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EDITOR'S SOLO

- Some of you will notice a red mark at the top of your paper copy of this newsletter. This is simply a reminder that this will be the last issue of the newsletter (or other written communications) you will receive unless I receive \$4.00 in dues. Please send a check made out to me (see return address on envelope) or cash and I will send you a receipt. If you no longer want a paper copy please remember that the newsletters are now posted on our web site and you are still more than welcome to the DAC open mic sessions as a participant or observer.
- Lenn Feldmann has added the October, 2005 newsletter to the DAC web site and also updated our meeting schedule for 2006. You can check out his own web site at www.cordeenman.com.
- The paper copies of the October, 2005 newsletter were incorrectly printed as "ISSUE NO. 0005". That issue was really number "0006", as reflected on the web site version. You may see this as an error on my part, as I initially did. But the more I thought about it I realized I was running a test to see which readers were paying attention. So, that's what I'm going to go with... it was not a mistake, but a test. By the way, nobody noticed it, and now I'm sorry I even brought it up.....
- In September, 2005 Len Hatzenbeller made a trip to Aberdeen, South Dakota where he was born and raised. He visited the home of Myron Floren in Roslyn, SD (about forty miles from Aberdeen) and sent me a letter regarding the visit. Following are a few of his comments: "...I also saw Myron in person several times over the years. The first was in the early 1950's when Myron and Lawrence Welk were in Aberdeen...at the Engel Music Supply store. I purchased several sheets of music..." Len enclosed a copy of the cover page of the "Florena Polka". He continued, "...over the years Myron was so gracious as to autograph this composition amongst others for me...P.S., I attended grade school with Lawrence Welk's niece." If you ever go to Roslyn you will know immediately where you are. Len sent a photo taken of him standing next to a very large sign with a likeness of Myron playing his accordion and the message, "Welcome to Roslyn, home of Myron Floren." Thank you, Len.
- A couple of months ago I was contacted by the resources editor of "MetroKids" magazine. She inquired about our club's activities and said she would cover us in a short "spotlight" article in the January, 2006 edition. And sure enough, there we are on page 36. You will see an old photograph of Joe Alexander and Dennis Mangifesta (who moved west some years ago). I've only noticed this free magazine at the county libraries, so if you inquire they may still have some issues. I have only one copy, which I'm saving for Joe.
- The following address was spotted in the Sunday News Journal (Wilmington, Delaware) of October 16, 2005: Polka Music Hall of Fame, 4608 S. Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. www.internationalpolka.com or call 800-TOPOLKA.
- In January Joe Oberly visited Cintioli's Music Center. Benny Cintioli runs a full service shop for accordions, as well as other instruments. Joe says Benny had several dozen accordions on display and is very helpful. He has many older reconditioned instruments for sale and new ones

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can be had as well. Joe bought an amplifier that day, but, as many of us know, Joe is always looking for accordions so he'll "be back". (I think this was a line first used in a movie called "The Accordionator", starring Arnold Bellowshaker.) Benny's store is at: 5359 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124. Call 215-533-2050 or 215-533-2053, www.cintiolimusic.com. I believe he opens at 1:00 PM during the week. Please call about specific hours.

- Member Richard DiBlassio found an excellent accordion history book on the internet: "The Golden Age of the Accordion" by Edwin Davison and others. Member Lisa Cristofich sent me the following information:
 - > Edwin Davison is the only surviving co-author of the three original authors; he will sign and personalize the book you order
 - > Used copies on the internet are as high as \$60.00 and may not be the latest edition; generally, Ed sells the latest edition (the 3rd) for less than that depending on how many are ordered and method of shipment; prior to January, 2006 books were \$34.95 plus S & H, but price was due to rise in 2006
 - > Contact Edwin Davison at flynnpub@earthlink.net OR <http://home.earthlink.net/~flynnpub> OR call 210-651-6610 OR Flynn Publications, 917 Antler Drive, Schertz, TX 78154-1101
- I attended a music event in November, 2005 and noticed an ad in the program notes for an instrument repair company called Well-Tempered Music. All types of instruments are repaired and restored, including "free-reeds (accordions)". David Cottrell was listed as the technician. David came to one of our open mic sessions a few years ago and played numerous tunes for us on a button accordion. You can contact him at: wtm@zoominternet.net OR 410-392-2279 OR 293 Lewisville Road, Fair Hill, Elkton, MD 21921.
- I recently became aware of a greeting card

company which has cards available for numerous occasions and special groups, including accordions. Check out www.123greetings.com/events/accordion_day/. If you have questions contact steve@123greetings.com.



PAST EVENTS

If anyone attends an accordion event and would like to report it, please let the editor know.

December, 2005 Christmas at Masonic Lodge

Club president Joe Oberly was asked to play Christmas tunes at one of the Masonic Lodges. He set up in the designated room and began playing but nobody came in to listen. Just when he started to think he must really be playing badly, someone rushed in and told him he had to get out of the lodge because there was a fire in the attic area and everyone had evacuated to the parking lot!

January 8, 2006 Magic at Little Sisters of the Poor

Member Lars Johannesen, who performs magic tricks, was doing a show for the residents in the facility at Ogletown, Delaware. At one point he tied up a couple of people and then had Joe Oberly, who was hiding behind the curtain, come out playing "Please Release Me" on his accordion, at which point the captives were somehow magically untied. (*Editor's note - there is the possibility the residents simply broke their ropes and headed for the hills, thinking Joe may set the roof on fire; see preceding article.*)

Past DAC Open Mic Sessions

November 20, 2005

Lots of solo performances today by Jack

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Chrustowski, Dave Kupsis, Bob Shoemaker,
Richard DiBlassio and Susan Shertok.

