

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

www.MAaccordion.com

The Umbrella Update

Well, by the time you read this, it will be officially summer. Just a quick thought. Has anyone found an umbrella that affixes directly to the accordion for those of us wanting to play outdoors?

It's also the time of year where you wish Noah had forgotten to put the mosquitoes on the ark.

Anyway, what a great get together with the NH club at our May meeting. It was truly enjoying to meet and share thoughts with other accordionists sharing our passion.

We were entertained with the performance of the NH Accordion ensemble. They also included a bass accordion, where the piano keys just provided bass notes with no left hand side buttons. Many thanks to all of the performers and Donna Marie Regis for such a great performance.

The MAAA ensemble also took the stage with it's performances of Dixieland Rag and Anema E Core. Many thanks to Donna LaRue and her creativity, arranging and leadership in producing our ensemble, with special

thanks to our members who perform.

The NH and MA accordion ensembles joined together on the stage and performed a Patriotic Medley and an additional medley containing Beautiful Brown Eyes/Melody of Love/Charade (both arranged and transcribed by Donna Marie Regis).

The following is an e-mail Joe sent out earlier this month on our upcoming meeting locations. Due to the importance, this is a re-print of the same message.....

"Just a quick note, for the months of June-July-August, the MAAA will be holding their meetings at the "Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall" located at 113 W. Central St, Natick, MA.

Many thanks to the MAAA Treasurer, Al Paradis, for his extra efforts in helping secure use of that facility for these dates.

The MAAA web site has been updated as such:
<http://www.maaccordion.org/meetings.html>"

Looking forward to seeing you at our June 28th meeting.....Bob

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

1:00—3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

June 28

Patriotic songs & Marches

VFW Hall
113 W. Central Street,
Natick

July 26

Open Mic

August 23

Open Mic and
Tech Tip

September 27

Open Mic

October 25

Songs in 3/4 or 6/8
time

Thank you to the performers at our May meeting!

Paul Castonguay

Ed Wawrzynowicz

Dan Dempsey

Gary Morin (NH club)

Trio-Jen Miller, Oliver Mutch
and Penny Yanuba

Duet—Lynda Fish and
Donna Marie Regis (NH club)

Jerry Tramontozzi

Tony D'Eramo

Al Paradis

Joe Maciejowski

**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

Our May meeting at the 1st Congregational Church



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More great photos on
the MAAA website

With many thanks to our members and their spouses and the NH accordion club who contributed so much of their time and ideas to pull together such a wonderful afternoon of camaraderie and performances.

Events Throughout New England

June 28

"Tortelli Party"

featuring accordion music by the Carozza Brothers
1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant,
172 Strawridge Road, Walkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details

July 3

Greenfield Contra Dance

with music by "The Moving Violations" and
Becky Ashenden on accordion
8:00pm, Guiding Star Grange
401 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA
Call 413-367-9380 for details and entry donation

July 4

Central Massachusetts Accordion Club Ensemble

Performing at the:
Finnish Heritage Society - Sovittaja (Dance)
7:30pm - 11:00pm, Finn Park Road, Rutland, MA
Call 508-885-2083 for further details

July 11

Nils Lundin

performing at the Finnish Heritage Society
Dinner/Dance
6:00pm - 11:00pm, Finn Park Road, Rutland, MA
Call 508-885-2083 for further details

July 12

"Gnocchi Party"

featuring accordion music by the Carozza Brothers.
1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Walkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details

July 24-26

Lowell Folk Festival

FREE Lowell Folk Festival brings a proud history of
traditional folk music, ethnic foods, and crafts
demonstrations
that attract visitors from across the country. Vari-
ous music acts feature accordion performers.
Located at various venues throughout Lowell, MA
Call 978-970-5000 for further details

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Events Throughout New England

July 24, 25, 26

The American Accordionists' Association Master
Class and Concert Series entitled

"Welcome Home Skinny".

Three consecutive days of seminars, workshops,
lectures, discussions and performances with
accordion composer-author-philosopher
Dr. William Schimmel.

3:00pm Master Class, 7:00pm Concert.

Tenri Cultural Institute, 43A West 13th St.
(between 5th and 6th Avenues), New, York, NY
Call 203-335-2045 for details and ticket info

July 25

Central Massachusetts Accordion Club Ensemble

Performing at the
Finnish Heritage Society - Sovittaja (Dance)
7:30pm - 11:00pm, Finn Park Road, Rutland, MA
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August 7-8

Accordion Now Festival

Concerts, Workshops, Jam sessions, Door prizes,
Vendor Room Displays. Optional Festival Luncheon
and Gala Dinner.

Co-sponsored by the Accordion Connection and the
New Hampshire Accordion Association.
Highlander Inn and Conference Center,
2 Highlander Way, Manchester, NH
Cut off date for reduced Hotel Room rate
is **July 17, 2009**.

Call 800-328-5227 for further information,
tickets and discount packages



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JULY 24, 25 and 26, 2009 at the Tenri Cultural Institute
43A West 13th Street (Between 5th and 6th Avenues), New York, NY

Three consecutive days of seminars, workshops, lectures, discussions and performances
with accordionist-composer-author-philosopher DR. WILLIAM SCHIMMEL as moderator/curator.

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4th Sunday of every month
Check the newsletter or website for locations

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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

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
- [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
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

Mark your calendars for this year's.....

American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

Member of the Confédération Internationale des Accordeonistes - CIA (IMC-UNESCO)



The dates and place of the 2009 AAA

Festival have been changed to:

July 15-19, 2009

University of Memphis / Holiday Inn



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FRIDAY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 7- 8, 2009

Highlander Inn & Conference Center, Manchester, New Hampshire, USA

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 28th