

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

An Accordion Affair

Sunday, Aug 13, 2017 2:30 to 4:30 PM

YUKON CZECH HALL

205 N Czech Hall Rd (I-40 exit 137)



Annual August Free Concert

Instead of the August meeting, we will present our annual free concert, "An Accordion Affair," at the *Yukon Czech Hall*, 205 North Czech 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

Hello everyone!

Our focus right now is all about the concert next Sunday. Our advertising genius, Karen, has been busy getting articles about the Club and members published in many local newspapers, and plastering Yukon with advertising posters. Thank you, Karen.

And Maggie, thank you for the work you do driving Karen around and publishing the program for the concert. Thank you everyone who has helped with getting the concert ready. And thank you everyone who is playing in the concert. It takes hours of work to get our songs ready.

We need help with setting up, cleaning up after the concert, and greeters at the doors. Help is appreciated.

In my search to find something to write about this month, I discovered Yang Yi, a Chinese Master of the Accordion. I cannot find anything more about him, but here are two beautiful recordings of him playing "Song of Bridge Guard" and one of my most favorite songs, "Hungarian Rhapsody #2" by Liszt.

Chinese Master Yang Yi plays: Hungarian Rhapsody #2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIEfxLNMIzQ>

The Song of Bridge Guard:
https://youtu.be/8fKvsZ_NdWo

• Barbara Duer, President



At the point in time (August 1 to 8, 2017), there is one accordionist attempting to break the world record for continuous accordion playing. **CORY PESATURO**, World Digital Accordion Champion and World Acoustic Accordion Champion, is attempting to break the Guinness World Record playing the accordion for the longest time.

The current record of 31 hours and 25 minutes is held by Anssi Laitnen, who played 536 different songs on July 31 to August 1, 2010, in Finland.

Advertisement



The Bohemian Knights

Featuring Master Accordionist Dick Albreski

Music for your Party or Special Occasion
Polkas, Waltzes, Pop Tunes & Folk Dances

Contact: MILO SHEDECK
405-748-5376
miloshedek@cox.net
Playing at the Czech Hall in Yukon, Ok.
www.czechhall.com for dates

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Barbara Duer

10009 Hefner Village
Terrace

Oklahoma City, OK 73162
405/721-9657

BDuer@sbcglobal.net

ACTING VICE-PRESIDENT

Tom Phillips

Holdenville, OK
405/712-1240

TomScPh@AOL.com

TREASURER

Sil Lopez

16316 Crested Owl Drivet
Edmond, OK 73013

sil.lopez68@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma City, OK

magster@aol.com

HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN

Karen West

Oklahoma City, OK

accordion_karen@yahoo.com

PAST PRESIDENT

Dick Albreski

Oklahoma City, OK

juaccord@hotmail.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Frank Gesinski

8035 South Irvington
Tulsa, OK 74136-8404
918/492-1715

OKAccordionClub@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER

Diana Richard

Diana.I.richard@gmail.com

WEBSITE

<http://www.okaccordion.club/>

Lifetime Members

- Jim & August Butricks
- William "Rusty" Dolton
- Janet Haskin
- Roland Lohmann
- Frankie Martinez
- Bob Mansfield
- Tom Phillips
- Phil Scibelli
- Ophelia Woody

Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

Annual OAC Free Concert will be held on August 13, 2016, at the *Czech Hall* on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, Oklahoma from 2:20 to 4:30 pm. Once again, Lucas Ross, will emcee this fun event. The talented members of the *OAC* will perform for your listening pleasure. Come early for the best seats.

The 27th Annual Cotati Accordion Festival will be held on August 19 and 20, 2017, at the *La Plaza Park* in Cotati, California. Some of the many performers will be Amy Jo Sawyer, Cory Pesaturo, Ginny Mac, and the *Golden State Accordion Band*. For more information on this event, go to www.cotatifest.com.

September 26, 2017 Tribute Concert to Tony Rozance. Accordionist Mike Middleton will perform a tribute concert for this renowned teacher, who taught in the San Antonio, Texas area from the 40s through the 70s. The event will start at 5:30 pm at *Chester's Restaurant*, located at Nacogdoches Road and Broadway in San Antonio, Texas. For more information, contact Laura Niland at 210/651-4539.

Swiss Cultural Tour 2017, the *Aesch Accordion Orchestra* and *Schlossbrunnli Yodeling Club* will perform an evening concert at the *German-American Society of Tulsa* on September 29, 2017.

