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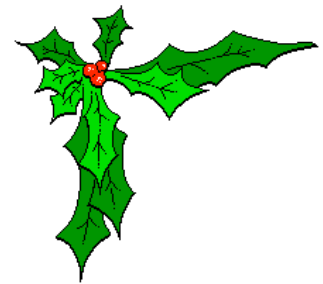
The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter



Merry Christmas



To all of you from all of us,
A very joyous Holiday Season
and a very happy New Year



The Prez Sez

Bill Henson

The meeting this month is at the Czech Hall for our Christmas Party. However, we won't be conducting any business, just having good fellowship time with each other.

I have good news and bad news for this December's party. The bad news is that I won't be attending, my wife Beth will, but I am sorry that I will be missing this party. The good news is that my unemployment has ended and I'm working, which is the reason why I won't be there in December. And even though I won't be with you, I will be thinking about all of you.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. As I write this we are preparing for Thanksgiving and I, for one, feel I have a lot to be thankful for. So, bring your accordions, bring some Christmas tunes, and get involved with the club.

We now have our website up and working:

<http://www.okaccordions.com/>

Merry Christmas to all, and I look forward to seeing you next year.



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January Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 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.



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I'm excited! It's that time of year when the world just seems to get better. We experience the holiday season with friends and family, plus it gives us all more reason to play our accordions. Don't be a SCROOGE! Share your accordion talents with others.

If you haven't made your reservations for the Christmas Party, please do as soon as possible. Every member is entitled to bring one guest. It will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 5th at the Czech Hall on Czech Hall Road in Yukon, OK. The main meal will be furnished by the OAC, but you are asked to bring cookies or a special dessert that you would like to share with others. We are also asking our members to bring gloves, scarves, hats or even socks that will be donated to a charitable organization. Please bring them unwrapped.

It's also that time of year when we ask for your membership renewal. Let's face facts. Without your

support, there wouldn't be an accordion club. You are IMPORTANT! Dues remain the same at \$16.00 for an individual membership. The earlier you send in your renewal, the sooner I can finish my paperwork and get back to accordion playing.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the NAA in Dallas next March 11th to the 14th, 2010. Word is that more accordion bands will be asked to perform. In order to have accordion bands, accordion players are required. That means the sooner you make plans to attend, the sooner our club can start to plan a program with OAC players who will be going to Dallas.

We are in good shape as far as our checkbook. November expenses to date are \$41.84. November income to date is \$82.00, and our checkbook balance reads \$1,600.73.

See you all at the Christmas Party!



Bob Dylan Releases Polka-Themed Christmas Song

NEW YORK (1010 WINS) -- These holidays they are a'changing.

Did we ever think we'd see the day when Bob Dylan puts on a Santa hat and dances to a Polka Christmas song? Now you can. Dylan released his holiday album, "Christmas in the Heart" which features his polka themed song "Must Be Santa."

[Click Here to Watch the Video](#)

Dylan, with his hair down to his shoulders, turned the song into a video which is set at a big holiday house party.

The singer turned polka dancer, says he will donate all his royalties from "Christmas In The Heart" to charities to feed the hungry.

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November Meeting

Beth Henson



*Johnny Sakaly and Bob Mansfield
renewing their dues*



Lois Roth



Diana Richard



Frances Engel and Richard Butricks



Dan Orza



Jimmie Woolly

November Meeting

Beth Henson



*Bob Mansfield and Jimmie Woolly
jamming*



*Frances Engel, Anne DeJohn, and
Richard Butricks*



Anne Lopez



President Bill Henson



*Diana Richard and Lois Roth
mother and daughter*



Frances Engel and Anne DeJohn

November Meeting Minutes

Lois Roth

Minutes Oklahoma Accordion Club November 8, 2009

- President Bill Henson called the meeting to order. He apologized for missing the October meeting, and thanked Jimmie Woolly for presiding.
- Bill read a note from the Yukon Czech Hall, thanking the OAC orchestra for performing at the Polka Picnic.
- Bob Mansfield, club historian, has the music that has been given or contributed to the club, but it is not in good order. The Board recommends that the music be disposed of. In the future, if a member wants a particular piece, they may talk to Bob, Dan Orza, or Dick Albreski, who all have extensive libraries of music. Bob will maintain articles about the accordion and the OAC.
- Diana Richard has been working on our club's website, and it is up and looks great. The URL is <http://www.okaccordions.com>. A calendar of club events is included on the site. Thanks to Diana and her husband for their hard work.
- The Christmas party will be held on December 5, at the Czech Hall in Yukon, 2:30-5:30 pm. The

party will take the place of the December meeting. We will have to clean up at the end.

The club will provide chicken and salads;

members are asked to bring cookies or candy.

Members are allowed to bring one guest each;

there will be a \$5 charge for additional guests.

Members are also asked to bring gloves, scarves, caps, socks, etc., for a charity.

- An entertainment committee was established for the party and is headed up by Beth Henson.

There were no volunteers for the committee. If anyone has ideas for the party, they should contact Beth.

- Bob Mansfield performed "Sweetly," "Hearth Tango," "If It Takes Forever," "All My Love," and "Your Baby Blues."

- Anne Lopez performed "Vaya Con Dios," "Back in the Saddle Again," "Happy Trails to You," and other Western tunes.

- Members participated in jamming immediately following the meeting.

- Richard Butricks noted that he and June will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on November 24. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Henson



Tune challenge for accordion thief

Richard Browning was stopped in his car with the instrument hidden behind his driver's seat, Lewes Crown Court was told on Monday.

The £150 price tag was still attached to the accordion although Browning, of Midhurst Road, Eastbourne, claimed he had been using the instrument to busk on the streets of Seaford, East Sussex.

But the police officer, who stopped the 31-year-

old in August last year, challenged him to play a tune to prove it was not stolen.

When Browning failed to raise a note on the instrument, the officer arrested him for shoplifting.

It was eventually discovered the accordion had been stolen from Music Memorabilia Saddlers House in High Street, Alfriston.

Browning, who admitted the theft of the accordion and 14 other crimes that included burglary and driving offences, was sentenced to two years in jail.

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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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