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EDITOR'S SOLO

- In February Joe Oberly and Richard DiBlassio made a trip to Cintioli's Music Center. Richard found Benny Cintioli very knowledgeable and helpful. I've mentioned Cintioli's before and will give the store info again simply because many members (new and old) ask about accordions, repairs and equipment and there simply aren't that many music stores that handle accordions in our immediate area. 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.
- Speaking of "field trips", in February Richard DiBlassio, Tony Cristofich and Lisa Cristofich visited world famous accordionist Charles Nunzio in his home in northern New Jersey. Mr. Nunzio mentioned that during the depression he played about 35 jobs a week. Later, he went to Italian manufacturers and instigated some design changes for the American accordions. Currently, he is rebuilding an accordion on his work bench. He asked Richard to play a few tunes and seemed very pleased. In the 1950's, one of my music books had an advertisement on the back cover for Charles Nunzio's Pan American Series. There were four sample lines of music shown for each

of four original compositions. I thought then that they looked tough and that I'd never be able to play them. They still do and I still can't! So, it was great to actually see Mr. Nunzio perform in person a few years ago at the annual AAMS Festival and I got an autographed copy of "Toreador" to remember the occasion.

- Darlene Laird found the following websites that may be of interest to some members:
 - www.accordionradio.co.uk
 - www.accordionclub.co.uk
- Joe Alexander was contacted by a person from Applied Microphone Technology, a company that manufactures accordion microphone systems. Following is a list of website links and an address:
 - www.appliedmic.com
 - Applied Microphone Technology
 - www.appliedmic.com/details.asp?ID=33
 - ACC3 information
 - www.appliedmic.com/audio.asp
 - Audio examples with Frank Marocco
 - www.appliedmic.com/marocccopress.asp - ACC3 press release info
 - www.appliedmic.com/details.asp?ID=34
 - More info
 - www.appliedmic.com/accfaq.asp
 - ACC3 FAQ
 - Applied Microphone Technology
 - 61 Industrial Road Berkeley
 - Heights, NJ 07922 Email:
 - ron@appliedmic.com .
- Most of you recieved a letter from me dated April 13, 2006 regarding the "3LB Idol" contest. The day after I dropped them in the mail I found out that the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre changed the show date from April 22 to April 29. Hopefully, this didn't inconvenience anyone and that the ticket office informed you of the change in dates if you called them.
- Radio Station WVUD, FM 91.3, whose DJ's announce our open mic dates, is running their annual fund raiser. The station is a listener supported station run by the University of

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Delaware. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the station call 302-831-2701.



PAST EVENTS

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

March 3 - 5, 2006 AAMS (American Accordion Musicological Society) 19th Annual Festival and Symposium

Numerous DAC members attended the event, held annually by Stanley Darrow and Joanna Arnold-Darrow. Among them were Joe Alexander, Richard DiBlassio, Phyllis Edamatsu, Lenn Feldmann, Charles and Jeanne Mariani, and Joe Oberly.

Joe Oberly didn't miss this golden opportunity to hand out the marketing pens (provided by the Marianis) that advertise our club. Phyllis entered several of the competitions and did quite well. Richard DiBlassio provided a workshop for which he received excellent compliments from those attending. He also performed several tunes during the Saturday night dinner which were very well received.

There were numerous other performers throughout the weekend, including Bobby Raye and Henry Doktorski. Roman Pawlowski, who is well known in Delaware as the conductor of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, performed on the accordion. That isn't something you see every day!

March 8 - 12, 2006 National Accordion Convention

Lisa Cristofich and her father, Tony, attended the convention. Lisa had placed an ad in the back of the program for the DAC, which may spark

some additional interest in our club.

Lisa Cristofich's Accordicats Series

April 2, 2006 The Polka Quads

Joe Oberly said a good crowd turned out to hear the Polka Quads at the Charcoal Pit & Sports Bar, just west of Wilmington. They played a great mix of Croatian and Slovenian polkas, waltzes and ballads.

