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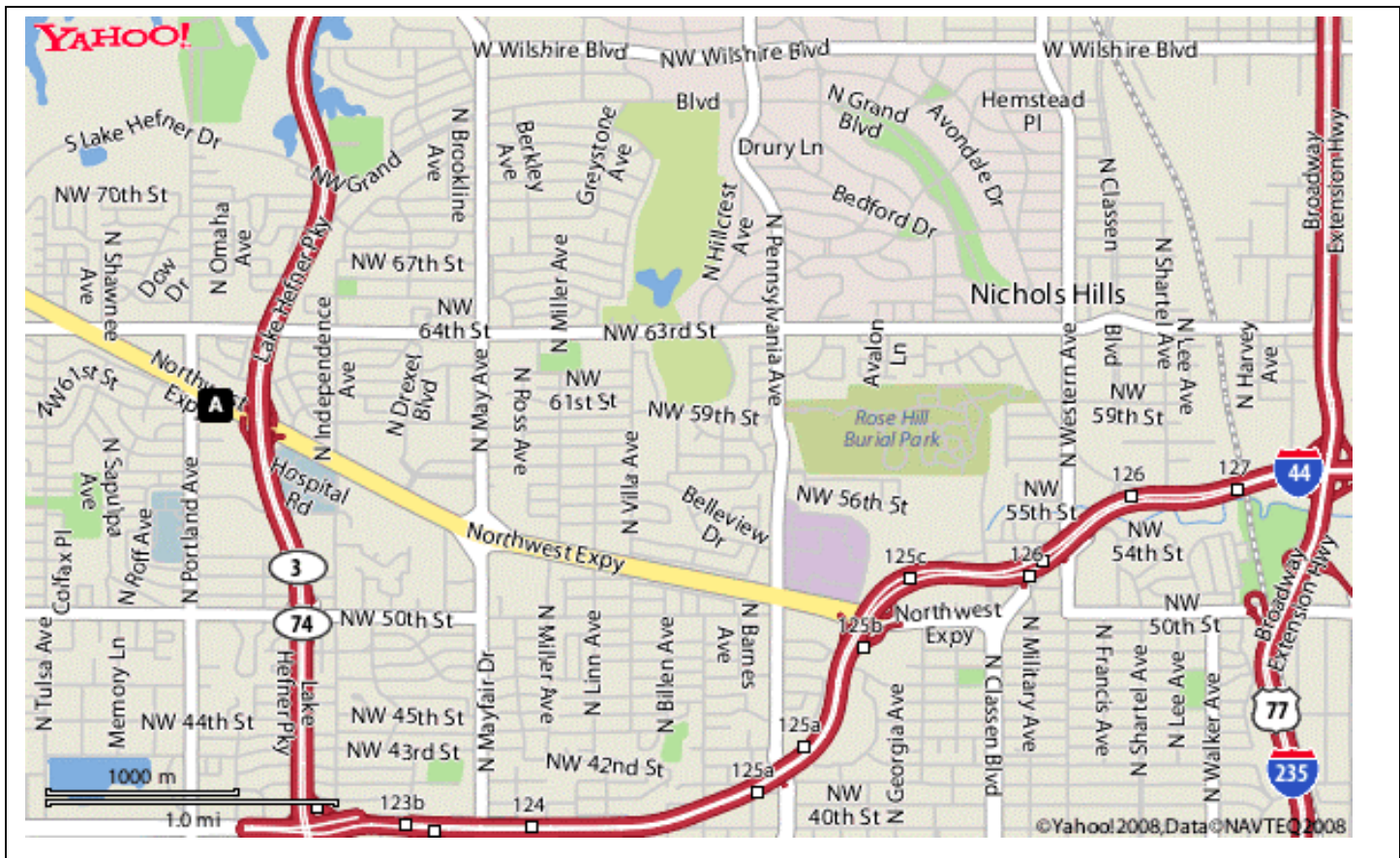
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March Meeting at New Site

The OAC has been looking for a new meeting sight for some time and in March we will give a potential location a **ONE TIME** trial run. The March meeting will be held at the **Messiah Lutheran Church, 3600 NW Expressway St, Oklahoma City, OK. Phone number: (405) 946-0681**. Go around to the back of the building to the gym where you will find a parking area and doors to the gym- no stairs, no ramps, so it should be easy in-easy out with our bodies and accordions. If you enter from the front you will have a very long walk. Keep in mind that this is a test run- this facility may or may not be what we seek as a permanent home. It is important that you be there! Your feedback, both good and bad, will be needed to make a good decision for the OAC.

Messiah Lutheran Church is located on the south side of NW Expressway off of Portland Ave. This is just west of I-44 at the exit near Baptist Hospital. See the map to find your best route. Access the church from the Portland side by turning east into the church parking lot. The lot wraps around the building.

Questions? Lost? Contact Dan Orza 326-1124, or Jackie 205-1013.



We are meeting at the letter "A" left side of the map off of Lake Hefner Parkway and Northwest Expressway. Near this intersection are Baptist Hospital, Macaroni Grill and On the Border Restaurants. It is also north of Deaconess Hospital on Portland.

