

THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

The Prez sez



Time flies. I hope your summer is going well — it's almost over. The kids are back at school...don't forget to slow down in those school zones. August has been really cool and very wet — now, that's strange for Oklahoma. I'm glad we had our picnic in June and had such great weather.

We've had our July and August meetings and both were well attended. However, I think some of you were away on vacations, and some may have missed a meeting due to lack of a monthly newsletter. I apologize for not getting you a newsletter each month. Until Jackie returns as editor, we are fortunate to have Frank Gesinski, a past newsletter editor, volunteer to fill in. **THANK YOU FRANK!**

Meanwhile, members of OAC have performed at the Statesman's Club at Tealridge Retirement Center in Edmond. I hope to have some photos for you in the next newsletter. Bob

Mansfield and Jarion Baquero recently performed at a wedding because our club was contacted for music for the occasion.

I'm so very proud of our membership and the willingness and ability to perform. What I'd really like to see improve now is our meeting attendance. So listen up everyone **OUR NEXT MEETING IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER...SEPTEMBER 14th...**Mark your calendar... plan to come, bring you family. Come share the fun. Bring a snack to share if you can. Bring your accordion...play a solo or join and play with the orchestra or in the jam session. Just come and have fun. This **IS** a family event and a **MUSICAL** organization. The orchestra begins rehearsing at 2:30, our meeting starts at 3:30. Our board of directors now meets at 2:00 pm, prior to our regular meeting (members may sit in on board business and listen).

The board of directors has decided to have another **BIG SQUEEZE**, and the membership has voted approval. It will happen on **November 23rd** at the UCO Jazz Lab. Please put this date on your calendar and **plan to come** — bring friends. I'm hoping that we will have more youth performers this time.

Musically yours,
Dano



Meeting info

Dan Orza

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, 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



The Treasurer sez

Dick Albreski

No one could be more excited than yours truly to be working again for the good of the Oklahoma Accordion Club. I trust I will do as well as my predecessors, Beth Henson and Roland Lohman. If I don't, I know they will tell me. So, I promise them and you that I will do my best as your treasurer.

Financially, we are holding our own with \$1,015.47 in the checking account. There were no deposits this month, and the only expense was the rental fee for our August meeting at the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Accordion thought for the month:

Don't store your accordion in its case. Like you, it has to breathe.



A drummer, sick of all the drummer jokes, decides to change his instrument. After some thought, he decides on the accordion. So he goes to the music store and says to the owner, “I'd like to look at the accordions, please.”

The owner gestures to a shelf in the corner and says “All our accordions are over there.”

After browsing, the drummer says, “I think I'd like the big red one in the corner.”

The store owner looks at him and says, “You're a drummer, aren't you?”

The drummer, crestfallen, says, “How did you know?”

The store owner says, “That 'big red accordion' is the radiator.”

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Annual picnic

May 2008



Geno did all the dancing



Dan did all the cooking



Jarion and Bob, what a duet!



Max and Beth



The whole gang enjoying food and fun!



Wow, can they play!



August meeting

Dan Orza

OAC AUGUST MEETING was an outstanding success. Shown below are the performers.



Evie and Dick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary



Diana won the cash jackpot



Bob Mansfield

*Eleanor and Frankie Martinez with
Geno Hermosillo*



August meeting

(continued)



Micaiah Elliott



Micaiah and Dick duetting



John Sakaly doing his own magic on a 12-bass accordion

Jarion Baquero playing up a storm



Big Squeeze

Here are photos of our BIG SQUEEZE performance at the UCO Jazz Lab in May:





Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

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
- Associate Hobby Teacher Repairman/Repairwoman
- Other (specify) _____

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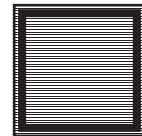
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