

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

***Join us to
listen and play
at the best
MOTHERS
DAY MEETUP
Oklahoma
Accordion Club
ever had!***



Meetup Info for Sunday, May 10, 2026 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, May 10, 2026, 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 come as you are to sit down with us to drink in the familiar 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. **I'm told 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://
us02web.zoom.us/
j/5236709799](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)**



PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

HAPPY WORLD ACCORDION DAY



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VP Ron and I invite you to this Sunday's Mother's Day Accordion Meeting on May 10 at 3:30 PM ! It'll be hard to top last month's pizza meeting but we're gonna try! Recent guests have been dropping in and we hope you'll be there to help greet them! There are more people playing or thinking about playing accordion than you realize. Also if you have an accordion to sell or trade, bring it let a few peeps demonstrate it, or maybe trade it up for something more your speed or your desired heft! Heck, bring all your accordions—and all your friends! Oh yeah, and a snack is okay too! That's all, folks!

~ Mag & Ron



Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday,
May 10 at 3:30 PM @ Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC

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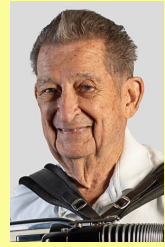
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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



Friends, it is now officially World Accordion Day! Only our love and dedication for the accordion will allow it to continue. My challenge for you is to keep it going! Keep on SQUEEZIN!!!!

SQUEEZE PLAY is an invitation to join the Dan Diego Accordion Extravaganza & 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 will receive all the music plus a Zoom schedule and video lessons prior to the meeting. Room reservations with free parking cost \$119. Registration for the event is now closed but I believe if you should contact Kim and Dan at 719-459-2061 you still could attend.

HEADS UP! Great Ideas Symposium 5 for Digital accordions will be held on June 21-24, 2026, at the Grand Resort in Warren, OH. This will be a live symposium event on the Kong Fist Supreme, Roland FR-4X and the FR-8X, and the Bugari Evo. Paid members cost will be \$650, Non-members \$695, and Spouse or plus 1 \$395. There will be workshops, concerts, and jams. To register to attend both the event and lodgings, go the website gr8ideas.org.

The ATG (Accordion Teachers Guild) will hold its 84th Annual Festival in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park Hotel from July 8th to the 12th, 2026. This event will host many terrific accordionists plus concerts, competitions, jamming, and all-around accordion fun. Joey Miskulin is also known as the CowPolka King. He started playing at the age of 13 with the Franki Yankovic polka band. I truly believe he is one of the best technicians in the accordion world. The ATG will also introduce ClubATG. This will be an open-mic cabaret style show to give all the festival attendees a chance to perform. It will start after each concert back at the hotel and include a cash bar. More information to follow on the Festival in the next Newsletter. Mark Your Calendars for July 8th to the 12th, 2026.

The American Accordion Association (AAA) will hold its annual convention on August 13-16th, 2026, at the Marriott Philadelphia West, in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. This event will include various educational and entertaining events plus foster camaraderie among accordion enthusiasts. For updates and registration, visit the American Accordionists Association festival page. More to follow in the next Newsletter. Mark Your Calendars!

~ 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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Look Back at April's Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held a meeting on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Twenty members and two guests attended.

It was our annual Pizza Party. Before the music program started we enjoyed delicious pizza from Hide Away.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "America The Beautiful."

Tom Phillips said a prayer before we ate.

Seven accordion players performed: Anne Lopez, Lois Roth, Ron Shearon, Shayla Chavis-Smith, Wayne Turgeon, Robbie Rattan, and John Warren.

Robbie, a new club member, plays a variety of instruments, and has played

with the Oklahoma Symphonic Band. He played two German songs for us.

Meeting was adjourned, and then Lois played a few more songs while the clean-up workers did their job.

We will meet again on Sunday, May 10. The theme is Mother's Day or whatever anyone wants to play for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

**Attendance at Oklahoma Accordion Club
is always free to our very welcome guests!**

If you are able, optional club dues
(\$20 per year—and just \$10 for family members) do
help our noble cause. Dues-paying members assist OAC
to preserve and promote this irreplaceable instrument:
long may it continue! ~ Prez Maggie

Accordion Birthday Greetings!



Rusty Dolton May 2
Sharon Bish May 16



*Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you've 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

April 12, 2026

Pix: Diana L. Richard





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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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