GAST is located at 15 Terrace Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma. All *OAC* members and friends are invited to this event. Donations will be accepted. Their varied repertoire includes Swiss folk, classical accordion music, and even pop and rock, aiming to demonstrate the accordion as a very versatile instrument. All accordion enthusiasts are urged to attend.

Yukon Czech Days will be held on October 7, 2017, 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 Band* in performing familiar polkas, waltzes, and schottisches. In the evening, there will also be a grand ball at the *Czech Hall* located on Czech Hall Road. This is one event you should mark on your calendar.

International Accordion Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada will be held from October 23 to 26, 2017, at the *Gold Coast Hotel*. Some of the many stars who will perform are Cory Pesaturo, Stas Venglevski, and Mary Tokarski. Joan Sommers will direct the *Las Vegas International Orchestra*.

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



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

A: People cry when you chop up an onion.

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

A: Terrorists have sympathizers.

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following OAC member: John Buchanan, August 1



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@vahoo.com](mailto:karen@vahoo.com).



July Meeting

Maggie Abel

Oklahoma Accordion Club

July 9, 2017 Meeting

President Barbara Duer welcomed 18 members and 6 guests to the final Club meeting before the Annual Summer Concert.

- Historian Karen West introduced her guests, Edwina and Jason Johnston.
- Barbara recited the list of concert musicians to show the proposed order of play on August 13. On certain numbers, accordionists may be accompanied by: Toni Paulding on vibraphone, Barbara on banjo, Mike Clark on bass guitar, and T. Z. Wright on guitar.
- Past president Dick Albreski directed the *Oklahoma Accordion Club Band* (aka *The Music Makers*) including Barbara, Toni, Beth Henson, Lois Roth, Karen West, and Maggie Abel. Songs included "La Sorella," "Gypsy Nights," "Put Another Nickel In," "Play A Simple Melody," "I'll Fly Away," "Do Lord," and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."
- Vice President Tom Phillips played old-time favorite "Golden Slippers."

- Dick played interesting jazz variations on "The Lady Is A Tramp."
- A sing-along by trio Barbara, Lois, and Anne Lopez included "You Are My Sunshine," "Home on the Range," and "The Saints Go Marching In."
- Lois and Anne, as a duo, performed "Blue Skirt Waltz" and "Rain Rain Polka."
- Bob Mansfield played his small free bass. It has 15 buttons and weighs approximately 12 pounds. We heard two traditional Jewish songs, "Frailach," a dance; and "Adon Odo" in E minor. Out-of-towners George Secor and Lou LeBrun will accompany Bob at the concert.
- T. Z. Wright played three Irish songs with his 48-button Guiletti: "Accordion Crimes," "Morrison's Jig," and "The Scotsman" (aka "I See You've Won First Prize").
- Toni Paulding, with her gorgeous vibraphone, which she plays each Saturday at her church, accompanied Lois and Barbara on hymns, "In The Garden," "Whispering Hope," and "Amazing Grace."

• Maggie Abel



Advertisement

Frank Gesinski
Live Accordion Music
and Accordion Lessons

8035 S. Irvington
Tulsa, OK 74136-8404

918/492-1715
accordionfrank@att.net



July Meeting

Diana Richard



July Meeting

Diana Richard



Advertisement



JUST ACCORDIONS

Sales • Repairs • Instruction

Dick Albreski

(405) 721-0564

7109 N.W. 102nd St., OKC, OK 73162

juaccord@hotmail.com

7-07



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone (____) _____ Birthday (mm/dd) ____/____ (optional)

Newsletter

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter, the OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS, by:

☐ E-mail at address (above) or at _____

☐ Conventional post

Membership Dues

The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

☐ Primary Membership is \$20.00 per year per individual.

☐ Family Membership is \$10.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.

☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300.00.

☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18.

Your Status (please check all that apply):

☐ Professional ☐ Semi-Professional ☐ Amateur ☐ Student

☐ Associate ☐ Hobby ☐ Teacher ☐ Repairman/Repairwoman

☐ Other (specify) _____

Make checks payable to: Oklahoma Accordion Club

Mail your membership dues TODAY to:

**Oklahoma Accordion Club
c/o 7109 NW 102nd Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73162**



Oklahoma Accordion Club

7109 NW 102 Street
Oklahoma City OK 73162



FIRST CLASS MAIL