

SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



EMCEE Lucas Ross
KFOR/KAUT-TV Personality

Oklahoma Accordion Club

7TH ANNUAL FREE CONCERT

An Accordion Affair

Sunday, Aug 11, 2019 2:30 to 4:30 PM

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



Previous Concert Audience →

OKaccordion.club (405) 201-7867 (phone/text)
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No August Meeting

There will be NO Club meeting this month
because of our Annual "Accordion Affair" Concert



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

The other day I was chatting with Past Prez Barbara Duer about the upcoming Sunday concert at *Yukon Czech Hall*. She pointed out that this annual concert does a world of good for each of us as Club members. If not for this concert, we might not be practicing some of the special pieces that we are now "perfecting." August 11 is an opportunity for our friends to witness our sense of pride in our unique and historic instruments -- on that one special day of the year! It's like an old-fashioned barn raising, where the whole community pulls together to accomplish a great thing that will be admired in retrospect for years afterward.

Here's the timetable for Sunday:

- 1:00 Helpers are admitted to set up the room, the chairs, and the sound.
- 1:45 to 2:00 at latest: Players arrive so we can place your accordions and stands where they need to be.
- 2:00 Doors open to the public.
- 2:30 Concert begins!

Things to remember:

- Wear your club badge, if possible. Audience members may approach you to ask a question about the Club!
- If you haven't already chosen a special outfit for the number(s) you are playing, there is always the reliable black and white.

Thanks in advance to our soundman, musician (and roofing expert) Alton Scott, for making sure we will be "well-heard" in our performance.

Budd Hoaas of *Oklahoma American Music Scene* told me last week that he will have a photographer covering our event.

Our emcee, Club member and TV personality Lucas Ross, will make the day as special as can be! How fortunate we are to enjoy that witty guy as part of our festivity!

Now, on to the following month:

September's meeting -- Sunday the eighth -- is the *GermanFest* theme! Is my mouth watering or what?!! Guests are welcome! The first guest for each member is free, and additional guests will require a donation to the food fund! I can only imagine the song list that will come together for that day! Perhaps we shall see some people dressed in German attire? As the music inspires, I might have to ask Karen to dance the polka with me!!

Hip, Hip, Hooray for our wonderful Club! The friendships made here, the occasions made special, and the mutual pride in accomplishment that we share, all together make a winning recipe!

Thanks for all you do to contribute! See you guys this Sunday!!!

- Maggie Abel, OAC President



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Mark Your Calendars

Dick Albreski

CORRECTION: The Bohemian Knights, under the direction of Milo Shedeck (*OAC*), will be one of many polka bands performing at a gala Oktoberfest Party to be held at *Fassler Hall* in October. The *Knights* will play on Friday, 10/4/19, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, and on Sunday, 10/6/19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. On Saturday, 10/5/19, the *Bohemian Knights* will be in Yukon, Oklahoma playing for the annual *Czech Days*. *Fassler Hall*, a German-inspired beer hall, is located at 421 NW 10th Street in Oklahoma City. *Fassler Hall* is known for its unique food, and both local and European beers. Make plans to attend a real Bavarian event.

ANNUAL CZECH DAY in Yukon, Oklahoma will be held on October 5, 2019. Enjoy true Czech music, Czech food, and Czech history. The *Bohemian Knights*, under the direction of Milo Shedeck, will be one of the polka bands playing for this event. They will also play that evening at the *Czech Hall*, located on Czech Hall Road, for the *Grand Ball*, and the introduction of the Czech Queen and her court.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION 20th year celebration to be held October 14-17, 2019,

at the *Gold Coast Hotel and Casino*. There will be workshops, concerts, accordion vendors, plus a list of performing accordion greats. One outstanding artist who will perform is Professor Frederick Lips. Joanne Sommers will direct the *Roaring Twenties Orchestra*.

COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL in Cotati, California will be held August 17-18, 2019. This year's theme is honoring the first responders for their dedication and sacrifice. Two days of accordion fun outdoors. For more information on this festival, go to <https://cotatifest.com>.

PEDONE-BALLARINI Accordion Clinic will be held at the *TbarM Ranch Resort* in New Braunfels, Texas, November 10-13, 2019. A great four days of group lessons, workshops, jam sessions, participants' concerts, solo performance opportunities, study groups, great guest artists/instructors, all in a beautiful learning environment. Nick Ballarini will be at the *OAC* June meeting to discuss in detail this awesome opportunity to advance your accordion experience.

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



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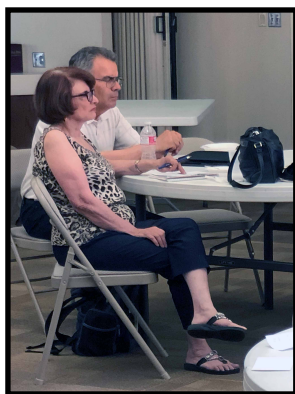
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July Meeting

Maggie Abel





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



Belated Birthday Wishes (my apologies, Karen):

Jean Hill, June 20

Belated Birthday Wishes (my apologies, Frank):

Diana Richard, July 4

Lois Roth, July 6

Frank Gesinski, July 14

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 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.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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

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| ☐ Primary Membership is \$16 per year per individual | ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180 |
| ☐ Family Membership is \$8 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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