

## WHAT 'S SHAKIN'

### DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB

President: Joe Oberly  
Sec-Treasurer: Gary Robinson  
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#### \*\*\*\*\* EDITOR'S SOLO \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* Long time club supporters Michael and Kris Rewa are moving to Wisconsin. Michael frequently attended open mic sessions as an observer and Kris supported us with announcements on radio station WVUD (FM 91.3). Before leaving Michael donated an old accordion to the club, which Ed Tafelski fixed up for us. Joe Oberly found a buyer for it and will pay Ed for the repairs and put the excess into the treasury (\$75.00). Thank you Michael and Kris and we wish you well in Wisconsin.

\*\*\*\* I attended an event at the University of Delaware's music department and found a pile of "Making Music" magazines in the hallway. Inside was an advertisement for the Accordion Connection. Anyone visiting New Hampshire may want to stop at the shop at 136 Rte. 106, Gilmanton, NH 03237. They can be reached at 800-328-5227 or [www.accordionconnection.com](http://www.accordionconnection.com).

\*\*\*\* The Marianis have contributed several hundred ball point pens to the club for promotional purposes. Each pen has the club name, website and a phone number. We'll try to distribute these at events where we know those attending have an interest in the accordion but may not be aware of our club. Thank you Charles and Jeanne.

\*\*\*\* In a related story, Joe Oberly attended a "classic" car rally at the Hooters restaurant just above the route 13/40 split in New Castle. However, Joe was the only one who showed up (in his 1950's Wilmington Police car). Hooters had recently changed the rally date and Joe was the only one who got it right! As a result, the manager let him have dinner "on the house", during which Joe showed one of the club's new pens to the waitress. Anyhooter (sorry, anyhow), a discussion followed with the manager and he invited Joe and other DAC members to come to the restaurant some Sunday afternoon to perform on the deck. Who would have thought? The new pens apparently have a magical power that renders those who see it helpless against the power of the "accordion nation". Anyone interested should contact Joe at 302-658-2684 (home) or 302-388-0471 (cell). This could give a whole new meaning to the phrase "What's Shakin'!!!"

#### \*\*\*\*\* PAST EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

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

May 14, 2005 Brent Buswell at the Charcoal Pit

Lisa Cristofich arranged this local concert with Brent, who is from Ludlow, Vermont. Brent has been a guest performer with the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra and plays numerous festivals around the country. He is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music. He's an excellent musician who plays all types of music. And he's only been playing the accordion for 12 years!

June 23-25, 2005 International Accordion Celebration

This event was held in Leavenworth, Washington and included competitions, jamming, workshops and concerts. Leavenworth,

which bills itself as "Your Bavarian Getaway", also hosted "Polkarama" on July 8 and 9. Our reporter in Vancouver, Canada (the editor's daughter) assures us that this is a nice little city for these events and they have good skiing, too! Check out [www.leavenworth.org](http://www.leavenworth.org) or call 509-548-5807 for future information.

June 26 - 29, 2005 Las Vegas International Accordion Convention  
Bob Shoemaker attended this event and rubbed shoulders with many excellent accordionists. See comments below for the 07-17-2005 DAC meeting.

July 16, 2005 Planete Folle Band  
Vic Sadot's band played at the Blue Crab Grill in Newark, Delaware. Joe Oberly attended and sat in with the band briefly; first keeping rhythm on the scrub board and then taking a turn on the accordion. Call 302-836-1617 or check [www.zydecoplanet.com](http://www.zydecoplanet.com) for more information on the band's upcoming schedule.

#### DAC Meetings

May 15, 2005

Gary Robinson played a few tunes to begin this session, followed by Bob Shoemaker. Bob put on a Malaquena clinic, which was top notch. Joe Oberly played: there was singing by Charles Mariani and Dave Williston and a polka danced by Tony Cristofich and Jeanne Mariani.

Gary Robinson brought guests, his cousin Mary Lou and her husband Frank, to observe our meeting. Frank played the accordion as a child and asked if anyone in the room knew the tune "Whispering Hope". No one could recall it well enough to play, except for Ed Tafelski. Why is this not surprising? When Ed started to play, Frank literally began to cry because of the childhood memories it invoked! The power of music.....

June 19, 2005

Dave Kupsis and Darlene Laird began the meeting with a batch of duets. Darlene was playing a beautiful Pan Jet borrowed from her neighbor. Dave then played solo for awhile, followed by Jack Chrustowski, Gary Robinson and Phyllis Edamatsu.

The Marianis distributed some of the new DAC ink pens that they had purchased for the club.

July 17, 2005

Phil and Peggy Bonsiero came up from the Baltimore area to demonstrate Phil's new Roland accordion. This new offering from Roland is entirely electronic and self contained, even to the point of housing it's own electric supply (a rechargeable battery) and amplified speakers. It's very strange to see Phil walk around creating an amplified sound but with no speakers in sight! The accordion can be played for approximately eight hours on a charge or through conventional speaker systems. It has hundreds of sound combinations and too many other features to mention here.

