

SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Septemberfest

Dick Albreski

We can't forget that in three months it will be *Septemberfest* at the OAC. It will be held September 13, 2015 at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* located at the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City. This annual event preludes the spirit of the German *Oktoberfest* celebrations that are held all over the world. Accordionists are a very important part of the *Oktoberfest* parties, so it is only natural that the OAC celebrates as well.

We start the festivities with German music and German food in a Bavarian setting. On the plate for German music, you will enjoy the "Beer Barrel Polka," the "Liechtensteiner Polka," and the "Schnee Valzer," plus many more traditional German tunes.

On the culinary plate, you will enjoy brats or hotdogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage salad, rolls, and apple kuchen. Soft



drinks will also be provided. This German feast will be served at 4:00 pm.

All OAC members are encouraged to attend, and each member can bring one guest. This event is not open to the public. This is our only **CLOSED MEETING** of the year. Reservations are a must for each

member and guest. WHY? We must know who will attend so we can prepare the required amount of food.

Now the rest is up to you. The only way we can make this event a success is to have you participate. That means you will start to practice your German music, and that you will make the necessary reservation. Please contact Barbara Duer at 405/721-9657, or e-mail Barbara at bduer@sbcglobal.net to make your reservation.



July Meeting

The July meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12, at 3:30 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The church is located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

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.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Barbara Duer

Members of the concert committee are moving forward with advertising and details for the concert. So far, everything is going as planned. We have 23 solos/duets/groups that will be playing. This is wonderful to have so much participation. We have a great club. Because the concert is only two hours long, we must ask each soloist or group to limit playing time to five minutes.

I am currently working on three pieces by Frosini: "Autumn Breezes" (easy), "Florette" (hard), and "Rag in D Minor" (not so hard). Frosini's music is very interesting and challenging. He definitely has his own style, the music doesn't go where one would expect in notation, especially the left hand. The left hand notation in "Rag in D Minor" is quite fun. So, try some Frosini if you'd like a new challenge. I can get music to you if you are interested.

I'm including the second installment of "Rustic Dance" elsewhere in this issue of *Squeezins*.

- Barbara



Q: What's the difference between an accordion and a concertina?

A: The accordion takes longer to burn.

Q: What do you call a cow that plays the accordion?

A: A moo-sician

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Dick Albreski

American Accordion Association will host their *2015 National Convention* July 8-12, 2015 at the *Holiday Inn Hotel*, Alexandria, Virginia. For more information, visit www.ameraccord.com.

Accordion Teachers Guild will have their *75th Anniversary Festival* in Lisle (Chicago), Illinois at the *Hyatt Lisle* July 22-25, 2015. Enjoy competitions, exhibits, workshops, and concerts. For more information, visit www.accordions.com/atg.

The *OAC* will hold their *Third Annual Accordion Affair* August 9, 2015 at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, Oklahoma. The concert will take place from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. All *OAC* members are encouraged to perform, plus bring family and friends. Once again, Lucas Ross from *KFOR* will show his accordion talents and emcee the program.

Cotati Accordion 25th Annual Festival will be held on August 22 and 23, 2015 in Cotati, CA. An old *OAC* friend, Ginny Mac, will be one of the many talented

accordionists. It will also feature the reunion of *Those Darn Accordions* band. For more information, visit www.cotatifest.com.

Fourth Annual OAC Septemberfest will be held on September 13, 2015 at the *Messiah Lutheran Church* from 3:30 to 5:50 pm. All members and guests are welcome. For more information, see *Squeezins*, the *OAC* newsletter, or visit the www.OKAccordions.com website.

The *Callithumpian Squeeze*, presented by Roland Lohmann and *The Good Things Confectionary* on October 18, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the *Norman Train Station*. Guest artist will be Nick Ballarini from Dallas, and our own George Secor. Also, you will hear the *Prime Squeeze Trio*, consisting of Bob Mansfield, Roland Lohmann, and Rod Murrow, plus many additional *OAC* members who will perform. For more information contact Roland Lohmann at 405/819-3521 or visit Rolandshimr@aol.com.



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June Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club June 13, 2015 Meeting

Club President Barbara Duer welcomed 28 members and three guests to the June meeting.

