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WHAT'S SHAKIN'

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EDITOR'S SOLO

- A couple of years ago some of us attended a session held by the Maryland Accordion Club just outside of Baltimore. Check them out on the internet. Go to www.yahoo.com, then get into the "groups" section and search for "Maryland Accordion Club".
- A six CD set of Pietro Diero original recordings is now available. On the internet, go to www.ebay.com; find the music/CDs/other category; then search for Complete-Recorded-Works-of-Pietro-Deiro-Accordion-6-CDs.
- Charles Mariani brought to my attention a web site which has lots of news about the accordion world, including a few pages regarding the Diero recordings mentioned in the above bullet. Check out www.accordionusa.com.
- Did you ever wonder..... why isn't there another word for "thesaurus"? Recently, while looking for a different word to use in place of "thesaurus", I couldn't find the word "thesaurus" listed in my copy of "Roget's II, The New Thesaurus". Doesn't seem right, does it?



PAST EVENTS

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

** SONNY DONCHEZ ON THE RADIO (May 18, 2007)

Sonny performed on a radio station in New Jersey and participated in an "on air" interview about the accordion. Some of the questions asked were: Is the accordion hard to play? What's bellow shaking? What's the weight of a full size accordion? What made the accordion so popular 50 years ago?

** RICHARD DiBLASSIO AT ST. ANTHONY'S FESTIVAL (Week of June 11, 2007)

Richard played at "La Piazza", one of the entertainment venues at the festival, on Monday and Tuesday nights. The festival goers responded enthusiastically as he played many Italian tunes, some of his novelty tunes, polkas and told jokes and took requests. They loved his version of "Lady of Spain" when someone in the audience requested it. Festival organizers heard such great comments that they tried to get Richard back later in the week but he was booked elsewhere.

Richard wants to thank DAC supporters who attended, including Charles and Jeanne Mariani, John and Thelma Maiorano, Elio Battista and son.

** CARMEN VITANZA AT ROSE TREE PARK (June 22, 2007)

Carmen and Music Unlimited played for two hours at the beautiful amphitheater located in the park. His ensemble consisted of drummer Ray Deeley, vocalist Connie Pelish, Larry McKenna on tenor sax and Rick Gazda playing trumpet and clarinet. Carmen played his electronic accordion and his great bass work eliminated the need for a bass guitar. Connie sang numerous songs, including "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Some of the tunes played by the band



were "I Only Have Eyes For You", "Girl From Ipanema" and "Helena Polka". Sax player Larry McKenna did a wonderful version of "Tenderly".

The park is located just north of Route 1, on Route 252 above Media, Pennsylvania. Entertainment is held there at 7:30 PM, Wednesday thru Sunday. Admission is free. For info, call 610-565-7410 or 610-891-4663 or www.co.delaware.pa.us/summer.

PAST DAC OPEN MIC SESSIONS

** May 20, 2007

About 35 people showed up today, with several people stopping in just to see who/what the DAC is. Jack Chrustowski played numerous tunes to start the day, followed by Susan Shertok, who played, among other things, "Kingston Town" and the "Bing Bang Polka".

Dave Kupsis brought his Roland accordion and played a few tunes that demonstrated the violin sound that the instrument can simulate; this was very unusual to hear from an instrument with piano keys.

Joe Alexander and Bob Shoemaker followed and each soloed with American standards.

Several players traveled from downstate Delaware to perform. Les and Marilyn Rittle had several people up and dancing, with Les on accordion and Marilyn on bass guitar. Also coming from the Delaware beach resort area were Carole and Len Wolek. Carole did several solos on her Cordovox, including a beautiful medley of French tunes, before being joined by Len. On this visit Len played his mandolin (previously he has played the banjo). What a great sound this duo makes!

John Lolli came from New Jersey and knocked out several tunes and then was joined by Bob Shoemaker and Dave Kupsis for a jam session to finish the day.

** July 17, 2007

Gary Robinson got things rolling with a mix of rock-a-billy ("Six Days on the Road"), classical ("España"), French ("C'est Ca L'accordeon"), the Everly Brothers ("Bird Dog") and others. *Editor's note: Gary's playing is a perfect example of that old saying, "if at first you don't succeed, keep on trying": I've never known anyone to try as much as he does.....even so, after all is played and done, I find his playing to be an affront to my sense of propriety and good order. I can say this because, except for one point in 1966 when he had an out-of-body experience, I've known him his whole life; plus my big brother can beat up his big brother.....*

John Maiorano played numerous tunes on his Excelsior midi, then loaned it to Bob Shoemaker, who had a couple of people up and dancing with several waltzes. They were followed by Susan ("Edith Bunker") Shertok. Joe Alexander then did "Misty" among other standards.

