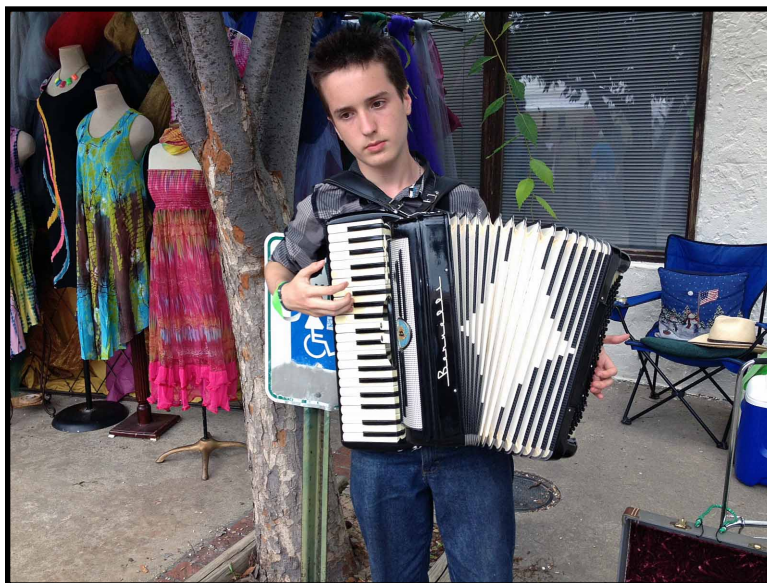


SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Timothy Granger



OAC Youth member Timothy Granger, one of Dick's students shown playing at the *Paseo Arts Festival*.

• Photo by Linda Merriweather.

June Meeting

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 pm	Individual and Group Performances
5:00 pm	Jam Session

The November meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9, at 3:00 pm**. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

Enter the parking lot from Portland and use the south church entrance.

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.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a Jam Session using the music on page 4 if this newsletter. All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

As I started to write this article, my mood was not the best. The Moore tornado kept coming to mind, rather than some accordion information. Why can't I think beyond this tragedy? Then it came to me. I wasn't supposed to forget it, but do something to help it. Music can console the savage beast. Nothing could be more savage than what we have witnessed in the past several months, weeks, and days, here in our great country. GOD has a reason, and we can only pray that HE will resolve our problems, and future tragedies will be prevented. Perhaps one of the most fitting tunes we can play at this time is GOD BLESS AMERICA. It's here elsewhere in this newsletter, for your convenience. Play it with pride, and pray the LORD will listen and approve.

Don't forget our new project. The Oklahoma Accordion Club will perform a free concert at the Norman Depot, 200 South Jones Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma, on Sunday, August 11, 2013, starting at 2:30 pm. Our theme will be "Music from Around the World." All OAC members are encouraged to perform. We need soloists, duets, and trios. Any combination of performers is welcome. Horns, strings, and percussion are also welcome to join in. Let's make this a great concert. We do know the OAC Orchestra under the direction of Dan Orza will perform, plus the OAC Youth will also perform. OAC member Lucas Ross from Channel 4 has agreed to emcee the concert. There will be a lot more exciting news in the coming OAC newsletters.

The accordion has given us many great friends. One in particular is Tony Lovello. Tony had a triple by-pass procedure on May 21, 2013. This will only make him play more and stronger. The Liberate of the Accordion will continue to delight his audiences. If you would like to send a get well card, Tony's address is: **TONY LOVELLO, 203 Baywood Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356.**

Don't forget the next meeting on June 9, 2013. It's a very important meeting.



• What's the difference between an onion and an accordion?
No one cries when you chop up an accordion.

• What's one thing you never hear people say?

Oh, that's the accordion player's Porsche.

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The Treasurer Sez

Milo Shedeck

Hello everyone.

We were glad to see Bob and Lou Mansfield at the *Royal Bavarian Restaurant*, when *The Bohemian Knights* played in the Beer Garden. We finished just before the storm blew in. Dick Albreski performed superbly, and several of his students attended the opening of the outside beer garden.

Happy Birthday to OAC member C. L. Woody, whose birthday is in June.

We have five more members paid in full, making the total 38, plus six students, two lifetime,

and leaving only about ten members past due. I will be publishing a list of those past-due members next month, so please renew before then.

Please consider a lifetime membership. It would be a great legacy in your name.

We have a balance of \$650 in the treasury, and expect some income from Dan Orza and the Accordionaires playing for big money.

See you all at the next meeting.