Past DAC Open Mic Sessions

February 19, 2006

The day began with Jack Chrustowski, Dave Kupsis, and Susan Shertok all playing individually but each accompanied by Joe Ragan playing guitar. Solo sets were then played by Bob Shoemaker, Richard DiBlassio, Phyllis Edamatsu, Gary Robinson and Joe Oberly.

There were numerous members of the Weston Senior Center attending. Some were in the main restaurant as it became a little crowded in the meeting area at the end of the building.

March 19, 2006

So much happened today it's hard to know where to begin. There were first time visitors from Philadelphia, Matt Hedson and Diane Altman. Although he didn't play today, Matt is an active accordionist with the Philadelphia Banjo Society Orchestra. He anticipates getting more involved musically upon retirement and to help with that he bought several accordions in the past year.

Making her first appearance at the DAC open mic was Betty Jackson, a talented musician who plays guitar, organ, piano and (surprise!) accordion. She sang several "old time" songs today (including gospel) while playing her accordion.

Susan Shertok played a number of tunes accompanied by Eric Rangell on clarinet and flute.

John Papili, Dave Kupsis played accordion duets with Joe Ragan doing guitar backup.

Joe Oberly brought a recently purchased used

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Cordovox to the session and Ed Tafelski used the instrument to do a great set of tunes ranging from polkas to the "Jolly Caballero". Gary Robinson also took the Cordovox for a short spin with "Chantilly Lace".

Joe Oberly also did a number of tunes today on his "Concord" accordion.

Richard DiBlassio played "Ave Maria", which he had performed recently at St. Mary's Church in Hockessin, Delaware. It was such a beautiful rendition that Brian Lee, a disc jockey on WVUD (FM 91.3), asked immediately if Richard would perform it on a future radio show.

FUTURE EVENTS



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

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

Newark Symphony Orchestra

Roman Pawlowski, Conductor (not playing the accordion: see Editor's Solo above)

May 21, 2006 7:30 PM

Loudis Recital Hall
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware

Tickets usually available at the door for \$15 (\$12 for seniors).

For info: 302-369-3466

www.newarksymphony.org

Lisa Cristofich's AccordiCats Series

Don Lipovac

May 23, 2006 (6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)

Charcoal Pit & Sports Bar

Kirkwood Highway & Greenbank Road
(5 miles west of Wilmington, Delaware)

\$15 (includes show and snack)

Call Joshua or Lisa at 302-993-0374.

St. Anthony's Italian Festival

June 11 - 18, 2006

St. Anthony Padua Church

901 N. DuPont Street

Wilmington, Delaware

Call 302-421-3790

It is expected that member Richard DiBlassio will be performing throughout the week.

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.

KIOTAC (Kimberly Old Time Accordion Championships)

July 10 - 15, 2006

Contact:

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KIOTAC
PO Box 473
Kimberley, BC V1A 3B9
Canada
888-4KIOTAC (toll free)
250-427-4547
www.kiotac.ca

2006 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 09-17-2006
Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 10-15-2006 Sunday
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Last year's gathering briefly broke the Guinness record for having the largest accordion ensemble (644 accordion players at one time!).

According to the website, Bobby Raye (and many others) will be there this year.

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

Highlights

- Stolaruk Entertainment
- Accordion Competition (\$10,000 first prize)
- Polka Band Competition (\$1500 first prize)
- Concerts (Tony Lovello, The Busso Trio, the Festival Orchestra)

Future DAC Open Mic Sessions

Free and open to the public:

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

05-21-2006 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 06-18-
2006 Sunday NO MEETING
07-16-2006 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 08-20-

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.

Wanted: music for "Dancin' the Devil Away".
Contact Len Hatzenbeller.

NEW MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES



The club welcomes the following members and supporters:

Matt Hedson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Betty Jackson	Wilmington, Delaware
John Kalicki	Wilmington, Delaware
Jeff Podurgiel	Collegeville, Pennsylvania
Eric Rangell	Exton, Pennsylvania
Jim Rosemary	Newark, Delaware

SHOW OVER - LATCH THE BELLOWS