Joe Oberly finished the day with many new tunes that he has added to his play list.

FUTURE EVENTS



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

** CARMEN VITANZA EVENTS

At Cape May, New Jersey Convention Center:

June 30 through Labor Day, 2007

Saturday nights from 7 - 10 PM

Playing with the Al Raymond Group

** "ART AFTER 5" CONCERT SERIES

August 3, 2007 5 PM



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Nicki Jaine, singer/songwriter, will be appearing with her regular accompanist, accordionist Ray Ashley and a small string section. Many tunes remind listeners of Marlene Dietrich.

For info: www.philamuseum.org/artafter5
www.nickijaine.com

At the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

** 60TH ANNIVERSARY CIA COUPE MONDIALE

August 13- 18, 2007

Holiday Inn (main location of events) and Radisson Hotel Alexandria, Virginia (just 7 miles from Washington, D.C.)

Sponsored by the American Acordionists Association (AAA) and the Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International (ATG).

Nightly concerts, competitions, several accordion bands, and many other events.

Coordinator of the Coupe Mondiale:

Faith Deffner
P.O. Box 608 Mineola,
NY 11501 Phone 1-516-
746-3100 Fax 1-516-
746-7085 e-mail:
fdeffner@aol.com

Info also available at:

www.accordions.com
www.ameraccord.com

** OKTOBERFEST AT DELAWARE SAENGERBUND

September 14, 2007 (5 - 11 pm), Friday
September 15, 2007 (12 - 11 pm), Saturday
September 16, 2007 (12- 6 pm), Sunday

\$6.00 admission; food/beverages/rides available

This is a large festival, with the main stage under a huge tent. Oberkrainer Power will be the featured band, plus the German club's own house band and dancers.

Located at:

49 Salem Church Road
Newark, Delaware 19711

(Exit off I-95 at the Route 273 West exit, head toward Newark not quite a mile, follow signs for Route 4 West (Chestnut Hill Road), go about a quarter mile and turn left on to Salem Church Road)

For info call: 302-366-9454
www.delawaresaengerbund.org

** OKTOBERFEST AT STOUTD'S BREWING COMPANY

September 28, 2007 (7 - 11 pm), Friday -
Joe Kroboth

September 29, 2007 (5 - 10 pm), Saturday
- Joe Weber

September 30, 2007 (2 - 6 pm), Sunday -
Al Meixner

October 7, 2007 (2 - 6 pm), Sunday
- Joe Weber

October 14, 2007 (2 - 6 pm), Sunday
- Al Meixner

October 21, 2007 (2 - 6 pm), Sunday
- Joe Kroboth

October 28, 2007 (2 - 6 pm), Sunday
- Walt Groller

Located at:

Route 272
Adamstown, Pennsylvania 19501
Phone 717-484-4386
www.stoudts.com
www.stoudtsbeer.com
www.stoudtsblackangusantiques.com



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** FRANK MAROCCO ACCORDION EVENT

January 24 - 28, 2008

Best Western Dobson Inn Ranch and Resort
Mesa, Arizona

Sessions conducted by Frank Marocco, one of the most recorded accordionists in the world. Other workshops by, among others, Lenny Feldmann.

Contact info: Marocco
Accordion Event P.O. Box 2001
Rockville, Maryland 20847-2001
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www.frankmarocco.com frank-marocco-
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FUTURE DAC OPEN MIC SESSIONS

Open to the public:

First State Diner & Restaurant
at I-95 Exit 1, Route 896 North
Newark, Delaware 19713

302-733-0442 302-733-0429 (fax)
www.firststatediner.com

08-19-2007 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 09-16-
2007 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 10-21-2007
Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 pm 11-18-2007 Sunday
2:00 - 5:00 pm 12-16-2007 Sunday 2:00 - 5:00
pm 01-20-2008 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: new book by Carmen Vitanza titled "My Accordion, the Music of My Life"; send \$23.95 (\$26.95 in Canada) to Carmen Vitanza, 3842 Berkley Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026; price includes postage (allow 4-6 weeks for delivery);

SPECIAL PRICE for DAC members - \$17.00.
610-626-3644 Carmaccord@aol.com



ACCORDION REPAIRS

New/used instruments/equipment may be available, as well as musical instruction.

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