

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Meetup Info for Sunday, July 13, 2025 — 3:30 PM

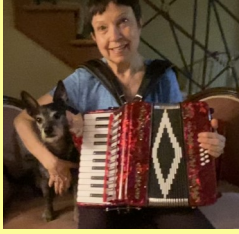
Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the 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 just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can't attend the live 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. Zoom's musical sound quality is nothing to write home about, but feel free to tune us in anyway!

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

Meet OAC's *Accordionist of the Month*

TZ Wright!

A member of Oklahoma Accordion Club for a number of years, TZ was often featured in OAC concerts at Yukon Czech Hall during OAC's booming days of yore! —>

Way long back, I discovered TZ performing at The Blue Door, which was Oklahoma City's musical home for regional bands and songwriters such as The Red Dirt Rangers and Bob Childers.

During the current week in particular, TZ can be found handling the squeezebox plus other instruments at Woodyfest. This multi-day celebration takes place in Okemah, OK, the birthplace of prolific songwriter Woody Guthrie.

I've been caught up in the throng at three of these annual events and have the t-shirts and CDs to prove it!

Over 50 musicians, speakers, and panelists will descend on the town of Okemah July 9 – 12, 2025, for the annual Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, started in 1998.

Here's the schedule of this "Oklahoma's closest thing to Woodstock" event:

<https://www.woodyfest.com/festival/schedule/>

TZ can be found on Facebook and, for when he's not on tour, we keep his chair warm for him at Oklahoma Accordion Club!

— Maggie



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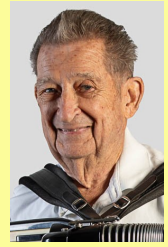
Phil Scibelli

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**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday,
July 13 at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.**

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski



AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION (AAA) Festival will be held July 11th to 13th, 2025, in Conshohocken (Philadelphia area), PA. The event will feature Concerts, Workshops, Competitions, Orchestras, Exhibits, Food Functions, and Guest Artists. Watch this article or ameraccord.com for more hotel discount codes and other festival announcements.

ACCORDIONISTS & TEACHERS GUILD (ATG) 83rd FESTIVAL will be held July 16th to 20th, 2025, in Lisle, IL, featuring: Joaquin Monoz Donoso, Bridge & Wolak, Duo TWO accordions, Peter Soave & String Quintet, UMKC Community Accordion Ensemble, Festival Member Orchestra conducted by Joan Sommers, Workshops, Master classes, Competitions, Luncheons, and a Dinner Banquet. Check with the ATG website for more hotel discount code and other festival announcements.

IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW! The National Accordion Association is currently revamping its convention

protocol to be more in tune with today's requirements. The previous convention held in March 2025 was a success but also showed conventions must change. The NAA Board is currently reviewing the 2026 program. To promote the accordion is the main goal and also allow the future meetings to be more affordable. You will see more interface with other instruments and performers as well. The time is still in March of 2026 and the place will be in Texas—not Dallas or Lewisville, but "close"! Next month you'll read all about it!

~ **Dick**

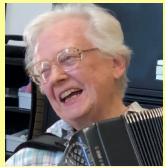


Free Accordion Music Websites

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

- Donquattrocchi.com
- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



Report of June Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club had its annual Pizza Party on Sunday, June 8, 2025. We met at the usual venue: Messiah Lutheran Church in OKC.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. There were 18 members and 16 guests present.

VP and Treasurer Ron Shearon led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Lois Roth provided the music as we sang "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Ron asked for volunteers to play in his new creation, the "Twelve Bass Accordion Band." He and Maggie provided music and instruments that had a limited number of buttons. Bob Mansfield, Maggie, Ron, and Lois joined in the impromptu performance of "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Country Gardens."

We took time out from music to gather around and enjoy several kinds of delicious pizza, whose presence was orchestrated by past VP Karen West.

Dick Albreski and Barbara Yuill performed three songs: "La Patanina," "Tratoria el Central" (composed by Dick), and "Waltz #2."

Elias Lansford, Bob's student, played a medley of "Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be?" and "The Organ Grinder." He followed with variations on "Pop Goes the Weasel," "The Old Gray Goose," and "Aura Lee."

Shirley Hammack, a recent club member from Duncan, OK, performed "Blue Tango."

Aedan Keeley played two waltzes: "Over the Waves" and "Neapolitan Nights."

Ron told us that the D/FW Accordion Club has disbanded. He cautioned that the same thing could happen to OAC.

Dick continued the music with "Volare" and "Come Back To Sorrento."

Lois played several Western favorites: "Waltz Across Texas," "Red River Valley," and "Home On The Range."

Elias concluded the afternoon of music with "Samson and Delilah," and a "kinda Russian song" he composed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lois played a number of "after-meeting songs" including "Oh Lonesome Me," "That's Amore," and "Tennessee Waltz."

A Big THANKS to Karen and her refreshments team for a successful Pizza Party!

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 13, at 3:30 PM. Join us for hot summer music!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings to Members!



Diana Richard	July 4
Lois Roth	July 6
Jacque Warren	July 15
Dick Albreski	July 23
Billy Henson	July 31



*Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it.
If your birthdate isn't listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year,
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OAC Meetup
June 8, 2025
Pix: Diana L. Richard





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June 8, 2025
Pix: Maggie Abel



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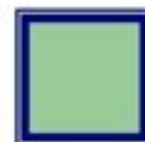
I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the *Oklahoma Squeezins*, by: ☐ E-mail ☐ Conventional Mail

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

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