

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Was He a Winner? You Bet He Was!

Dick Albreski

OAC member Micaiah Elliott, at the invitation of the Roland Accordion Co., traveled to Los Angeles, CA as their guest in the second V-Accordion Competition Festival. Micaiah competed in the Junior Division with four other young, talented accordionists.

He didn't come in first nor second, but did make third. Danielle Renzi (1st) and Kassandra Knoff (2nd) deserved the awards. Both have extensive conservatory training for over a decade, and each have an impressive competition history.

Micaiah's performance was impressive. His technique was applauded, his attitude was complemented, and his arrangements -- including the input of the Roland Accordion voices -- were perfect.

I guess you just can't beat a pretty girl.



October Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11, 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.

October 3 Plaza District: possibility of playing -- pending
 October 11 Regular monthly meeting
 AIDS WALK in Bricktown
 Noonish: pending job
 November 8 Regular monthly meeting
 December 5 Christmas party



The Prez Sez

Bill Henson

It's hard to believe that fall is here. I have had a great summer, and the Oklahoma Accordion Club has done very well this year. We have seen members at several different venues, and this is good for our club.

The month of October is going to be a busy month. Several of our members are traveling or working during our meeting date, including yours truly, but rest assured there will still be a meeting.

Jimmie Woolly will be handling the October meeting, so please put together some polkas and plan on being present. I know Jimmie loves to play the accordion, and your support will be very appreciated.

November is just around the corner with Thanksgiving coming, so think about what type of music you would like to hear or play at the November meeting.

December is Christmas, and we will not have our meeting on December 13. The officers currently are planning our annual Christmas party on December 5, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This would allow several of our out-of-town members the opportunity to be able to attend during the day and allow them time to travel back home. So, watch for details as we complete the preparations.

We will also be helping a charity at Christmas as we have done in the past, so watch for details.

12, 48, 72, 120, I'm just covering all the basses.



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The Treasurer Sez

Dick Albreski

I just returned from one of the greatest experiences of my life. I accompanied Micaiah Elliott to Los Angeles, CA where he participated in the second Roland V-Accordion competitions. This was an invitation-only competition. There were two groups. The Junior Division is up to age 17, and the Adult is from 17 years-of-age to many years later.

The winner of the Junior Division won a Roland FR-5 accordion, and the adult winner won a Roland FR-7 plus an all expense paid trip to Rome, Italy in November of this year. Roland will then have the International V-Accordion competitions where a world champion will be named. Ken Baert of Bloomington, IL won the adult first place, and Svetlana Ivanchenko from Dallas came in second. I truly believe Svetlana should have won first place.

Micaiah came in third, which was phenomenal. This was his first competition of this magnitude, and he played right into it. We both won. Micaiah and I were also the guests of the Roland Company. They paid all expenses.

At this competition, Micaiah and I met the new 2009 Coupe Mondiale winner, Cory Pesaturo. We enjoyed listening to the talented Eddie Monteiro and Joe Natoli. One thing bothered me about this meeting -- something was missing. And then the missing link occurred to me. At all the meetings I have attended in the past, someone was always playing an accordion somewhere, someplace. You always heard accordion music. At this meeting, because of the digital all-electric Roland accordions, the only music I heard was at the competitions. The contestants even practiced using "ear phones."

Enough about me. The club board has decided that we will have a "super-duper" Christmas party that will happen in early December. Plan on it! More will follow on the party very shortly.

Financially, we are good. Expenses to date were \$131.58, and income was \$174.85. Our checkbook balance is \$1,589.87.

Oops!! Almost forgot. Have you played your Oktoberfest music today?



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September Meeting Minutes

Beth Henson

Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club September 13, 2009

- President Bill Henson called the meeting to order. There were 19 members and one guest present.
- Micaiah Elliott will be going to Los Angeles to participate in the Junior Division of the Roland international contest.
- A check was received from the Calvary Baptist Church, Enid in the amount of \$174.85 as a love offering for the orchestra's recent performance at the church. It was reported that the congregation really enjoyed the orchestra. The church also recorded the event on DVD, which was given to our historian for the library.
- An international accordion festival will be held in Las Vegas October 19-21.

• Kay Stout, one of the founding members of the OAC, was present at the meeting and was given a warm welcome.

• A report was given on the orchestra's performance at the Czech Hall on August 29.

• Jairon Baquero and Bob Mansfield played two duets: "Dance Boheme" and "Hungarian Dance." Jairon followed up with "Indifference." Bob announced that members were invited to a recital to be given by Jairon next Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 pm at the Unity Church, 5603 NW 41st, Oklahoma City. Bob played "Dance of the Comedians."

• Dick Albreski gave an interesting, informative presentation on bass solos on the accordion.

• The orchestra performed numbers they had rehearsed prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Henson



Q. How do you make two accordionists play in time?

A. Shoot one of them.

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Q. What is the best thing to play on an accordion ?

A. A flame thrower.

September Meeting

Beth and Bill Henson



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APPLYING TOO MUCH
ENERGY AND NOT ENOUGH
THOUGHT INTO LEARNING
THE BELLOWSHAKE
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