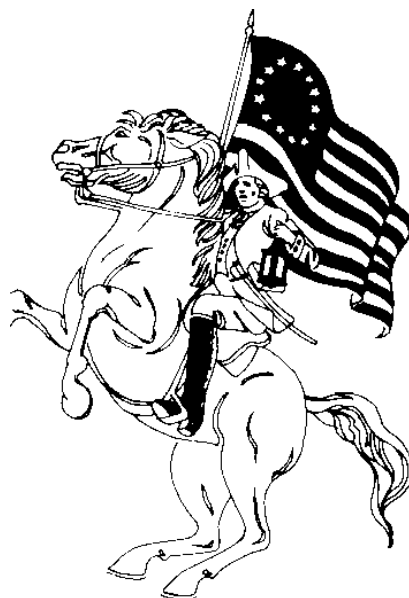
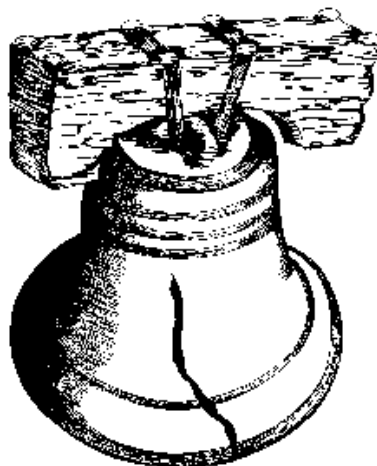


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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Independence Day



July Meeting

The July meeting will be held on Sunday, July 10. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 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. 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.

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Agenda for Sunday, July 10, 2011

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Board Meeting
3:30 pm	General Membership Meeting



The Treasurer Sez

Evie Albreski

Here's a little accordion trivia from someone outside of the bellows. How many fingers does an accordionist frequently use on the bass keyboard. If you said two -- that's wrong. If you said three -- that's wrong. If you said four -- that's wrong. A true accordionist uses all five fingers on their left hand. The thumb operates the air button.

July is a busy accordion month. The American Accordion Association (AAA) will be holding their 2011 Festival on July 13-17, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina at the Sheraton at Charleston Airport. For more information, go to www.ameraccord.com. The American Teachers Guild (ATG) will also have their 71st Annual Festival in Orlando, Florida on July 27-31, 2011 at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel. This year they will feature two unique guest orchestras: The Polyphonia Orchestra from Reunion Islands, conducted by Peter Varo, and the Brian Laurie Accordion Showband from Scotland. You have to go the ATG website, <http://www.accordions.com/atg>, and check out this festival.

If you want a cool accordion event later in the fall, travel to Orlando and be part of the accordion SMASH to be held on November 11-13, 2011. Everyone gets a chance to play plus listen to some great accordion talent. Their website is presently being updated with current data for this annual event.

It's HOT, HOT, HOT. That means we have to be extra careful with our accordions. Watch where your accordion is sitting and where the sun is coming through (Dick made me put this in).

I am very pleased to say that the OAC has reached the highest number of members since the start of our club. At this point in time, we show 68 members. Thanks to each of you for your continuing support of our club and the accordion. Speaking about support, we currently have \$435.49 in the cookie jar.

The June meeting had some pleasant surprises. Hannah and Clem Braden entertained us with accordion and mandolin duets. Barbara Duer on banjo and Dick on the accordion played some toe tappers as well. You know, there could be some fun things happening at the July meeting. Let's find out together. See you on July 10 at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Be early so you can get a good seat.

Evie



"The tests are back and they show what caused those bruises on your stomach."

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June Meeting

Lois Roth

Oklahoma Accordion Club

June 12, 2011

Vice President Phil Scibelli called the meeting to order. There were thirteen members and seven guests present. Guests and members were welcomed.

This was an "all music" meeting with many fine performances:

- Hannah Braden (accordion) and Clem Braden (mandolin) started us off with "The Irish Washer Woman" and "Fisher's Hornpipe." Then Hannah played her own arrangement of "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin.



- Dick Albreski (accordion) and Barbara Duer (banjo) had toes tapping with "Chinatown" and "Alabama Jubilee."



- Dick followed with a "Vagabond Medley" of many different types of songs.



- Janet Haskin, Karen West, and Lois Roth played "In The Good Old Summertime," "Cielito Lindo," and "Love Makes The World Go Round."



- Phil Scibelli treated us to "Neapolitan Girl," "Sparkling," and "El Rancho Grande."



- Janet Haskin played several songs, including "Amazing Grace" and "The Tulsa Lumpenball Polka" by our own Dick Albreski.



- The meeting ended with Anne Lopez performing an accordion medley. Barbara Duer joined in with her banjo on "Harbor Lights" and several other songs.



The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 10, with a patriotic theme.



Bio Sign

This month our victim is Diana Richard. Diana was born and raised in Carlsbad, New Mexico, but has lived in Oklahoma for 25 years. So, she considers herself an Okie and has finally begun to understand the native language, thanks to years of language coaching by her husband.

