

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

“Our squeezin’...is pleasin’”

The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



*Celebrate
musically with us
this Sunday!!!*

Meetup Info for Sunday, Nov 9, 2025 — 3:30 PM

Oklahoma Accordion Club (founded in 2000) meets in person once again Sunday, November 9, 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 to drink in the sweet sounds!

If you can’t attend the 3:30 PM meetup in person, you can experience some of 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

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PREZ SEZ

Maggie Abel



Joy and musicianship abound in the accordion realm. The accordion is like a portable piano that comes in every size. It's as totable or pullable as a guitar, and anyone who's experienced a few piano lessons in earlier life has a headstart already! So join us and dive in!

Love it when people send photos or newsy bits to share!

The above pic shows the 10 players currently in the Tulsa Accordion Band (with some OAC folks). TAC member Irene Bookbinder reports, "Facebook...advertising is good. It's gotten our band a lot of gigs and new members."

Wayne "Long May He Wayne" Turgeon and his family have returned from Australia and the Philippines. He looks forward to joining us again for the November 9 meetup.

The Garage Band with its one accordion will play popular tunes at noon Saturday November 8 at Will Rogers Senior Center's 10 to 2PM Art Show, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive in OKC. Free admission.

See Dick's page 3 re info on National Accordion Conference!



Someone somewhere must be playing "The Chicken Dance"

Our next Oklahoma Accordion Club meetup is Sunday, November 9 at 3:30 PM @ Messiah Lutheran Church, OKC

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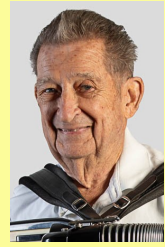
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Mark Those Calendars!

by Dick Albreski



November Oklahoma Accordion Club meeting. The OAC meeting will be next Sunday, November 9th, 2025, at the Messiah Lutheran Church at Portland & Northwest Expressway starting at 3:30PM. The reason for the 'heads-up' is these start our next year. The OAC was started in 2000 and has remained a respected Club because of the members. No organization can exist without support and your support is what we need! Plan to attend all remaining meetings. Bring your accordion and a friend. Next month we will have our annual Christmas Party. There will be treats, silent auction, accordion music, and friendship all around. Also, we ask you to consider your next year's membership dues starting in January 2026. They still are at a moderate \$20 for an individual and an additional \$10 for a family membership. Lifetime memberships are also available. Your continued support and contributions will enable the accordion to grow in Oklahoma.

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 N.A.A. website. Fee with banquet for accordionists is \$200. Non-accordionists are \$250. 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 information go to accordions.com, the National Accordion Association website or the OAC Newsletter. See you in Forney Texas on March 18th, 2026. — **Dick**



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Report of October Meeting

Secretary Lois Roth

The Oklahoma Accordion Club met Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 3:30 PM. Present were seventeen members (two on Zoom) and three guests - total twenty. German music was played before the meeting.

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and announced the October birthdays. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Karen West and Anne Lopez.

VP & Treasurer Ron Shearon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We sang a verse of "America The Beautiful."

The afternoon's music began with Maggie Abel and Susan Hause playing a duet called "The Donkey."

Shirley Hammack performed several songs including "Can-Can Polka," "All Through The Night," and "Charlie The Chimp."

Ron played "I Don't Know How This Song Ends."

John Warren played a few of his favorite songs including "La Vie En Rose," "Give My Regards To Broadway," and "Too Fat Polka."

Anne told us that Janet Haskin has been diagnosed with cancer and will be receiving treatment at M D Anderson. Get well, Janet!

Dick Albreski had his "mini" accordion today (48 bass). He said he had been busy with German gigs the last two days. He delighted the audience with "Beer Barrel Polka," "Just Because," "Snow Waltz," and other German favorites. He ended with his "Around The World" medley, including "The Chicken Dance," which got several to their feet!

Dick reminded us of the National Accordion Conference coming in March 2026. There will be a Fun Band as usual, plus workshops, jam sessions, and an orchestra with many different instruments.

Then we did some singing! Anne and Lois provided the accompaniment to "The Happy Wanderer" and "Wooden Heart."

Frank Boyd projected a popular Youtube video of The Twinnies — two German girls playing small accordions while singing and roller skating. Not to be outdone, Anne and Lois played The Twinnies song while our own "twins," a costumed Maggie and Susan, performed for us. The act was complete with accordions, roller skates (be careful, Ladies), and lovely blond wigs!

Anne and Lois concluded the day's music with "You Can't Be True Dear," "Eins-Zwei-Drei - Spiel" (an old Landler), and "Rain Rain Polka."

The meeting was adjourned. There was the usual extended "exit music" for a while afterward as the room was put back in order.

Today's refreshments included apple pies from Anne, Lois, and Diana Richard.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 9, starting at 3:30. Join us for some music and more fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, OAC Secretary

Birthday Greetings!



Frank Boyd Nov 4

Frankie Martinez Nov 9

Myke Dixon Nov 12

Donna Dove

Nov 16



*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*



OAC Meetup
October 12, 2025
Pix: Diana L. Richard





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One of our guests, Jennifer, brought in this ancient instrument. Anne and Dick were first to check it out...



go to <https://youtu.be/2I3M1Ia8CCE>
or search Youtube for **TWINNIES FRANZISKA PAULI**

to watch the popular Twinnies original that was parodied



**Y'all come
back now,
hear??**



Some players like to bring their own entourage of family members to bear witness!

OAC Meetup
October 14, 2025
 Pix: Maggie Abel



Frank projects Lois and Anne's Sing-Along lyrics on the wall



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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

- ☐ Primary Membership is \$20 per year per individual ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$300
☐ Family Membership is \$10 per year for each additional family member, when accompanied by a Primary Membership ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18

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