

Where knowledge and fun meet

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# Massachusetts Accordion Association

[www.MAaccordion.com](http://www.MAaccordion.com)

## It's SUMMERTIME!!!

I hope everyone had a great spring/winter the last couple of months. Thought it would never get warm.

June 1st is officially the meteorological beginning of summertime (as opposed to waiting for the astrological summertime date of June 21st).

So much for that little piece of trivia. Anyhow, I'm just getting over my little bout of depression from missing the May meeting. I woke up and realized that the June meeting is only a couple of weeks away. It will be great to see everyone again and

to continue on the path in developing our ensemble and continuing to grow the benefits of being a member of the MAAA.

This newsletter will be shorter than most, but I hope it will provide you with some info you might not have known.

Also, always looking for ideas for future newsletters, so if you have any thoughts or articles, please e-mail me as a reply to the monthly newsletter e-mail.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday the 22nd. Bob

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:

June 22

July 27

Aug 24



**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

We apologize for the emptiness of this section since our May meeting was pre-empted by the Dolphin Restaurant's successful capacity crowd on May 18th.....

We expect to have this space back in action after the June 22nd meeting....

## Events Throughout New England



**June 10-15**

### **Django Camp and Weekend Drop-In**

New England's premier occasion to celebrate, study and enjoy Gypsy Jazz music. Accommodating both new comers to the style and experienced players.

Classes to be divided between mixed instrumentation and those that are instrument specific, including guitar, violin, mandolin, accordion and bass.

In addition to formal instruction, time is also scheduled for informal guidance from the artists and event staff.

Located throughout various venues on the campus of Smith College, Northampton, MA  
Call 413-268-0068 for further details, registration fees or tickets.



**July 25-27**

### **American Accordion Association Master Class**

Three day series. Master Classes start at 3:00pm, Concerts at 7:00pm

The Tenri Cultural Institute Of New York,

43A West 13th St (between 5th and 6th Ave), New York City

Call 212-876-0827 for further details and reservations

**August 13-17**

### **American Accordion Association Competition and Festival**

Numerous solo and ensemble categories including Polka and Jazz.

Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Holiday Inn-Rosslyn, 1900 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, VA (Washington, DC)

Visit the web site or call 203-335-2045 for further details

Contact MAAA with additional New England accordion news and events.

[WWW.MAaccordion.com](http://WWW.MAaccordion.com)

# Hey, do you know these folks????

Well, these wonderful volunteers are our elected board of directors. A great group of people who want to get to know each and every one of our members.



From left to right:

Joe Maciejowski

Dan Mackowiak

Al Paradis

Donna LaRue

Tony Marini

Come to our June meeting and get a chance to meet each of them.

*See you Sunday, June 22nd.....*

I receive an e-mail from [www.letspolka.com](http://www.letspolka.com) and found this interesting.....

## Let's Polka - An Accordion Blog

### Celebrate Accordion Awareness Month

Posted: 01 Jun 2008 11:30 PM CDT

You probably already have it marked on your calendar, but in case you didn't, June is Accordion Awareness Month. The "holiday" was established in 1989 by San Franciscan Tom Torriglia to promote and educate people about the accordion, as well as help spread the word about the accordion's resurgence in popularity. (Tom was also instrumental — pun intended — in getting the accordion named San Francisco's official instrument in 1990.)

### "But how do I celebrate Accordion Awareness Month?"

Here are some ideas:

**Attend an event on the Let's Polka accordion calendar.**

**Wear tank tops all month. Explain that you're showing off the muscles you've built through years of squeezing bellows.**

**Make a YouTube video of yourself playing the accordion. Become an Internet celebrity overnight.**

**Give the gift that keeps on giving: accordion lessons (in person or online).**

**Change your ringtone to "Lady of Spain."**

**How are you celebrating the best month of the year?**

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### Another Clever Accordion Shirt

Posted: 02 Jun 2008 03:12 PM CDT

In honor of Accordion Awareness Month, [shirt.woot.com](http://shirt.woot.com) is featuring an accordion t-shirt which reads "Everything's going accordion to plan!" for \$10. After today it will be \$15.

From the site:

"Wear this shirt: every day during National Accordion Awareness Month, this June and every June. Do not wear this shirt: while you are playing accordion. Then nobody'll see that hilarious pun."



Hilarious indeed. Get yours before they're sold out!

### Where knowledge and fun meet

WWW.MAaccordion.com

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

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(508) 529-6163

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

## Did You Know...

*Well, I'm a little short of info for this month's piece.....Just do a search on YouTube.com or even on google.com for accordions and you will find a wealth of information and varying talents and techniques from literally around the world.... The power of the internet is truly amazing.....One of the best ways to learn is to watch and mimic others.....*

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

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

*Special dates around national holidays...*

**Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: June 22nd**