

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Meetup Info for Sunday, July 12, 2026 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, July 12, 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

Sadly, we received word that longtime Oklahoma Accordion Club member Cassi, mother of Anne Lopez, has passed on.



Cassi's wedding



Cassi's musical
teens:
Jack and Anne

Casimina H. Radicelli (née Contorno), affectionately known as "Cassi," went to be with the Lord on June 8, 2026, at the age of 101. Born in 1925, Cassi lived a life marked by faith, devotion to family, kindness, and unwavering love for those around her. A devoted Catholic, she lived her faith through her actions, always placing family, compassion, and service to others at the center of her life. Cassi was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jerry Radicelli, who passed away in June 2012; her parents, Sam and Carmela Contorno; her sisters, Sadie DeFrancesco (Wedo) and Caroline Kapral (Charles), and her grandson, Jeremy Radicelli. She graduated from John Hay High School in Cleveland in 1943 and was immediately hired by the White Motor Company as a secretary. Her strong work ethic was evident throughout her life, both in her career and at home. Cassi took tremendous pride in maintaining her Walton Hills home, which reflected her care, dedication, and attention to detail. Family and friends often joked that you could eat off her kitchen floor. Everything in her home looked brand new, even though the house was built in 1956, a testament to the pride she took in everything she did. If anything could be called her trademark, it was the care and love she poured into her home and family. Known for her bright smile, contagious laughter, and genuine warmth, Cassi made everyone feel welcome. Her kindness was unmatched, and she had a remarkable ability to make others feel loved, valued, and at ease....More than anything, Cassi loved her family. Her legacy is one of faith, love, kindness, laughter, and quiet devotion. She leaves behind generations who were blessed by her example and who will forever cherish the memories, values, and love she shared throughout her remarkable life.

**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is
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@ Messiah Lutheran Church, 3600 NW Expressway, OKC

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Put YOUR name here!!

Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



THIS MEANT a LOT! Recently I played for a retirement center. A lady came up to me after I completed my performance and said, "I am 81 years old, and I never liked the accordion until today!" What a tremendous compliment!

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 head liners 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 (A.A.A.) will hold its annual festival on August 13 to the 16th, 2026 at the Marriott Philadelphia West in Conshohocken, PA. This event will include various educational and entertaining events plus foster camaraderie among accordion enthusiasts. The AAA planning committee is currently preparing a unique program that will satisfy the accordion world. Some of the guests, artists, conductors, and presenters are Cody McSherry, Don Gerundo, Emmanuel Trfilio Trio, Frank Busso Jr. Trio, Frank Busso Sr., Gue-nadly Lazarov, Joe Natoli, Nathan Chaperton, Peter Peluso, Peter Stan, Ray Oreggia and the Accordion Pops orchestra under the 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 the 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
 - 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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Review of the June Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club held a meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2026, starting at 3:30 pm.

There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Accordion players who performed were **Tom Phillips, Wayne Turgeon, Dick Albreski, Ron Shearon, Dana and Rod Kroutil, and Lois Roth.**

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 12, at 3:30 pm.

Because of poor vision I can no longer do the secretary job. If anyone is interested in being the club secretary, please speak to Maggie Abel. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Happy Accordion Birthdays!



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



*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*

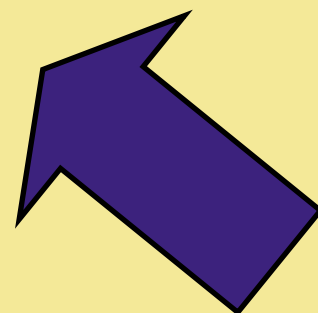


OAC Meetup

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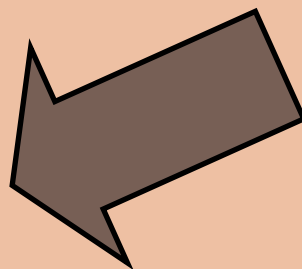
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Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____
Birthday (MM/DD) ____ / ____ (optional)

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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