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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Fall Picnic

Oliver Delaney

Traditionally, the Oklahoma Accordion Club holds one major outdoor function in late summer. With the heat this year, the OAC has moved the picnic to the Fall. It will be held on Sunday, October 16. We plan to get together at 2:00 pm (a little earlier than usual).

Location

5701 Highley Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
405/427-3564

Food

Bring a side dish or salad (for the table)
Meat dishes will be provided

Soft Drinks

Will be provided. If you have favorite beverage, you are welcome to bring it

Program

Very loose (you may be requested to say a few words about your musical endeavors -- be prepared)
Accordions welcome

Directions

5701 Highley Drive is on the northeast side of the city, not far from the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

1. Take I 44 (old Rte. 66) to Kelley Ave. (Kelley is between Broadway Extension and Eastern)

2. At Kelley go south to N.E. 55th St (entrance to the Wildewood addition)
3. At 55th, go east (only way you can go) to the end (approximately four blocks). That is Highley Drive.
4. Turn left. Property is on your left.
5. Turn left into the first drive and come up to the house.

This property is what is left of an old 350-acre milking farm. It was also the Decorator Show House in 1979, and now is the home of Oliver and Clare Delaney. It is seldom open to the public.

The OAC has prospered this year, with good programs, many new and enthusiastic members, and a strong presence in community playing. OAC really shines at the annual National Accordion Association Conference in Dallas. Its young orchestra grows. Internally, we have started a few projects of note that will bear fruit next year. What is needed is your company, if not every month, then at least every other month.

Come to the picnic, meet and greet old friends, and make new ones. You will love it!

Let us know if you will be able to attend the picnic: 405/427-3564.

September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 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. 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.

Oklahoma Accordion Club Meeting Agenda for Sunday, September 11, 2011

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Board Meeting
3:30 pm	General Membership Meeting



The Treasurer Sez

Evie Albreski

Well, it's September, and the fun is about to start. Dick and I can't make the September meeting because Dick and the Smith Sisters will be playing Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11, at the Chapel Creek Wine Festival in Concho, Oklahoma. They will start at 11:00 am. The festival goes until 6:00 pm each day. Concho is just north of El Reno, on Route 81. This will be a fun time, and if you want your chance to stomp some grapes, make plans to attend. They will have food, music, and wine. Check their website and watch the Gazette Newspaper for more information.

We did have a chance to catch OAC member TZ Wright and his friend Mark Lyon at Ingrid's. Both the music and the food were great! TZ even played a Cajun tune on his accordion. Their music is so relaxing. We hope to know about his next performance in advance so that we give you potential listeners a chance to hear this great duo.

Prayers needed. Our buddy and OAC member, Richard "Jim" Butricks, will miss a couple of meetings due to surgery. It looks like once he has clearance from his cardiologist, Jim will have spinal surgery at the McBride Orthopedic Hospital here in Oklahoma City on October 10. Also, I learned that our friend, Annie Johnston, one of the Tulsa accordionists, will also undergo spinal surgery on September 2. OAC member Janet Haskin sent this news to us. Jim and Annie are hurting today, but we know they will be a lot better in a little while. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our OAC picnic will be on October 16 at President Oliver Delaney's home. That puts it right in the middle of Oktoberfest time. Incidentally, in case you didn't hear, the Choctaw Annual Oktoberfest will be extended to seven days this year. They usually have some good bands with good accordion players, plus other good things like German food and German beer. Check them out on the web at www.oldgermany.com. For more info on the OAC picnic, check our website at www.okaccordions.com, and Oliver's column on the front page of this newsletter.

We have another new member. Welcome Annette Zongker of Tulsa, Oklahoma to the OAC. We are growing. Congratulations, OAC.

Well, we had some expenses, but still have money in the bank. As of this date, we have \$346.58 in the checkbook.

Don't forget the meeting on Sunday, September 11, and if you can make it, drive out to Chapel Creek Winery on Saturday, September 10.



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August Meeting

Lois Roth

OAC Minutes August 14, 2011 Meeting

President Oliver Delaney called the meeting to order. There were twelve members and two guests present.

We welcomed a new member, Maggie Abel.

Oliver made the following announcements:

- Our annual picnic will be on Sunday, October 16, at the Delaney home. Starting time will be 2:00 pm. Bring your accordions.
- The new jam books (containing ten songs) are now available to Club members.
- Members who have e-mail will receive a reminder of each meeting a few days ahead.

Then we had some music!

- Dick Albreski and Maggie Abel played a duet



called "Kick Off."

- Maggie soloed with "Skating."
- Dick performed an old favorite --- "Moonlight in Vermont" ---- following with "Mozart Polka" and "Music, Music, Music."

Oliver showed us a 1942 photograph of the OKC Accordion Orchestra. He asked OAC members to share any photos or memories they have concerning OKC accordion history.

The band concluded the program with "My Wild Irish Rose," "The Song From Moulin Rouge," and "Edelweiss."

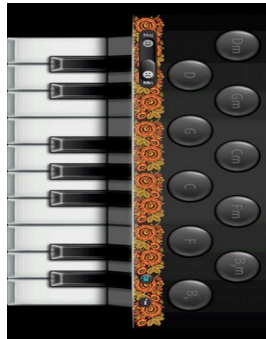
Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 11, at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth



There's an App for That

Diana Richard



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(free) to \$14.99, with most of the prices being around \$1.99. Some of the titles include "Zydacco," "Button Box," and the ever-popular "Baby Accordion." Of course, it's not designed to take the place of your real accordion, but it's fun.

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New Jam Books

Lois Roth and Diana Richard

The new book for jammers is ready. Six books were handed out at the August 14 meeting, and there will be six more available at the September meeting. Then we'll take orders for how many more are wanted.

Any OAC member is welcome to a jam book. However, the music is especially for accordion players who would like to play with a group, and who want to practice the songs at home first, instead of sight-reading them.

There are ten songs, arranged alphabetically. The first, "Barbara Polka," and third, "Fascination," are a bit more challenging than the others. We should probably start with numbers two, "Birmingham Jail," and four, "Hilo March," because they are easier. Several songs have two parts ---- you can practice either or both.

Let's try to have the first jam session at the November meeting. And remember it's just for FUN --- no solos or recitals required!





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 (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
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