

THE OKLAHOMA *SQUEEZINS*

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

A Personal Invitation to All OAC Members



Dear club members
and friends:

We are inviting each
of you to our
performance at the
OAC October 10,
2010 meeting. Who
are "we"? We are
Hannah Braden and
Job Elliott. We are
your student
members, and look
forward to have you
all listen to our
repertoire of
accordion tunes. We
are working very



hard to give a great performance, and the only thing we ask of you is your attendance. Please
show your appreciation by coming to hear us play.

Thank you,
Hanna and Job



October Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday,
October 10, 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.



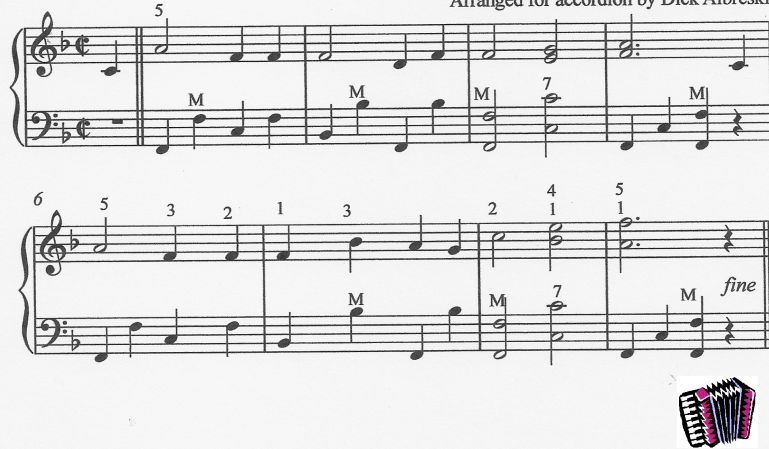
Ein Prosit

Dick Albreski

Ein Prosit is perhaps one of the most popular 'toasts' in the world. It relates to the happy, carefree attitude of the OKTORGEST celebration that began over 200 years ago.

EIN PROSIT

Arranged for accordion by Dick Albreski



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Dick Albreski



I have to share a concern. You all know what our accordion club means to me.

We have come a long way, and I, for one, want to see it grow and prosper. That's where you come in. The current board members, yours truly included, will terminate their positions at the end of this year. We need you to step up and become a board member. I know we have members who are willing to work for the good of the club. Please, don't let me down. Step up and be recognized as a leader.

Last weekend was a blast. Dr. Ian Fries, M.D. (you all know him as the Hand Doctor in Dallas) spent the weekend with Evie and me, plus he made a surprise visit to the Bohemian Knights. He is a versatile accordion player, and had his first encounter playing traditional Czech music. Dr. Fries and I spent many hours going over the band charts, and I must admit, he made it fun. Dr. Fries is a dedicated accordionist, and is always there for accordion players. Timing was bad for a visit with our club this time, but perhaps he can arrange that as well in the future. Included is a picture of our friend enjoying the band and the music.

We still have to take a moment and send a good word and prayer to our OAC associates who are not

up to par. John Buchanan has had his cancer successfully stopped through surgery, and is getting back to accordion playing slowly. Janet Haskin still needs our prayers and best wishes. Jackie Mashore would like some heavenly intervention that would get her back to 100%. If any of you have an IN with OUR LORD, please let Him know about Jackie. She is not one to be less than 100%. Janet would like that as well.

Our friend, Nick Ballarini, did a superb job at our club meeting, and I'm proud to say the attendance made the meeting even better. If you missed Nick and the new Roland digital accordion, you can catch both at the National Accordion Association meeting in Dallas on March 9-10-11, 2011.

We are still in the black financially. Our expenses for September were \$30.24, but our income was \$43.00 and we have \$783.14 that the club, if you so desire, could spend on me. Just kidding!

DON'T FORGET -- IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!



September Meeting

Beth Henson

Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club September 12, 2010

- There were 21 members and 9 visitors in attendance.
- President Bill Henson called the meeting to order.
- Dick Albreski introduced his friends, Nick Ballarini and Greg Klugiewicz, who drove to Oklahoma City from Texas for the meeting.
- Greg gave an overview of the 2011 National Accordion Association meeting that will be held in Dallas, Texas, March 10-12, 2011. He invited everyone to participate.
- Nick gave a mini-concert and played a variety of music, some of which included Mexican, Italian, Western, and Big Band. He played a special piece,

the Sesame Street theme song, for Roland Lohmann's two-year-old granddaughter Avery. Club members and guests thoroughly enjoyed listening to this very talented and entertaining artist.

- Following the concert, Nick answered questions and demonstrated some of the many beautiful Roland accordions he brought with him.
- Roland Lohmann donated \$28 to the club treasury from the sales of homemade root beer. For every bottle sold to club members, he will donate \$4. If the bottle is returned to him, the donation will increase. He provided root beer floats to the membership for snacks — it was delicious.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Henson



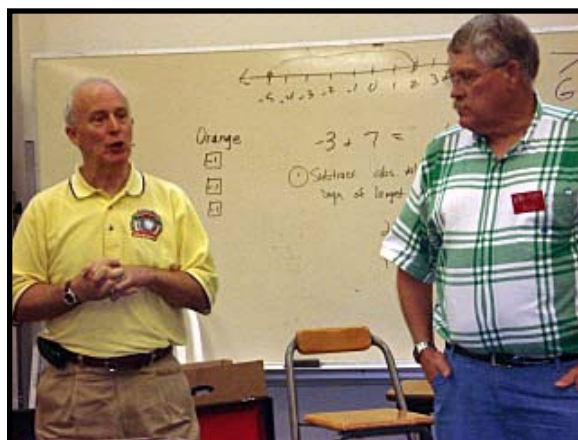
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Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

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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
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