In case you didn't know it, our own 2011 club secretary, Lois Roth, is Diana's Mom. Diana is her Mom's roadie, and takes her to any gigs where the OAC Orchestra plays. Diana's Okie language teacher and standby roadie is David Richard. Diana and David have one son, Bryan, who lives in Orlando, Florida (did he have to learn Floridian?).

Accordion to Diana, although she does not play the accordion, she does play the radio, both AM and FM. She has been an involuntary-recruit accordion-enthusiast since Lois bought an accordion one day on a trip to El Paso. At the time, Diana thought that her Mom was crazy! Diana says she does enjoy polkas, waltzes, and beer, so September and October are her favorite accordion months.



Besides being really active in the OAC, Diana enjoys reading, SCUBA diving, and computer programming.

Diana also wanted us to know that when she was young, she would watch her great-uncle Elmer play the concertina at family reunions. He would sometimes grimace and growl when he thought he hit an "off" note (only while practicing, never while performing). She wondered why anyone would want to play an instrument that upset them. Diana says this to remind you accordionists to always smile while you're playing, whether it's "on" or "off" notes -- it all sounds great to her!

Diana and her Mom, Lois, joined the club four years ago, and have been very active in it ever since. Our meetings are their major mother/daughter outing each month. Diana is the club's historian/librarian and webmaster. She has put a lot of effort and time into updating and maintaining our website. The next time you see her, thank her for all her hard work and time spent in these efforts.



What do a true music lover and an accordionist have in common?

Absolutely nothing.

What do you call an accordion player with half a brain?

Gifted.

Website News

Diana Richard

It was decided at last month's OAC board meeting to offer members the opportunity to have their name and contact phone number published on our website, if they so desire. This way, outsiders who view the webpage can contact our members directly, and since it's just a phone number, the members shouldn't get spammed.

There will be three categories of listings: Lessons, Repair, and Performers. If a member is interested in being listed on the website, send the information through the contact form on the

website at <http://www.okaccordions.com/OACcontact.html>, or give it to Diana Richard at one of the meetings. Provide city and state information and performing specialty, if applicable. Since the web audience is wider than the newsletter audience, this additional information is important.

We do get a fair number of contacts through our website, and this is intended to provide a more direct line of communication between listed club members and members of the accordion-enthusiast public.



Accordions Around Town

We are trying to track and announce when and where any of our members is playing, or any other accordionist is playing. We rely on you, our members, to give us this information. Once you e-mail us the info, Diana Richard will publish it on our website, and we will also publish it in the Squeezins.

However, after our initial submissions, **we have received no response from you members.** If you wish to continue this feature you need to support it. Please send us your submissions by the end of the month.

We will need as much of the following information as you can give us:

1. Date(s) and Time(s)
2. Who is playing the accordion
3. What is the event/kind of event
4. Where is it taking place
5. Admission fee
6. Phone number for more info.

If you do know of any of our members playing somewhere, or of other accordionists entertaining somewhere in our area, please send the information to:

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

Date(s)	Saturday, July 7, 2011	Saturdays, July 7 & 28, 2011	Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22, 2011
Time	2:00 to 4:00 pm	8:00 to 11:30 pm	Not Available
Performer(s)	Bohemian Knights, including OAC's Dick Albreski	Bohemian Knights, including OAC's Dick Albreski	Bohemian Knights, including OAC's Dick Albreski
Event	Prague Kolache Festival	Dance	N/A
Location	Prague, Oklahoma	Yukon Czech Hall 205 N. Czech Hall Road Yukon, OK 73085.	Royal Bavarian Restaurant 3401 S Sooner Rd Moore, OK 73165
Admission Fee	Not Available	\$5.00	None
For more information	405/721-0564	405/324-8073	405/799-7666



It's Time to Plan

Dick Albreski

In less than 70 days the National Accordion Association's 24th Annual Convention and Trade Show will start in Dallas, Texas. The convention will run from March 10-12, 2011 at the Westin Park Central Hotel in Dallas. This year's preplanning gossip indicates that this will be one of the best meetings ever. Our OAC Youth will again perform at this meeting. There will be a lot more information to follow. Mark your calendar today!

The American Accordionists Association (AAA) will host its annual Festival from July 13-17, 2011 at the Charleston Airport Sheraton in Charleston, South Carolina. The AAA is very student-oriented, and they will bring some of the best young and not-so-young accordionists together for a truly memorable accordion experience. I give this show a 10 and urge you to put it on your things to do. More data on this meeting will follow.



The Candy Man



OAC member and newsletter sponsor Roland Lohman is now the “Candy Man of Norman, Oklahoma.” He had his grand opening on July 1. Above is a photo of Roland, his son John, and Dick Albreski who did some strolling for the many guests in attendance.



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- ☐ 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.

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