• Milo



Important OAC Concert

Dick Albreski

On August 11, there will be a free concert by the Oklahoma Accordion Club at the Norman Depot, 200 South Jones Ave., in Norman, Oklahoma, starting at 2:30 pm. This is a very "special" concert because all OAC members are urged to perform.

We have two months to prepare, June and July. Please let us know ASAP if we can depend on you to perform. We need soloists, duets, and trios.

The OAC orchestra, under the direction of Dan Orza, will perform, along with our Youth members.

If you would like to be part of the Orchestra, please contact Dan Orza direct at 405/326-1124.

OAC member Lucas Ross (you can see Lucas every morning on local channels 4 and 43) has agreed to emcee the concert. If you would like to perform with a partner or group, but don't know who, contact me and I will be the matchmaker.

This is the time for the OAC to show their talent. We need you!

• Dick



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May Board Meeting

Maggie Abel

Board Meeting Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club May 12, 2013

- Member Carolyn Felder moved to Utah.
- The August meeting, entitled "Music From Around the World," will take place as a free concert on the second Sunday, August 11, at the *Norman Train Depot Performance Center*. Lucas Ross of Channel 4 will emcee, and Bob Montgomery will chair the event. There will be French, German, Polynesian, Russian, and Scandinavian music, among others. Peppy music is preferred. Performers are encouraged to get on and off stage quickly. Parents will take care of the sheet music as their children set up.
- Dick said six OAC Youth -- Timothy Granger, Job

and Isaac Elliott, and the three Smith sisters (Maddie, Bria, and Becca) -- are expected to take part.

- Bob encouraged August players to either memorize their pieces or play them tight. Club members are invited to play either solos or duets with other members. All instruments and voices are encouraged to join in.
- The September meeting will boast brats, German food, and German music. Nick Bratkovich will be asked to perform at either the OAC October or November meeting.
- The December Christmas party will again collect gloves, socks, hats, and scarves for the homeless.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Abel



"A new study found that women think men holding a guitar are more attractive, even if they're not playing it. In a related story, guys with an accordion will die alone."

• Jimmy Fallon

Accordioneers at NAMI



Saturday, May 18, *The Accordioneers* entertained over 2,500 walkers at *Stars and Stripes Park* for the annual NAMI Walk, the fundraiser for the *National Alliance on Mental Illness* in Oklahoma. This is the third year for them to entertain the appreciative walkers, who cheered and



Standing, left to right: Dan Orza, Karen West, John Buchanan, Lois Roth, and Maggie Abel

clapped to military tunes as they passed. The awesome group received special thanks from Jackie Mashore for being the highlight of the event, and for being honorary members of the green-shirted P.A.W.S. walk team.



Bohemian Knights at Kolache Festival in Prague



Mark Your Calendars

June 8, 2013: the West Texas Association Squeeze-Off will be held at the West VFW Hall, Post 4819, 716 Reagan Street, West, Texas (Exit 351 on I-35, then east on 1858) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Activities will include all-day OPEN MIKE (solo-duo-group-etc.). No admission fee, but donations welcomed. FREE FOOD AND DRINKS, plus a SWAP SHOP for accordions and electronics.

July 17-20, 2013: the Accordion Teachers Guild will hold their Accordion Festival at the Hyatt Lisle in Lisle, Illinois. There will be concerts by some of the world's greatest accordionists, workshops, master classes, and performances by the ATG Festival Orchestra. For more information, please go to the ATG website.

August 11, 2013: the Oklahoma Accordion Club will perform a free accordion concert at the Norman Depot, 200 South Jones, Norman Oklahoma, starting at 2:30 pm. Make plans to enjoy the best accordion music in this part of the country.

August 14-18, 2013: the American Accordion Association will hold its 75th Anniversary Celebration at the New Yorker Hotel, in New York City. There will be competitions for all ages, exhibits, and concerts by accordionists from all over the world. For more information, please go to the AAA website.

play with pride

GOD BLESS AMERICA

The musical score for "God Bless America" is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo/style marking is "play with pride". The score consists of seven systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above notes and 7 below notes. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). Articulation marks include accents and slurs. Chord symbols in boxes are used: [B] at measure 11, [C] at measure 23, and [D] at measure 31. The piece concludes with a "fine" marking at the end of the final system.

4 *mf* M 7 2 1

7 4 1 3 1 3

13 [B] 4 1 3

19 2 1 2

25 [C] 5 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 1

31 [D] 5 3 2 1 2 1 4

37 1. 2 fine



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