

# THE OKLAHOMA SQUEEZINS

"Our squeezin'...is pleasin'"



The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

## Noted Accordionists



Weird Al Yankovic



Steve Urkel



No wonder Myron Floren was so good, he had four hands!



Ginger Rogers



Stan Laurel

## Meeting info

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, 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.



# The Treasurer sez

Dick Albreski

Time flies when you are having fun. Last month many of us enjoyed the NAA meeting and, in April, we celebrated Easter. Easter is a special time for Evie and me. Our heritage taught us many unique Easter traditions that allow us to reminisce on days gone by. One of my tasks was to play traditional Polish music for friends and family. Easter being a time of joy and rebirth, the accordion is the perfect instrument. It gives us joy, and how many of you "started a musical rebirth on the accordion"?

The accordion also gives each of us many other gifts. May I share one of those with you? Recently I played for an assisted living center here in Oklahoma City. I play only happy tunes and the folks did enjoy my selections. There was clapping, some singing, and even moderate dancing. But the greater reward was the lady who was asleep in her wheel chair. For some unknown reason, my eyes began to stare at her right hand. As I played, the index finger on her right hand was keeping perfect time with my music.

She may never know that I played for her but she did enjoy the gift given to me that I could share with her. Have you "shared" lately?

Our membership renewal was rewarding. Only a few members did not return. We did however gain some new members. We sold some of the OAC music bags, and OAC member Milo Shedeck has placed an ad for the Bohemian Knights Polka Band in our newsletter. [CZECH it out.](#) The membership, the bags, the ads all add to our bottom line. At this point in time we have \$1666.60 in the checkbook and our expenses to date totaled \$28.47. Remember the next meeting is also on the first not the second Sunday of May. See you there.



Q. How do you protect a valuable instrument?

A. Hide it in an accordion case.

Q. What kind of calendar does an accordion player use for his gigs?

A. "Year-at-a-Glance."

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# The Prez sez

Bill Henson

Just a reminder to those who missed our last meeting, our next meeting will also be in the first weekend in May. This is because of Mother's Day occurring on our normal meeting date.

The past few meetings have been great; those who have been there have been very positive about the performances. We have a good club with a lot of talent. Everyone is welcome to come and play their accordion.

In the future we are going to incorporate some of what we experienced when we went to Dallas to the NAA. Workshops are very educational, and I enjoy learning new things that I may not have known before. So be prepared to learn as well as be entertained at future club meetings.

Behind the scenes, you have several very dedicated members. Of course, the ones you know about are your board of directors, but there are others that help, also. Anne sends out cards to club members for anniversaries and birthdays and other occasions, Frank puts together this wonderful newsletter, and Diana is working on getting our website back into operation and up-to-date.

It really works well when people help, and it makes for a fun time for all. I appreciate all of the member participation we have had at the last meeting.

Come to this month's meeting and prepare to have a good time.



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# April Meeting Minutes

Beth Henson

Minutes  
Oklahoma Accordion Club  
April 5, 2009

- There were 17 members and one visitor present.
- President Bill Henson recognized our visitor, John Lohmann, Roland's son.
- A Big Squeeze has been scheduled for August 9. We may change our regular meeting date to accommodate the event.
- Although our numbers were few, the music was great.
- Roland Lohmann performed "Memories of Paris" by Frank Maracco.
- Bill reported that the NAA in Texas was fun even though it rained the whole weekend.
- Our club is going to start having quarterly workshops. Bob Mansfield will present

the first one in May on bellows control and action.

- Bob Mansfield performed "Wave" (Latin).
- Jairon Baquero performed "Olive Blossoms" and "Gianina Mazurka."
- Anne Lopez performed "Blue Hawaii" and "Roman Guitar."
- Dick Albreski performed "Convoitais" (French waltz) and "Bel Viso" (Italian novelty).
- Dan Orza performed "Waltz Allegro" by Charles Magnante.
- Both Bill and Dan have keys to the church now, so there should be no more delays in starting the meeting due to someone running late.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Henson



"You heard me, Simons! ..... You get that cursed bugle fixed!"



## Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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