Joe Alexander and Gary Robinson each played a few tunes with the Roland. This may be just the instrument for Gary: it has a feature whereby the accordion plays tunes by itself, kind of like a player piano (except the keys don't move). Now if he could just learn how to finger-sync the notes!

Joe Oberly's grandsons Jake and Luke, ages 5 and 7, played a

tune on tiny button accordions. Their mother, Tangie, dubbed it "Making Noise" and it was highly recognizable by virtually everyone who remembers their own attempts at mastering an instrument.

Bob Shoemaker described some of the many events at the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention. Sounds like he got some pointers from Tony Lovello and others and had a great time. He demonstrated some of the Tony Lovello techniques. He also found out a piece of trivia: the original composer of the Sharpshooters March, who hardly ever gets credit for the tune, was married to Mae West. If you're over 50 years old and don't know who Mae West was, it's a sure sign you were playing your accordion way too much as a kid.

Joe Ragan played a mixed bag of polkas and did a little "name that tune" contest when he started playing old rock and roll tunes.

Richard Diblassio entertained everyone with an opera overture and also some vocal renditions of old standards. It's very enjoyable to watch and listen to Richard who is very comfortable performing in public.

Joe Oberly also performed to close out the day's open mic session.

We had a first time visitor from Lewes, Delaware. Louis Xiarhos saw the club advertised in the Artline pullout section of the Wilmington NewsJournal. Although it's a long hike for him, hopefully he'll come to more open mic meetings to experience the variety of musical styles the members possess.

\*\*\*\*\* FUTURE EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

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

Cherish the Ladies (Irish music, dancing, accordion)

August 9, 2005 7:30 PM

Longwood Gardens

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

For info call 610-388-1000 or go to [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

Vic Sadot's Planete Folle

August 13, 2005 6:00 PM

Rockwood Summer Concerts on the Lawn

Rockwood Mansion Park

610 Shipley Road

Wilmington, Delaware

Call 761-4340 for directions

mondial de l'accordeon,

Montmagny (Quebec)

09-01-2005 thru 09-05-2005

This accordion festival is held every year in Montmagny, a small town about 45 miles east of Quebec City. Years ago Gary Robinson went to Montmagny to visit the accordion museum there. It was then that he learned of the festival. They sent him an excellent color brochure describing the performers, times, venues and ticket info. Most of it is in French but it's not hard to figure out. Thousands of people and almost

as many accordions show up.  
Here's information on how to contact them:

Carrefour mondial de l'accordeon  
Musee de l'accordeon  
301, boulevard Tache Est  
Montmagny (Quebec)  
G5V 1C5 Canada

phone: 418-248-7927  
fax: 418-248-1596  
accordeon(at)montmagny.com  
<http://accordeon.montmagny.com>

If you mail a letter to Canada, it will cost \$.60 in U.S. postage.

ACME Accordion School, Pitman Branch - Celebrate New Location  
September 12, 2005  
506 S. Broadway  
Pitman, New Jersey 08071

Please see enclosed announcement for details.

Polkamotion by the Ocean  
September 14 - 18, 2005  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

For information contact:

Freddie at 302-744-9598 [www.polkamotion.com](http://www.polkamotion.com)  
Gil at 410-388-1998

note - the website also has information about polka  
radio shows and other festivals around the country

Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre  
October 6, 2005 - Jimmy Sturr Orchestra and Boots Randolph  
October 8/9, 2005 - Dick Contino

For information contact:

3540 Three Little Bakers Blvd.  
Pike Creek Valley  
Wilmington, Delaware 19808  
302-368-1616 [www.tlbinc.com](http://www.tlbinc.com)  
800-368-3303

DAC Meetings

08-21-2005	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant
Route 40 at School Bell Road			
Bear, Delaware 19701			
09-18-2005	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant
10-16-2005	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant
11-20-2005	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant
12-18-2005	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant
01-15-2006	Sunday	2:00-5:00 PM	Bear Diner & Restaurant

\*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE OR WANTED \*\*\*\*\*

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

For sale: Organ

Kawai XR-9000: Floppy disk operation, owner manual, perfect  
condition. Sacrifice at \$3500 (originally thousands more).  
Editor's note - this is a large organ; three tiered

piano keyboards surrounded probably by as many switches as you'd  
find in a Boeing 737 airplane cockpit!

Contact Ed Tafelski at 302-655-3529.

Wanted: Accordion Grill

Full size Covella needs treble grill fixture, 7 switches.

Contact Joe Oberly at 302-388-0471 (cell) or 302-658-2684 (home).

\*\*\*\*\* NEW MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES \*\*\*\*\*

The club welcomes the following members and supporters:

Louis Xiarhos

Lewes

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\*\* SHOW OVER - LATCH THE BELLOWS \*\*