- Historian Karen West named a number of periodicals she successfully contacted to advertise the Club's August concert.
- Past President Dick Albreski gave a presentation of the Club's history to celebrate its fifteenth year of operation.
- Members were encouraged to play the songs today that they will play in the August concert.
- The *Accordionaires* (director Dan Orza, with Lois Roth, Karen West, Barbara Duer, and Maggie Abel), along with Annette Zongker-Smith, Mary Hojem, and Janet Haskin, played "Adios Muchachos" and "Comrades March."
- Vice President Tom Phillips played "Amazing Grace."
- The *Anfangers Band* (Tom, Wayne Turgeon, Myke Dixon, Rusty Dolton, Steven Scott, and Maggie Abel) played "Echo Waltz."
- Wayne played "Golden Slippers," Maggie played "Soldiers Joy," and Steven played "Fast Train."

- T. Z. Wright played a medley of "St. Anne's Reel," "Liberty," and "Ragtime Annie," followed by "A Matter of Policy."
- Karen played "I Think I'm Going Out of My Head," and Rusty played "Over the Waves."
- Dick played backup for Barbara as she played "Calliope Rag" and "Boum Musette."
- Bob Mansfield, Roland Lohmann, Rod Murrow, and George Secor played:
 - "Cosi Cosa"
 - "Luci e Ombre"
 - "Louisiana Blues"
 - "Free Bob Polka"
 - Medley of "Zug Farvus" and "Meine Sieben Gute Yohr"
- Bob played:
 - "Tosca Waltz"
- George played:
 - "Brahms Hungarian Dance #5"
 - "Penthouse Serenade"
 - "Fugue"
- A George and Bob duet:
 - "Gopak" by Mussorgsky

One more meeting to practice before the annual concert!

Submitted by
Maggie Abel, Secretary



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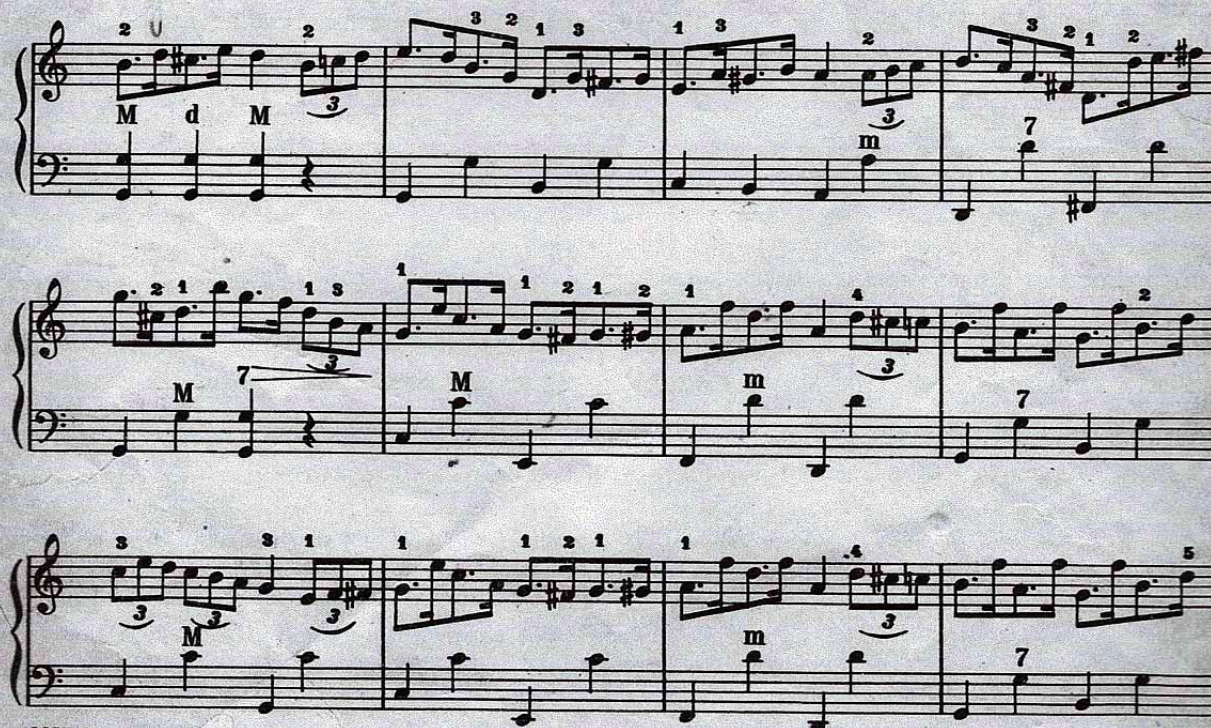
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