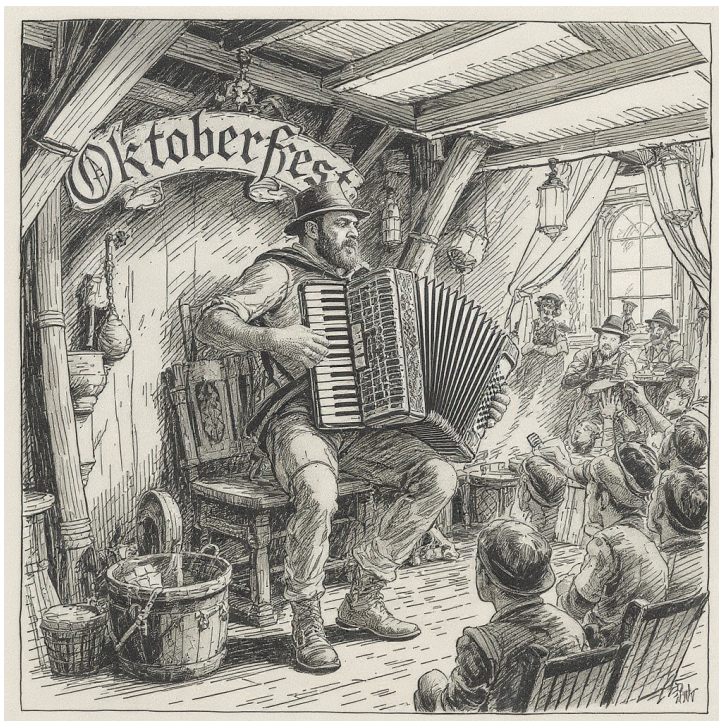


THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



**OAC's
OKTOBER-
FEST
Par-tae!**

*Celebrate
with us
this Sunday!!!*

Meetup Info for Sunday, Oct 12, 2025 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, on the SE corner of Portland Ave. & NW Expressway in Oklahoma City. The south entrance to the church (there's a portico at that doorway in case of rain!) takes you to the foyer, where the sound of music (or the sight of signage) directs you to us and our accordions!

Snacks are welcome! Bring your accordion, or just come as you are and sit down with us to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can't attend the live 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience it via *Zoom* — using the same codes (see **red type** below) you may have used in previous years. Zoom's musical sound quality has recently **improved!** So feel free to tune us in! Here's how:

On computer, tablet, or smartphone, to join us with both audio and video, go to

**[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
j/5236709799](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5236709799)**



PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel

Seems like Yukon Czech Hall's been in the news a lot this Oktoberfest month! Frank and I attended its October 4 celebration, where the Bohemian Knights band featured OAC member Milo Shedeck (in the chicken hat). He met his wife Lucy (right) at the Hall.



We're lucky that, despite this month being most demanding on our gigging players, we'll have plenty of talent at our monthly meeting, October 12 @3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church on NW Expressway at Portland Ave., OKC.

Speaking of gigs, Irene Bookbinder of the northeast contingent of squeezeboxers, reports that Tulsa Accordion Band garnered seven gigs so far this month, plus two members will be playing at local Oktoberfest-ivities.



Happy to report that former OAC member Colleen Rettman (right), whom you recall often attended the club with her late husband, made the scene with us. All the kids were especially decked out!

Read on in this newsletter for more pix and to get the skinny on the upcoming National Accordion Conference happening this spring in Forney, Texas. — xoxo *Maggie*



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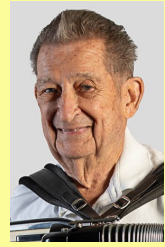
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**Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday,
October 12 at 3:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC.**

Oktoberfest in October

by Dick Albreski



To me, October is one of the most exciting months of the year. It's polka and waltz time. What instrument plays polkas and waltzes better than an accordion? Oktoberfest is an annual festival held in Germany each year. It started in 1810 and has continued to grow in popularity ever since. Many states will be hosting Oktoberfest parties and festivals. Our own Bohemian Knights under the direction of OAC member Milo Shedeck will play in the OKC Fair Park October 11th, 2025, from noon to 3:00 PM. (Check out the 3-day event that hopefully will be an annual event at the OKC Fair Park.) Yes, there'll be an accordion playing with the Bohemian Knights. Check out your favorite brewery as well. Many of them are having **OKTOBER-FEST** parties. Grab your accordion and join me in playing the Beer Barrel Polka. I'll see you all at Oklahoma Accordion Club Oktoberfest party October 12th, 2025, at Messiah Lutheran Church at Portland and NW Expressway at 3:30 PM.

