

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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and we're off !!!!

The January meeting accomplished all it had set out to achieve.....The election results were:

President: Joe Maciejowski
Vice President: Dan MacKowiak
Secretary\Treasurer: Al Paradis

Board of Directors: Club Officers
Tony Marini
Donna LaRue

The finalization of the By-Laws plan is to distribute a copy of the drafted document for everyone to review prior to the Feb. meeting and solidify at the March meeting (moved to the 5th Sunday, the 30th, due to the Palm Sunday and Easter holidays.

The club is also planning to form a public-ity committee and a program committee. We invite all club members to assist and contribute in any way they can. There is no

such thing as a bad suggestion.

Joe asked that we give some thought to a club logo. Any member who feels creative, please sketch one up and send it by e-mail at info@maaccordion.com or bring to the February meeting.

The ensemble consisted of 10 accordion-ists (8 keyboard only players and 2 bass only players) and 1 percussionist playing the bells. The arrangement was written for 1st, 2nd and 3rd accordions. A sincere thank you to Donna LaRue and her incredible efforts for the arrangements, orchestration and conducting. After 20 minutes, the song Silver Bells was a tremendously enjoyable experience. The group did not want to stop playing and now everyone is excited for additional ensemble performances.

Hope to see you at the February 24th meeting.

Bob

Thank you to the performers at our January meeting!

Dan MacKowski
Simon Shapiro
Jerry Travantosi
Al Paradis

Bob Guenther
Lewis Howes
Joe Maciejowski

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:

February 24

March 30

April 27



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



February 13

Buckwheat Zydeco

Contemporary zydeco's most popular artist performing at Regattabar Jazz Club
7:30pm, Regattabar Jazz Club, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, MA
Call **617-395-7757** for further details

February 14

Buckwheat Zydeco

Contemporary zydeco's most popular artist performing at Stone Church Meeting House
7:30pm, Stone Church Meeting House, 5 Granite St., Newmarket, NH
Call **603-659-6321** for further details



March 2

American Accordion Association 6th Annual Afternoon of Music

Food and Fun at the Winery. Featuring traditional "Valtaro" music with guest artists.
Magnanini Farm Winery, 172 Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
Call **845-895-2767** for further details

March 7-9

American Accordion Musicological Society 2008 Festival

21st Annual Festival and Symposium
251 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA
Call **610-337-1200** for further details

March 13-15

National Accordion Convention

Friday Night "Polka Plus" Show and Dance

Wide selection of performers/bands throughout the weekend.
Richardson Hotel, Dallas, TX
Call **972-231-9600** for further details

Contact MAAA with additional New England accordion news and events.

WWW.MAaccordion.com

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



Did You Know?



The word accordion comes from the German word "akkord," which means "agreement, harmony."

The accordion was used extensively in the score of the television series "Wagon Train."

The MAAA accordion ensemble

With many thanks to our roving reporter, Rosemary Buck, the members of the ensemble that performed at our January meeting.



Ensemble Accordionists pictured:

Al Buck
Joe Maciejowski
Lewis Howes
Jerry Travantosi
Rocco Scenna
Dan MacKowski

Ensemble Accordionists pictured:

Patty Simons
Al Paradis
Vito Aiello (*percussionist*)
Tony Marini
Christina Camacho



Due to the tremendous response I've received, I am re-running the following suggestion....

Hey, here's a thought for you.....Many of us have a story on how we got into playing the accordion, where it's taken us and why we enjoy it..... Let me know how you would like to feature a member a month with their featured story....I think it would not only be interesting, but will give us all a chance to get to know our members.....e-mail at info@maaccordion.com

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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



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

- [Donna LaRue](#)—781-646-3013 (Arlington, MA)
- [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



Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts

46th Annual Festival

April 5-7, 2008

Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA Contest Co-chairman:

Peggy Falcetti and Roger Latulippe

We invite all our members and friends to join in the fun!!!

Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: February 24th