

What's Shakin'

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Newsletter of the Delaware Accordion Club

www.DelawareAccordionClub.com

Due to closure of College Town Pizzeria
Please note location change

Meetings will now be held in the banquet room at

Bourbon Street Grill
2605 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont

Directions to Bourbon Street Grill

Take I-95 north, exit right on Harvey Road, then right to Philadelphia Pike.
Or take I-95 south to I-495, exit Philadelphia Pike, turn right off ramp, proceed 2 miles.
Restaurant is on the right.

Upcoming open MIC Sessions 2-5pm

No meeting - June 21 – Father's Day – No meeting
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

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**You may think you know music, but do you know your polka?
Could you figure out what is coming out of Bill Z's Accordion?**

Open Mic

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February 15

Today was a wonderful meeting with 33 players, dancers, singers, and listeners attending. It was great to see the New Jersey group return and friends from the Dover area. Jack Chrustowski opened the session playing Daddy's Little Girl, What A Wonderful World and I'll Take Manhattan. Phil Bonsiero followed playing a Harmonium accordion. His songs included Shine on Harvest Moon, Pennies from Heaven, Red Sails in the Sunset and Viva la Vida.

John Maiorano went next with Days of Wind & Roses and Dancing in the Dark. Jeanne and Charlie Mariani danced to Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered. Charlie played a few humorous tunes. He always brings a smile and a laugh for us. Richard Trasferini played Peg O' My Heart, I'm in the Mood for Love, Crazy and Twilight Time. Francois Hricak is always delightful playing his button accordion with a French musette sound. Everyone is transported to Paris and cafes when he plays. John and Thelma Maiorano danced to Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White. He played some French tunes and Carol and Len Wolek danced to South of the Border.

Carol and Len followed with some love songs. This dynamic duo on accordion and banjo dressed in red, and even played a red Roland accordion! They played All of Me, As Time Goes By, Always and Bella Notte from The Lady and the Tramp.

Gerald Masucci played his Sonola accordion with great feeling and passion. He opened with Somewhere My Love (Theme from Dr. Zhivago) and a tango called La Comparsita. His Italian songs included Momma, Carnival of Venice and Tarantella.

Bob Shoemaker began with a Frank Sinatra medley on his Roland accordion. His duets with Francois including Under the Bridges of Paris, Under Paris Skies, C'est Si Bon, and La Vie en Rose were excellent. Thelma and John danced to Besame Mucho. We all sang Goodnight Irene. Bob played some Greek tunes: My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Never on Sunday. He accompanied Edith Bunker (Susan Shertok) singing her famous song Those Were the Days from the TV show All in the Family. Everyone had an enjoyable day with great music and fellowship.

Frank Brad donate a 90-year old Imperator accordion
to the Catherine Brady Oberly Museum.

Thank you very much, it is deeply appreciated.

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Report from March 12-14 event

Submitted by Tony Cristofich, Austin TX

Hello all, the NAA convention in Richardson, Texas was wonderful this year as usual. There was a nice Polka dance on Friday night. Also a wonderful concert on Saturday night. Highlights were performances by Mario Pedone, Dick Albreski, Paul Pasquali, Mary Tokarski, Joe Natoli, Ron Pivovar and the Gene Van Orchestra. There were also a lot of good workshops, a swap shop, and dealer's rooms. Also lots of good jamming in the halls and into the night. You might find some useful information from the following tidbits and URLs. Hope to see you at this event some time.

NAA link - <http://accordions.com/naa/>

Mario Pedone's website - <http://www.marioaccordion.com/>

Shelia Lee, an accordion player and teacher from Galveston, TX, is assisting in the Texas Folklife festival on June 6th in Houston. There are handouts for the music and MP3 files at this site that may be interesting to learn. She is also planning to create some podcasts on learning to play the accordion. She gave some excellent workshops.

<http://www.shelialee.com/naa2009.html>

Also there are Youtube videos, search for mecatx

To listen to an original recording to hear how it was done, try using Rhapsody. You can get 25 free listens per month and can hear the entire song and not just a part as on iTunes.

www.rhapsody.com

Dee Langley, from Minnesota, gave a nice talk on the Accordion Teacher's Guild or ATG.

This is open to anyone who teaches or plays the accordion. Check out their website at

www.accordions.com/atg/

Open Mic - April 19

Tip Ciotti from Virginia Beach kicked off our meeting today playing his Sano accordion. Some of his songs included: Anema Ma Core, O Sole Mio, Arrivederci Roma and Grenada. Another enjoyable number was Plank Plank Plonk by Leroy Anderson. Francois Hricak followed with his button accordion playing French and Belgium tunes. A special guest today was Cheyenne Moone playing a new red flute. Her Colors of the Wind from the Disney movie Pocahantas was delightful. She also played La Cucaracha with Bob and Francois. Gerald Masucci played many Italian songs on his Sonola. Our very own magician, Lars Johannesen, played Norwegian songs on his accordion for the FIRST TIME EVER! Way to go Lars!

A star is born! Pat Racioppa treated us to Don't Let the Rain Come Down as he stood near the famous ceiling leak and handy bucket.

John Maiorano played his Excelsior and gave us Poinciana, Yours, Girl from Ipanema, Spanish Eyes, Amapola, and Green Eyes to name a few. Jeannie Mariani sang 2 songs, and Charlie sang When Your Old Wedding Ring Was New. Our 2 singers can also dance! Jack Chrustowski played Come Back to Sorrento, Make Believe and Someone to Watch Over Me. Gary Robinson did a great number called Accordion Boogie. He took many requests, but somehow all of the songs sounded like Anchors Aweigh.

Bob Shoemaker played his Roland and treated us to many old standards that are rarely heard anymore. His great, mellow arrangements of How High the Moon, From Out of Nowhere, Till There Was You, and Unforgettable were superb. He proved to us that he can play a fast song with his 12th Street Rag. Francois and Bob teamed up at the end to give us a few French songs.

Report from Sue Shertok

Francois Hricak played his button accordion on Sunday, April 26th at Cokesbury Village for the People to People International Program.

He performed 6 songs representing France & Belgium.

We danced the Chicken Dance and listened to the other acts from Indonesia, Trinidad & Tobago, and Korea.

Congratulations for a wonderful concert!

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Upcoming Events

June 25-28 Wildwood NJ
Polka Spree by the Sea

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September 17-20

The 30th Annual Polkamotion by the Ocean

Rehobeth Beach Convention Center, Rehobeth DE

September 26, Saturday, 6 - 10 pm

Entertainers from DAC to perform at Sam's Picnic

Adults \$15 donation includes beer and soda

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