hawaii" and "Roman Guitar."
- Dick Albreski performed "Convoitois" (French waltz) and "Bel Viso" (Italian novelty).
- Dan Orza performed "Waltz Allegro" by Charles Magnante.
- Both Bill and Dan have keys to the church now, so there should be no more delays in starting the meeting due to someone running late.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Henson





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone (____) _____ Birthday (mm/dd) ____/____/____ (optional)

Newsletter

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the Oklahoma Squeezins, by:

- ☐ E-mail at address (above) or at _____
- ☐ Conventional post (snail mail)

Membership Dues

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

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.
- ☐ Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.
- ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
- ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

- ☐ Professional ☐ Semi-Professional ☐ Amateur ☐ Student
- ☐ Associate ☐ Hobby ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman/Repairwoman
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

Make checks payable to: Oklahoma Accordion Club

Mail your membership dues TODAY to:

Oklahoma Accordion Club
c/o 7109 NW 102nd Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

WATKINS
TRADE MARK
SINCE 1868

Gourmet Ingredients
Natural-Based Remedies & Supplements
Natural-Based Home &
Personal Care Products

SINCE 1868

Roland R. Lohmann
"The Watkins Man"
OAC Member

405-307-0688
1-877-336-3106
www.watkinsonline.com/lohmann

J.R. Watkins started a lasting tradition when he introduced the world's first money-back guarantee, which we still honor on every product we sell.

10/07

 **JUST ACCORDIONS**
Sales • Repairs • Instruction
Dick Albreski
(405) 721-0564
7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162
juaccord@hotmail.com

7-07

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL