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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Accordion Club concert set for Aug. 14 in Yukon

FINALE

One last instruction for the August Concert. Included in this issue, you will find an arrangement of "God Bless America."

Please make a copy and be prepared to play this tune as a group at the end of the concert on August 14, 2016. Should you have any problems getting the copy, please contact Dick Albreski.

Annual August Free Concert

Instead of the August meeting, we will present our annual free concert, "An Accordion Affair," at the *Yukon Chech Hall*, 205 North Check Hall Road, in Yukon, Oklahoma, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Many members will provide entertainment. Those members who will not be playing should bring family and friends to encourage the players.

Be sure to arrive early because every one of these concerts has been standing room only!



The Prez Sez

Barbara Duer

The fourth *Oklahoma Accordion Club* free concert is a couple weeks away at this writing. Previous concerts have been very successful, with standing room only and enjoyed by all.

The concerts -- plus advertising -- have done a lot to bring new people into the Club and to make people in the Oklahoma area more aware of the *OAC*. Preparation and playing in the concert gives a focus to the Club (and another reason to practice -- it's a good thing all around!!!)

We are very proud of Bob Mansfield who played accordion in the orchestra for the recent presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the *Civic Center*. The "Fiddler" presentation was very, very good, and attended by several members of the Club. We loved it!

In September we will have our annual *Septemberfest*, with dinner provided for members and their guests. We will have kraut, hotdogs, brats, lots of dessert, polkas, and other ethnic music. We will have a great time and hope you will all come (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC).

Origin of the Polka

First appearing in the early 1830s as a peasant dance, the polka was livelier than the dances that preceded it, such as the gavotte, minuet, polonaise, and waltz. After being introduced into the elite ballrooms of Prague in 1835, it became popular among both the elite and the common people. By 1840, the polka had been introduced to Paris, where it quickly became popular in the many salons and ballrooms, becoming popular even with some who had previously been uninterested in dancing. As the polka gained popularity, prominent musicians of the time -- even the famous Vienna composers Johann Strauss I and his son Johann Strauss II, who were well known for their waltzes -- also composed polkas.

Polkas from You Tube:

Karl's Country Dutchmen playing an Austrian Tune:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAXhrZ6MVXA>

Superfast French Polka:

<https://youtu.be/kWw0ws3tYLE>

See you at the concert,

• Barbara



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Las Vegas International Accordion Convention will be August 8 to August 11 at the *Gold Coast Hotel* in Las Vegas, Nevada. Joan Sommers will direct the *International Accordion Orchestra* plus Joey Miskulin. Also performing will be 2007 *Coupe Mondiale* Champion Alexander Sevastian, Honorary Conductor Mario Pedone, virtuoso accordion duet Kim and Dan Christian, and world-traveling artist Mary Tokarski. This is only a partial list of the many artists that will perform. For more information and special pricing go to their website AccordionStars.com.

Annual OAC Free Concert will be held on August 14, 2016, at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, Oklahoma, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The talented *OAC* members will perform for your listening pleasure.

Yukon Czech Days will be held on October 1, 2016, in downtown Yukon, Oklahoma. Festivities start at 11:00 am with a massive parade, followed by traditional Czech music and dancing

throughout the day. *OAC* member Milo Shedeck will direct the *Bohemian Knights Orchestra* in performing familiar polkas, waltzes, and schottisches. Milo will also lead the *Bohemian Knights* in the Grand Ball to be held at the *Czech Hall* from 6:00 pm to midnight. Make plans to attend this great event.

Cotati Accordion Festival will be held on August 20 and 21, 2016, at the *La Plaza Park* in Cotati, California. Cory Pesaturo will be one of the featured artists. For more information, please check their website: <http://www.cotatifest.com>.

For those who like to travel, **The Confederation Internationale Des Accordeonistes** will hold its international world competition in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, September 11 to 17, 2016. This is where the best of the best compete. Check their website, <http://www.coupemondiale.org>.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of *Squeezins*.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to
the following OAC members:**
John Buchanan, August 1
Maddie Smith, August 2
Linda Vodicka, August 2
Chuck Vodicka, August 7



Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it. If your birthdate is not listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year, please contact Karen West at 405/949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com.



July Meeting

Maggie Abel

OAC Meeting July 10, 2016

Club Vice-President Tom Phillips opened the meeting attended by 23 members, including two guests who became members during the meeting, Steve Dryer and Abby Bozarth.

- Tom requested that, at the upcoming August 14 annual concert at *Chech Hall*, members should wear black and white clothing and wear their Club name tags.
- Historian Karen West said concert posters in different sizes are available for members to purchase.
- Karen has placed concert promo ads in the *Senior News*, *Metro Family*, *Daily Oklahoman*, *Mustang Times*, *OKC Tribune*, and *Gazette Online*.
- President Barbara Duer input e-mail addresses into a database for mailings based on the 2015 concert's raffle entries,

which Secretary Maggie Abel proofed and e-mailed.

- Music began with Chuck Vodicka playing "Fascination." Then Bob Mansfield and his guest Steve Dryer (a new member) played "Viva l'Amour."
- "Ain't Misbehavin'" was Karen West's offering. Tom followed with "When the Saints Go Marching In," using additional bass accents.
- Bob played "Passacaglia" by contemporary composer Gordon Young, which Bob transcribed and arranged. George Secor (not present) is to accompany on the second part for the Concert.
- "Beer Barrel Polka" was presented by Wayne Turgeon. Jim Wooley then took the floor with his medley of "Hey Good Lookin'" and "Your Cheatin' Heart."
- Maggie Abel



PASSING CHORD

The *OAC* has learned that a previous member, Geno Hermosillo, has passed away. Geno didn't play the accordion, but he did play the guitar and COULD HE DANCE. Geno's smile will be missed.



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4 *mf* M 7 2

7 4 1 3 1 3

13 B 4 1 3

19 2 1 2

25 C 5 3 2 1 2 1 4 3 1

31 D 5 3 2 1 2 1 4

37 1. 2 *fine*



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Diana Richard





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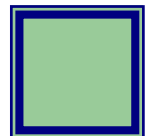
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