

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



***May Day
has come,
a time for
delight
and a
sweeter
union
with your
accordion!***

Meetup Info for Sunday, May 11, 2025 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, May 11, 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 live 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. Zoom's musical sound quality is nothing to write home about, but feel free to tune us in anyway!

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

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



PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Greetings, Squeezeboxers!

Birds singing, Bells ringing, and Bellows swinging! Looking forward to a seminal month of music-making with our accordion friends...

Alert 1: Later this month you'll be gettin' an invite to the **JUNE 8th PIZZA PARTY**, an annual funfest we've enjoyed for years. Members choose from **four kinds of pizza**: Supreme, Pepperoni, Cheese, and Veggie, and each paid member may invite a friend to share the frivolity. You may jump the gun by contacting Karen (contact info in right column) to let her know your pizza preference now.

Alert 2: Our upcoming meeting — **SUNDAY, MAY 11th** — features a **SILENT ACCORDION AUCTION!** See deets on pg. 7!

Love hearing stories about how members first learned of the joys of accordionism! Shirley Hammack and her musically-inclined family (pics at right) travel from Duncan, OK, to OAC meetups. Seeing the clipping of her accomplishments as a child, we applaud her return to those golden days! ~ **Maggie**



Shirley, Wilbur, and Mark Hammack

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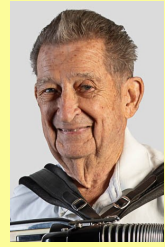
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Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday, May 11 at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski



GUESS WHAT? They say, "Money is the root of all evil." I can't believe that! Money keeps our Accordion Club going. Our Accordion Club is not evil! In fact, Thanks to you all, it is beautiful! Now the GUESS WHAT? It is time to renew your membership for 2025. We need each and every one of you to continue to support the accordion. Please don't let us down. The individual fee for one year is only \$20 and a lifetime is only at the moderate total of \$300. Better yet, do you have or know of any potential new members? We need them too! PS: Have you paid this year's dues?

ALBUQUERQUE ACCORDION EXTRAVAGANZA and BAND CAMP is scheduled from May 14th through 18th, 2025 at the Hyatt Place Albuquerque Airport in Albuquerque, NM. There are special room rates for those who attend, and you can also pick your desired dates. This event will host Zoom meetings prior to the event that will help you to play the required music. You must register prior to the meeting to obtain both the Zoom meetings schedule and music. Registration is open until March 15th, 2025. This event will cost \$269 per person. For all registrations and additional information please go to kdcstudios@gmail.com.

AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION (AAA) Festival to be held July 11th to the 13th, 2025 in Conshohocken (Philadelphia area), PA. The event features Concerts, Workshops, Competitions, Orchestras, Exhibits, Food Functions, and Guest Artists. Watch this article or ameraccord.com for more hotel discounts and other Festival announcements.

ACCORDIONISTS & TEACHERS GUILD (ATG) 83rd FESTIVAL to be held on July 16th to the 20th, 2025 in Lisle, IL, featuring: Radu Ratoi, Bridge & Wolak, Duo TWO accordions, Peter Soave & String Quintet, UMKC Community Accordion Ensemble, Festival Member Orchestra conducted by Joan Sommers, Workshops, Master classes, Competitions, Luncheons and a Dinner Banquet.

For more information watch this article or visit: atgaccordions.com

A Future Venture: The National Accordion Association is currently revamping its convention protocol to be more in tune with today's requirements. The recent convention held in March 2025 was a success but also showed conventions must change. Stay tuned to this column as new information is released on the future events!

~ Dick

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

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



Report of April Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held its monthly meeting on Sunday, April 13, 2025. Early arrivals were treated to projected videos of professional performers at the 2025 National Accordion Association convention.

At 3:30 President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. There were fifteen members and three guests present. We recited The Pledge of Allegiance and sang a verse of "America The Beautiful."

Anne Lopez began the music with the lively "Alabama Jubilee." Anne and Lois (Roth) performed an old favorite, "When It's Springtime in the Rockies," first as a waltz and then a polka. Anne soloed with "Paris Skies."

A newer club member from Duncan, OK, Shirley Hammack said that as a child she was in an accordion contest. Out of 65 entries, ten-year-old Shirley won third place in her division! (Photo on page 1.)

The music continued as Aeden Keeley, a student of Dick Albreski, played two solos: "Edelweiss" and "Blowin' in the Wind."

Stillwater member Janet Haskin played a hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life." She followed with two polkas: "Barbara" and "Pennsylvania."

Dick played the traditional "Easter Parade" by Irving Berlin. Then he performed "Tico Tico," "Tick-Tock Polka," and "Peg O' My Heart."

Dick re-explained his unique way of alternating basses: "Instead of the fifth note on the scale, I alternate with the sixth note. For example I use A instead of G when playing C basses."

Karen West performed Pat Boone's famous hit song, "April Love."

Then it was sing-along time. Anne and Lois provided the music for "April Showers" and "Easter Parade." Frank Boyd projected the lyrics onto the wall so all could join in.

Next came dance time. Anne played "La Rosita" while Maggie and Frank demonstrated two styles of dancing the Tango — American and Argentine.

Anne and Lois played "The Old Rugged Cross."

John Warren joined the ladies for some jamming. The trio played "Just Because," "Has Anybody Seen My Gal?" and more.

The meeting was adjourned, but while the clean-up group worked, Anne and Lois played requests from the audience: "Bicycle Built For Two," "Red River Valley," "Moonlight Bay," and others.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 11, starting at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

HAPPY
WORLD
ACCORDION DAY



Birthday Greetings to Members!



Rusty Dolton May 2
Sharon Bish May 16



*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
Apr. 13, 2025
 Pix: Diana L. Richard





One of our performing youth, Aaden Keeley, visited Petosa Accordion Co. near Seattle with his family in April. There he tried on a few beautiful Petosas for size!



**OAC Meetup
April 13, 2025**
Pix: Maggie Abel



SILENT AUCTION

at May 11 Meetup
for
Monarch
Accoustical Accordion
with Midivox III



Through a generous donation from an Oklahoma Accordion Club member, we received an amazing accordion to be used to benefit our youth program. This instrument will be on display at our meeting this Sunday, May 11. Silent auction will begin before our 3:30 PM meeting, and bids will be evaluated at the meeting's close. Proceeds will go toward financially support for the needs of our youth players.



Dick Albreski reports that this Monarch Midivox III features 11 treble shifts and 6 bass shifts which allow both dry and wet tuning, treble reeds, and an easy-to-use midi system that can provide up to 128 sounds. Included are all necessary components (less an amplifier) to complete the midi operation. Included are:

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|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Midivox power supply | Swell pedal | Pedalboard containing 4 Footswitches |
| Ketron Sound Module | All cables necessary to complete the MIDI interface | |
| Accordion Manual | Carrying case with wheels for the accordion | |



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 _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____
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.

- ☐ 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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