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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 5, at the Czech Hall, which is located on Czech Road in Yukon, Oklahoma. Festivities begin at 2:30 pm and will last until 5:30 pm, but partygoers can stay later if they wish. Come one, come all. A great time will be had by all. For more information, contact Dick Albreski.



Bio Sign



Robert Mansfield is a founding member of our Oklahoma Accordion Club, and has been and continues to be a very active member. He has been an officer and major club contributor many times over the years of the Club's existence.

Bob is a 100% genuine OKie, having been born and raised in northern and central Oklahoma. His wife, Lou, and he have a son, Beau, who is also a talented keyboard musician who also plays the accordion and who many of you long-time members may know.

Bob has played the accordion since he was seven, which is part of the reason he is such a polished and expert musician. Bob has played in several types of bands – except acid rock -- and as a soloist, and he continues to play many gigs in the Oklahoma City area. Bob is the leader of “Gypsy Wind,” a gypsy jazz and ethnic band. He is also a talented professional vocalist.

Bob is an accordion teacher and has a studio in his home. He also records for groups. Besides his many accordion-related activities, in his spare time Bob likes reading, cooking, and composing and arranging music.

We are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated accordionist as Bob Mansfield in our midst.



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The Treasurer Sez

Dick Albreski

Guess what? It's that time again! We are winding down 2009 and looking forward to 2010. Where did the year go? That means that it's time for you to renew your OAC membership. I would appreciate it if you could start paying the dues in November or December at the latest. You won't get anything extra except my "Thanks." Isn't that worth something?

It's been a good year. I know that our Christmas party, scheduled for December 5th, will be a huge success because your attendance will make it so. This year we again will be asking for gloves, scarves, hats, and why not some socks. It's your choice: furnish gifts for an adult or child. Your gifts in turn will be given to a charitable organization before Christmas. I was told it is better to give

then to receive. Let's prove those words to be true.

The NAA in Dallas is working hard to have one of the best meetings ever in 2010. Start planning now to attend from March 11th through the 14th. They have already changed the location to a Westin (4-star) Hotel just down I-75 from the previous hotel. Rooms will be \$99.00 per night, but they include breakfast. A lot more will follow on this convention.

We are still doing well financially. Our checkbook, at this point in time, reads \$1,560.57. Expenses to date were \$25.00, and income was \$16.00.

Our next meeting will be on November 8th at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Please plan to attend. Meetings go so much better when you are there.



Our 'Grande Dame' of the OAC has married!

Quin (Horn) Sharpe was married to Mr. Orrie K. Baysinger of Las Vegas, Nevada on October 31, 2009. Quin was one of our first members and was very active in OAC when she resided here in Oklahoma City. She loves the accordion and continues to play at various functions in Las Vegas. For those who recall

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November Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club October 11, 2009

- There were 12 members and 2 new members (Ellen Wilson and Melba Ewing) in attendance.
- The orchestra jammed until 3:30.
- Jimmie Woolly called the meeting to order and stated that there was no new business to discuss.
- Dick Albreski told us more about the Christmas party that will be on Saturday, December 5, at the Czech Hall, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Each club member may bring one friend. The club will provide chicken, drinks, and salads (potato, cole slaw, etc.). Members should bring appetizers and desserts. We will collect winter clothing accessories for charity. Bring hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. DO NOT wrap them.

- It was noted that the band has a gig on December 5 starting at 4:00 pm. Band members will have to leave the party early.
- Dick A. treated the group to an Oktoberfest concert: "In München Steht Ein Hofbräuhaus," "Schützen Liesel," several polkas, a German medley, and "The Chicken Dance!"
- Karen West played "Walking After Midnight."
- Melba Ewing played "Goodbye World Goodbye."
- Ellen Wilson played "Happy Trails To You."
- Then we jammed some more.
- Jimmie played gospel music and we had a ball!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Acting Secretary



The Prez Sez

Bill Henson

Our meeting will be November 8 -- we need you to attend this meeting. It's time to start getting into the holiday spirit and, in November, we have Thanksgiving and, in December, we have our Christmas party.

There should be more information coming soon, so come to the meeting to get the details.

Also, Beth gave me a flyer with information about the National Accordion Association convention in Dallas. The hotel has changed. The dates are March 10-14, 2010, and the Hotel is the Westin Park Central Hotel, 12720 Merit Drive, LBJ 635@Highway I-75, Dallas, TX 75251.

Start planning now.





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

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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.

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