

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

2026 ATG SPRING RECITAL

Support our ATG student and teacher members by watching the virtual 2026 Spring Recital

JUNE 14TH AT 2:00 PM CT
ON ZOOM



ARRIVE EARLY—at 2 PM

instead of waiting till

3:30—if you want to also

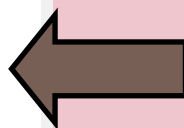
watch with us the LIVE

BROADCAST of the

Accordion Teachers Guild's

Spring Recital from

Salt Lake City!



Meetup Info for Sunday, June 14, 2026 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, June 14, 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! Questions? 405-201-7867

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

Maggie Abel

If you are able to, this Sunday, June 14, **come early (2 PM)** to watch LIVE the Accordion Teachers Guild's Spring accordion recital. Adults and children will be performing via Zoom, and Frank will shine their smiling faces and talented sound on our big projector wall for all to enjoy! It'll be a great kickoff for our regular 3:30 meetup.

There are more people playing or thinking about playing accordion than you realize! If you have an accordion to sell or trade, bring it to 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 bringing a snack is okay too! That's all, folks!!

~ Maggie

Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is
Sunday, June 14 at 3:30 PM
@ Messiah Lutheran Church, 3600 NW Expressway, OKC

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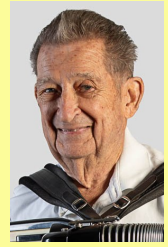
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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



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 Korg Supreme, Roland 4X and 8X, plus the Bugari Evo accordions. Paid members cost will be \$650, non-members \$695 and spouse or plus 1 \$395. There'll be workshops, concerts, and Jams. To register to attend both the event and lodgings, go to the website gr8ideas.otg.

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, Radu Ratol, and Stas Venglevski are the headliners with JoAnn Sommers conducting the ATG orchestra. Joey Miskulin is also known as the CowPolka King. He started playing at the age of 13 with the Frankie 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 back at the hotel and include a cash bar. For more information go to atgaccordions.com.

The American Accordion Association (AAA) holds its annual festival August 13th to the 16th, 2026, at the Marriott Philadelphia West in Conshohocken, PA. This event includes various educational and entertaining events plus foster camaraderie among accordion enthusiasts. The AAA planning committee is currently preparing a unique program to satisfy the accordion world. Some guests, artists, conductors, and presenters are Cody McSherry, Don Gerundo, Emmanuel Trfilio Trio, Frank Busso Jr. Trio, Frank Busso Sr., Guenadly Lazarov, Joe Natoli, Nathan Chaperton, Peter Peluso, Peter Stan, Ray Oreggia, and the Accordion Pops Orchestra under direction of Al Terzo. (The Accordion Pops Orchestra was started in 1970 by the Accordion Teachers Guild of New Jersey.) For updates and registration, visit American Accordionists Association festival page at www.ameraccord.com.

HEADS UP!!! The next National Accordion Association Convention will be held from March 17th to the 21st, 2027, but not in Forney Texas, the site of the last event. This next event will feature accordion bands and will be for all accordion enthusiasts, acoustic and digital, beginners and professionals. More to follow including the place in the next newsletter. **Mark your calendars for this one.**

Free Accordion Music

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

- [**Donquattrocchi.com**](http://Donquattrocchi.com)
 - [**8notes.com/accordion**](http://8notes.com/accordion)
- Try em! You'll like em!

As future events happen, plan for them in advance by checkin' this Newsletter! — **Dick**



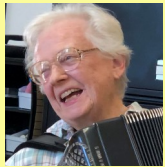
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Look Back at the May Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met on Sunday, May 8 for its Mothers Day gathering. Thirteen members and three guests were present. President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. We recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accordion performers were **Dick Albreski, Irene Bookbinder (from Tulsa), Tom Phillips, Chris Martys, Shayla Chavis-Smith, John Warren, and Robbie Rattan.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 14. There will be music, snacks, and fun. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted.

Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Maggie Abel, OAC President

**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!



John Warren, Sr. June 29

Lauren Disabella June 30



*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

May 10, 2026

Pix: Maggie Abel





**OAC Meetup
May 10, 2026**





LUV IRENE'S NEW PURPLE ACCORDION!



**OAC Meetup
May 10, 2026**
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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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