National Accordion Association Convention

MARCH 13-15, 2008 (Thur, Fri, Sat)

Hope you have may your reservations by now and beat the February 25th deadline for the \$85 / night special accordion convention rate. If not, the rate will be the regular \$119/ night. The Richardson Hotel, in Richardson, Texas, just north of Dallas, will again be the location. **Call the hotel direct at 972-231-9600 and ask for the IN-HOUSE RESERVATION DESK.** It is best to call during the day and **do not** call the 1-800 number on the hotel website.

Registration for the full convention is \$150 for 3 days with banquet meals for accordionist, and a spouse pass is \$50 without banquet. The OAC will be helping folks coordinate carpooling. Contact President Dan 326-1124. Additional information can be found on the NAA website which is updated as the convention date gets closer. The general schedule is now posted!

NAA website: <http://www.accordions.com/naa/>

This will be one of the best TEXAS conventions ever!!!

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Convention Hi-Lites

- Drawing for a NEW DINO BAFFETTI accordion donated by Golden Age Accordions
- Folk Dance Training
- Youth Orchestra
- Friday Polka Fest with Grammy winning Brave Combo!
- Saturday accordion concert and dance
- WORKSHOPS for everyone
- Dealers and Swap Shop
- Jam sessions
- OLD FRIENDS AND NEW!

Youth Band at Convention

There will be a YOUTH BAND at the NAA convention. An open invitation is extended to teenagers and younger who play accordion and read music grade 2 or better. **Music for your grade level is now available at no-charge.** Order your music through Dick Albreski at juaccord@Hotmail.com or call him direct at 405-721-0564. Music is free of charge.

Youth attending the NAA receive complimentary registration with an adult paid admission.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR YOUTH!!!

THINGS THAT FIT

A short list of things that fit in the large OAC Tote Bag:

A full-grown Jack Russell Terrier, Supplies for a sleepover, Ski Mask, dark shirt and gloves, \$10,000 cash in small bills. The list is bottomless- kind of like the OAC tote.

Get your FREE tote with your renewed OAC membership.

Please complete the membership form found in the newsletter. Fill in all the spaces so that we may verify your information even if you are a long time member. Youth Members: that goes for you, too! Membership Dues options are listed on the form.

Write your check to: **Oklahoma Accordion Club**

The mailing address is at the bottom of the form.

Thank you for your continued support of the best accordion organization anywhere!

The OAC received the following thank you note from past treasurer Beth Henson for the music stand presented to her for her two years of service:

Thank you for the music stand it was a pleasure to serve as treasurer for two years and this stand will serve as a memento of that time. When I use it, it will always remind me of the great fun and fellowship we enjoy in the OAC.
Thank you again,
Beth Henson

**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 13
AT
PRINCE
OF
PEACE**

Condolences.....

The OAC extends our sympathies to our friend and member Johnny Sakaly at the recent loss of his sister, Julia.

From the President.....Dan Orza

How did it get to be March so soon?

Our next OAC meeting will be March 9th and we will be having a TRIAL NEW LOCATION meeting at the Messiah Lutheran Church. It is easily found on North Portland just south of Northwest Expressway. So it's easy to get to by getting off the Hefner parkway at Northwest Expressway at Baptist Hospital and going south on Portland. IT IS THE FIRST DRIVWAY going south from NW Expressway. If you're coming north on Portland you will turn right (east) into the driveway 'just before you get to Northwest Expressway. You cannot miss it!!! The meeting will be a normal meeting with orchestra starting at 2:30pm. So come and rehearse at that time. The regular meeting time is 3:30pm.

We will have our Jackpot drawing for everyone who brings an accordion and who plays. And everyone is welcome to purchase Jackpots tickets. As in the past.... Someone will win all the cash in the Jackpot.

I encourage EVERYONE to COME AND PLAY his or her accordion. Even if it's a simple little song. The goal is to have everyone accordionist play 'something' no matter how short or how simply.... JUST PLAY. And we will 'Jam'.... And we will rehearse an Orchestra selection or two and perform it too. I'm still working TWO GUITARS and I plan to present it again - hopefully It will be closer to perfection.

NAA is March 13-15. Are you planning to attend? Have you call the Richardson hotel and made you NAA Accordion Convention Discount reservation? And have you made your NAA Reservations for the convention and banquets? If not do it now. The Board and I are trying to help you get together and car pool to save travel expenses. Call me (or email me) if you are going and can take some one - or if you need a ride.

Dano



The next Big Squeeze is
Sunday, May 18th
UCO Jazz Lab in Edmond.

The first show last October was a huge success! Our accordionists fulfilled our goal of bringing the accordion to the public with an impressive concert. The format will be the same: a superb show of talent in an exhibition of a wide variety of accordion music!

**Plan now to either
perform or attend!**

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Note From The Editor....

You may have noticed that this issue is late; just as the January issue was late. You may also notice that it is a bit wimpy at only four pages, compared to the normally robust eight pages.

Your editor has had many "distractions" and appreciates your patience as these "challenges" cycle past and life eventually returns to some semblance of normalcy.

Issues of the Oklahoma Squeezin's more representative of our Club standards are in the future- as in next month, if life is less "unusual".

Thanks All.

You are the best!
Jackie MaShore
Editor

