

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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A Note from Tony

The accompanying note is an e-mail from Tony Marini, the man with the dream of starting an accordion club in Massachusetts. His efforts, coupled with co-founder Joe Maciejowski, has created for us a great haven for accordion players of different styles, levels and interests. Personally, I am most grateful for Tony and Joe's efforts since I have gained much more than I thought possible. So, without getting any more mushy, here is the note from Tony.....

Dear Fellow Members,

I do believe that everybody has a specific life cycle in leadership in an organization. I believe my life cycle, in leadership, is complete.

My endeavor, after attending a meeting in Las Vegas, was to participate in an Accordion Club. Not finding one around here, Joe Maciejowski and I started this club. Within a year we have a club with members and money in the bank. We have a venue that we can come and enjoy the best musical instrument in existence. I believe I met my objective and I thank all of you who helped during this process.

Under Joe's sole direction this club will flourish and meet its goals. I look forward in supporting Joe in the future of the club. We all need to support him with all of our efforts.

I am announcing this now because next meeting I have a conflict and won't be there and didn't want the appearance of any displeasure.

I thank all of you for participating in this organization and see you in November! **Tony**

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Thank you to the performers at our Sept meeting!

Dave Sullivan

Dan MacKowiak

John Thorp

Lewis Howes

Al Paradis

Jerry Travantosi

Bob Guenther

Joe Maciejowski

See who these great performers are by visiting our website at

www.MAaccordion.com

Monthly meetings are the 4th Sunday of every month.....

1:00—3:30 pm

The Dolphin Seafood Restaurant

12 Washington St.
Natick Ma.

(508) 655-0669

Upcoming Meetings:

October 28

November 25

December 16



Come and enjoy the fun!!!!

No experience is necessary, just a love for the instrument, either playing or listening, or both.

All instrument types, playing styles, and skill levels are welcomed.

the opportunities to perform on a sign up basis

open forum accordion discussions are chaired to encourage MAAA member participation, involvement and resource sharing

Events Throughout New England

October 20

Arthur Welsh 1 Day Accordion Seminar

A five hour group seminar for piano accordion players at the intermediate level.

Bring own lunch for a 1:00pm break.

Minimum enrollment of four is needed for the Seminar to be held.

Advanced \$75 registration required.

11:00am - 4:00pm, Accordion Connection, 136 Route 106, Gilmanton, NH

Call 800-328-5227 for further details and registration



October 20

Joe Maciejowski performing at the Upton UWC Fall Fair

The "Fall Fair With A Flair" featuring a large variety of handmade crafts, baked goods, quilted items, knit goods, sweet accessories, and floral arrangements.

Over 70 tables of crafts and high-end vendor products.

A luncheon cafe and free child supervision are provided for your shopping convenience.

Proceeds from the Upton Woman Club (UWC) Fall Fair support:

scholarships, local charities, and worthy causes.

Free admission.

9:00am - 2:00pm, Memorial School, Route 140, Upton, MA

Call 508-529-6065 for further details



Inform us of other local accordion events you have heard about!!!!

Did You Know?

Although your local music dealers and instructors are a tremendous source of instruction, advice, suggestions and sheet music, there exists many internet sites that a musician can search for special uncommon songs \sheet music \song books to purchase hard copies or to download individual pieces. One site allows you to download it's software so that when you purchase the sheet music you can print the download and hear the sheet music performed note by note.

The following are some common websites for your special sheet music needs:

www.sheetmusicplus.com/

www.musicforaccordion.com digital eSheet accordion music for sale

www.musicnotes.com/ Sheet Music Downloads & Books Musicnotes.com

www.accordionmusic.com/

Www.roadtomarocco.com/

Of course, there are probably many that I have missed, please send us an e-mail for any additional info or suggestions at info@MAaccordion.com

We received an e-mail from one of our new members suggesting performance opportunities within our group. With permission, I am presenting the e-mail here for all our members thoughts and contributions. We welcome all suggestions.....



Thanks for the personal support during my first club performance yesterday. It's such a pleasure to share this hobby with you.

I wanted to pursue the group playing idea that we briefly considered at the end of the meeting. The objective of the suggestion is to experiment with another kind of club activity. I envisioned three advantages - and there could be more. The first is to increase the public-playing comfort level of the participants. It would be a way to play "with the club" in a non-solo setting. The second advantage would be to play music that most of us could not perform on our own. In this regard, I am referring to multi-part arrangements. Each part can be relatively easy to play - but the parts played together to create a complex harmonic or rhythmic structure would be a unique experience for many. The third advantage is the joint learning experience. For example, there may be a tricky passage in a certain piece that requires extra effort to master. Working through it together - or observing how others work through it - could be a useful learning tool.



I spoke to Jerry about ensemble music, and he confirmed his library largely consisted of music played in unison. I think playing some of that music would be fun - but it would not achieve the multi-part arrangement advantage, which I believe is important.

Frank Marocco has published the six ensemble arrangements he used in last year's "accordion camp." Take a look at his website (www.roadtomarocco.com). Click on "Compositions" and scroll down to the end for a brown-colored box that describes "Special Accordion Orchestra Arrangements." You can see a sample of each arrangement and listen to a full version of each tune. A couple seem difficult - but I think a couple would be within our reach (Moon River, for example). I'll bet a Roland could do a nice job in the bass chair?

One possibility would be to showcase the idea at an upcoming meeting - maybe even the next one in October. If we could gather a test group large enough to cover the parts of a selected arrangement or two, we could play it at the meeting and see if such a club activity gets any traction with other members.

I may be overly enthusiastic about this idea at this point - and certainly invite your reality checks.

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4th Sunday of every month
1:00 p.m. @
the Dolphin Restaurant

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E-mail: use our website for
direct contact

Your music club where
fellow accordionists meet
for an afternoon of music
and discussions.

We're on the web:
MAaccordion.com



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Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Luca Music](#) (North Providence, RI)
- [Monte School of Music](#) (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Joe Maciejowski](#) —508-529-6065 (Upton, MA)
- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B/C Button Box classes at
Boston College & Harvard University

Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



Other New England based Accordion Clubs

- [Connecticut](#) (Cheshire/Plantsville, CT) <http://www.ctaccordion.com>
- [New Hampshire Accordion Assoc](#) (Gilmanton, NH) 1-800-328-5227
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

Upcoming Meetings

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| Sunday October 28th | 1:00 PM | Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Natick, MA | | Scheduled |
| Sunday November 25th | 1:00 PM | Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Natick, MA | | Scheduled |
| Sunday December 16th | 1:00 PM | Dolphin Seafood Restaurant Natick, MA | MAAA Holiday Party | Scheduled - PLEASE NOTE Due to Holiday's, members have decided to hold THIS MEETING on the 3rd Sunday of Dec |

Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: October 28th