

# THE OKLAHOMA *SQUEEZINS*

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

## *September meeting will feature Nick Ballarini*



Nick Ballarini, noted performer and teacher from Dallas, will be performing at the OAC meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Nick Ballarini, accordionist, pianist, and bandleader, is one of the world's most versatile musicians. He plays for weddings, corporate events and jazz festivals as a pianist and bandleader, as well as playing his accordion at Irish, French, Italian, and German-themed events. His repertoire ranges from classical to pop, to the many ethnic styles associated with the accordion. During Nick's career, he has played with many prominent musicians such as Luciano Pavarotti, Mel Tormé, and The Chieftains. He has become a favorite of accordion clubs around the country.

<http://www.nickballarini.com/>

Nick will introduce the Roland FR-7X digital (reed-less) accordion to those members who have not yet had an opportunity to hear and examine this new technology. In addition, he will also present the latest Giuletti (reed-type) accordions. It will be a memorable meeting, and one you do not want to miss.

Our meetings are open and guests are welcome. Invite a friend, and let's show Nick how much Oklahoma loves the accordion.



## *September Meeting*

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12, at the Messiah Lutheran Church, which is located at the intersection of NW Expressway and Portland Ave., just west of I-44 and Baptist Hospital, and across the street from Deaconess Hospital on Portland Ave. Festivities begin at 2:30, when the orchestra rehearsal starts.

At 3:30 our meeting begins, followed by individual and group performances, and then a "jam session" follows until 5:00 or 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.



# The Treasurer Sez

Dick Albreski

I'm excited and proud to announce that my friend and accordion associate Nick Ballarini will be performing at our September meeting. Nick is not only a great guy, but also one talented accordionist. See the special announcement on the front page of this September issue.

We just celebrated our tenth anniversary as an accordion club. One reason we are here and will continue to exist is the dedication of the members. Like any organization, there are those who do more than required. At the last meeting, I was handed \$50.00 from the OAC band who had played a "gig" and made some money. A special thanks to Dan Orza, Karen West, Beth Henson, Lois Roth, and Phil Scibelli, members of the OAC band, for adding to the club treasury. We all know that you can't exist on music notes alone.

The computer is an absolute must to most of the world. It serves us in many ways, especially as a calendar. It reminds us of what we have to do. What happens when, for one reason or another, it doesn't do as required? At the last meeting, I noted a smaller attendance than normal, and just started wondering why. I think I've got it! There are members who do not have computers, and there are members who do not check their computers. What the OAC needs is a member who would be willing to contact all local members prior to the meetings, as a reminder. A brief phone call is all that would be required. Now, don't all of you rush to do this great work but, hopefully, one among you will stand up and say "yes." If there is more than one volunteer, each caller would have fewer calls to make. Think about it.

Our expenses for August were \$42.21, and our income was \$50.00. Our current checkbook balance is \$784.34. See you all on the 12<sup>th</sup>!



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# The Prez Sez

Bill Henson

This month, I believe that it would be nice to hear music that deals with the hot summer we are having, and maybe a little music dealing with rain would be a good thing. You never know what makes rain -- maybe the sound coming from accordion playing will help Mother Nature.

One of our members, Janet Haskin from Tulsa, has been injured and we hope she recovers soon. She suffered first, second, and third degree burns in a home accident.

Just one word of note that I haven't heard for a while and I believe it bears repeating: don't leave

your accordion in your car on these hot days. It acts just like you and I do in extreme heat and cold. If this bothers you, just tell me to mind my own beeswax.

Our club needs your support, so please come to our meetings. Bring those accordions and let's hear some of those wonderful songs that all of you play.

Don't forget, we meet the second Sunday of each month.

• Bill



## Some August Meeting Photos

Beth Henson



*Richard Butricks, June Butricks, Evie Albreski, Autumn Albreski, and Dick Albreski before the meeting*



*Lois Roth, Diana Richard, Dan Orza, Karen West visiting before the meeting*



The handshake grounded him and caused his Cordovox to give him a jolt. You can barely see the smoke above his head.

# August Meeting

Beth Henson

## Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club August 8, 2010

- There were eight members and two visitors in attendance.
- As the outcome of a question that Dick Albreski recently received from a student concerning Frankie Yankovic, Dick made a presentation illustrating the differences in styles of music, i.e., waltzes and polkas, across the country:
  - The Slovenian style uses many 1/4- and 1/8- notes, and is played fast
  - The Polish style uses more 1/16-notes
  - Chicago-style polkas are played slower

Frank Yankovic pieces played in the demonstration included "Blue Skirt Waltz," "Tick Tock Polka," and "The Accordion Man Waltz."

- In recognition of the fact that school is starting soon, Karen West dressed as a schoolgirl and



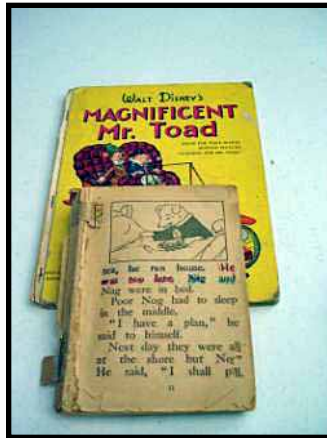
played "The Alphabet Song" and "School Days."

- Dan Orza performed "The Rose Tango."

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Henson



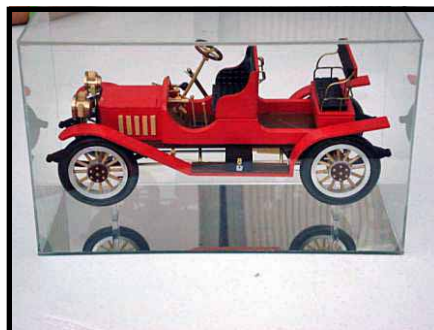
*Dan Orza preparing to perform*



*Karen's Props*



*Dick Albreski making his presentation on musical styles*



*A car handcrafted by Richard Butricks*





## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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 (snail mail)

### Membership Dues

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

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$16.00 per year per individual.
- ☐ Family Membership is \$8.00 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership.
- ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180.
- ☐ 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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