National Accordion Conference (not convention) will be held in Forney, Texas (21 miles east of Dallas), from March 18th to the 21st, 2026. Registrations for the TownePlace Suites are now open. Incidentally if you register now, breakfast will be included. To register go to NAA website. Fee with banquet for accordionists is \$200.00. Non-accordionists are \$250.00. There are some **no risk** facts to consider. Reservations will not require payment until March 2026. Reservations may be canceled, and refunds are available. This year's event will mark the 40th

anniversary of the National Accordion Association. The musical journey began in 1986 and has grown to be one of the most attended, respected, and anticipated events of the accordion world. The emphasis in 2026 will be "Accordion Fun Band and Orchestra." If this tempts you, make plans to attend. Music for the Fun Band 2026 will be determined by the attendees. You pick the tunes. The Orchestra will encourage additional instruments to join in for a more diversified sound. We aim to please and have one of the best meetings ever in 2026. For more and current info go to accordions.com, the National Accordion Association website or the OAC Newsletter. See you in Forney, Texas, on March 18th, 2026.

As future events happen, hopefully we'll see them in advance, so you can make plans to attend. Keep checkin' this article! ~ **Dick**



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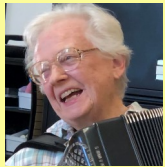
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Check out the following sites for new and free accordion music:

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- 8notes.com/accordion

Try em! You'll like em!



Report of September Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met Sunday, September 14, 2025. Attending were 17 members (1 on Zoom) and 5 guests. Total attendance was 22. Before the meeting Anne Lopez and Lois Roth entertained with German music.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30. She announced we are celebrating the club's 25th anniversary today.

Ron Shearon (club Treasurer and VP) spoke about the condition of our country, then led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. We sang the first verse of "America The Beautiful," then "Happy Birthday" to OAC.

Then the performances began! Ron played "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "I Don't Know How This Song Ends."

John Warren treated us to a collection of his favorites including "That's Amore," "God Bless America," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "Too Fat Polka."

Our pro Dick Albreski took over and performed "Hoop-Dee-Deo," "Waltz For Barbie" which he composed for Barbara Yuill,

"My Melody of Love," "Waltz of Love," and "Lover When You're Near Me."

Dick told us that OAC started in the summer of 2000 with 8 members. My how we've grown! Gwen Henderson was one of the first club members. Dick said the National Conference (formerly aka Convention) next March will be 3 days long and will cost \$200 for each accordionist. Other instrumentalists will be included this time!

Maggie presented Dick with a card signed by all the club members present.

Wayne Turgeon has returned from a long stay in Europe. Welcome back, Wayne! He has been taking lessons online from Dick. He played "Beer Barrel Polka," "Kentucky Rain," and "I Will Wait For You."

Ron encored with "Margarita."

Maggie Abel and Susan Hause played a duet -- a combination of "Batter Up" and "Kick-Off."

Dick tried out the accordion that Linda Hardwicke has donated to the club. This accordion will be given to any club member who will promise to play it. Dick picked it up to play "Beer Barrel Polka" and "Fascination" for us.

Dick said he recently played an accordion with all gray keys. He said it was

easy until he looked down at the keyboard — then he got confused.

Time for some singalong fun! The group sang "Lilli Marlene" and "Edelweiss." Anne and Lois provided the music. The two continued with "The Blue Skirt Waltz" while Milo and Lucy Shedeck danced to "their song."

Anne and Lois also performed "The Country Musician" and "The Prune Song." Anne soloed with "Holz Auction" and the lively "Lucky Polka."

Guest Sheryl Barrett told us a little about her accordion history. She began lessons at age 8 and continued them for 9 years. She is recovering from a car accident and hopes to begin playing again. She brought a delicious cake to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. We had 2 cakes and pecan pie for refreshments today. A big Thank You to the contributors, and to our snack table arranger Karen West.

Anne and Lois played a few more German songs while clean-up work went on, ending with "Auf Wiedersehen."

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 12 at 3:30 PM. More fun and more German music! Join us if you can.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings to Members!



Karen West
Anne Lopez

Oct 8
Oct 22



*Your birthdate is collected from your OAC membership application, if you have chosen to include it.
If your birthdate isn't listed on our newsletter birthday page during the year,
please contact Karen West at 405-949-0394, or at accordion_karen@yahoo.com*



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Ron and John



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Remember the Vodickas? On our club anniversary Chuck and Linda visited, bringing their precious newly adopted "Juney Lynn"



First-time Duet with Susan House and Maggie



Lois & Anne's
SING-ALONG!



Looks like someone somewhere is probably playing the "Chicken Dance"



Wayne Turgeon returned from across the pond!!!
 He's the King of our Hearts,
 and long may he Wayne!

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