Sue Howell (member Steve Armstrong's sister) and her husband displayed custom embroidered clothing for club members. They have designed a logo that includes an accordion and the club name. The logo is very detailed and can be placed on hats, shirts, jackets, etc. They also work with cloth dolls and quilts. If you are interested in obtaining one of these items (or discussing other organizations you may belong to) contact Sue at:

ShaCraft
1904 Lincoln Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19808
302-995-6385

December 18, 2005

Ed Tafelski and Darlene Laird began the day with a few duets. Then Darlene's very young grandson, Daniel Pate, played a number on a small accordion. It's nice to see fledgling musicians who, hopefully, will grow to see what a versatile and entertaining instrument the accordion can be.

Other players today were Jack Chrustowski, Joe Oberly, Dave Kupsis, Jeff Anderson, Richard DiBlassio (who also sang), Susan Shertok, Joe Ragan and Phyllis Edamatsu. Bob Shoemaker played a beautiful rendition of the theme for the movie "The Godfather". And there was a too rare visit by John Papili, who amazes the group each time he comes.

Among the observers at this session was Brian Lee, a disc jockey on radio station WVUD (FM 91.3). Brian began spinning records in Wilmington and Philadelphia many years ago. His current show called "Scratchy Grooves" airs at 7:00 PM on Sunday nights and covers music made from about 1915 to 1940. On his show a few hours after visiting the DAC, he said the club really has a "lollapalooza of a good time."

January 15, 2006

Players today were Dave Kupsis, John Maiorano,

Ed Tafelski and Joe Ragan on guitar and accordion (not at the same time!).

This session was a unusual for a couple of reasons. Lars Johannesen revealed a hidden talent as a magician by performing a couple of slight-of-hand tricks. And for the first time a ukelele player jammed with the accordions. Frankie Gray came from Elkton, Maryland and not only played his ukelele (electric, no less) but also sang. This combination with accordion backup really sounded very good.



FUTURE EVENTS

If anyone knows of an accordion event coming up, please let the editor know.

Dick Contino and Al Martino in Florida

February 7, 2006

Barbara B. Mann Center
Ft. Myers, FL

Contact: Dick's info number 702-732-4364

AAMS (American Accordion Musicological Society)
19th Annual Festival and Symposium

March 3 - 5, 2006

Wyndham Valley Forge Suites
888 Chesterbrook Blvd.
Wayne, PA 19807
610-647-6700

Cajun/Zydeco concert Friday evening.
Concert Saturday evening.

Competitions, vendors, workshops, awards, guest artists throughout the weekend: Henry Doktorski, Carmen Carrozza, Dee Langley, Ed Touchstone, Bobby Raye, Lenn Feldmann, Dr. Lou Persic, Stanley & Joanna Darrow and others.

Contact: Joanna Arnold Darrow
ACME Accordion School
322 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, NJ 08108

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856-854-6628
www.aamsaccordionfestival.com

National Accordion Convention

March 8 - 12, 2006
Richardson, Texas

Contact:
National Accordion Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 53-0533
Dallas, TX 75357
972-270-0770
www.accordions.com/naa
NatlAccordion@SBCGlobal.net

Formerly called the Texas Accordion Association, Norman Seaton states the NAA convention welcomes all levels of accordion expertise on all types of accordions. The covention is very busy but fun. They don't feature competitions or championships, preferring to leave those to the various teaching organizations.

Al Meixner Trio and Don Lipovac

May 20, 2006
Dinner, concert and dance.
Schnecksville, Pennsylvania
(just north of Allentown)

Contact:
Alex at 610-774-0446
alex@almeixner.com
www.almeixner.com

Las Vegas International Accordion Convention

June 26 - 29, 2006
Gold Coast Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV
Contact:
Las Vegas International Accordion
Convention
1760 South 450 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
800-472-1695
www.accordioninfo.com

Featured honorees: Dick Contino, Art Van Damme and Peter Soave

Headliners include: Iona Reed Pukara, Don Lipovac, Bernadette Conlon, Kevin Solecki & Mike Zawojsky, Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini, and The K Trio.

AAA (American Accordionists' Association) 2006 Festival

July 12 - 16, 2006

Adams Mark Hotel
Buffalo, NY

Contact:
AAA Executive Office
580Kearny Avenue
Kearny, NJ 07032
201-991-2233

AAA1938@aol.com

Future DAC Open Mic Sessions

Free and open to the public:

Bear Diner & Restaurant
Route 40 at School Bell Road
Bear, Delaware 19701

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| 02-19-2006 | Sunday | 2:00 - 5:00 pm | 03-19-2006 | Sunday | 2:00 - 5:00 pm |
| 04-16-2006 | Sunday | NO MEETING | | | |
| 05-21-2006 | Sunday | 2:00 - 5:00 pm | 06-18-2006 | Sunday | NO MEETING |
| 07-16-2006 | Sunday | 2:00 - 5:00 pm | | | |

FOR SALE OR WANTED



Looking for a particular piece of music or instrument repair? Found an old instrument you want to sell or give away? Tell the editor and it will go in the next newsletter.

For sale: "Concord" Accordion
11 treble registers (includes musette), 4 bass registers, amplifier ready, gray mother-of-pearl, new straps. \$550.00. Call Joe Oberly at xxx-xxx-xxxx (cell) or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

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NEW MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES



The club welcomes the following members and supporters:

Jack and Elyssa Ferrell Bear, Delaware
Frankie Gray Elkton, Maryland

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