

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

www.MAaccordion.com

Throw away the ark, it's finally summer!!!


Now is a truly great time to take your accordion outdoors and play around. A little frightening at first if you've never done it, but you'll be surprised at how many passerbys really enjoy listening. There are more outdoor accordionists around now than in the last 5 decades. New England is always one of the last to come around, but I strongly recommend that you try it at least once. You will be surprised.

As Joe noted at our July meeting the annual membership drive is upon us. As mentioned in our last newsletter, our overall goal is to increase our membership. So here is a plea to look for some stray accordionists, who are looking for a place, once a month, to release their pent up accordion energies.

Thanks again to Dan for his efforts in pulling together the play around. This was our second attempt at this and proved to be a great time. All who come to a meeting, with an accordion, are invited to join along.

Dan Dempsey gave us a member tech tip in discussing the Hemiola of Hemiolia, a rhythmic technique of super imposing 2 notes in the time of 3 notes, or just the

reverse, 3 notes in the time of 2. Used in Scandanavian music.

The term hemiola (from ) (from the Greek, 'one-and-a-half') may also be used where, in a triple time rhythm, two bars are arranged to have three beats where the middle beat is tied across the bar-line; so, for example, in a piece in 3/4, two bars are made up of three minims (half-notes).

Joe entertained us with his version and sing a long of "O Them Coconuts". Another great time had by all.

Donna returned from her world wind tour and luckily was able to get to our July meeting to bring the ensemble back together again. This time, Donna stretched our sight reading abilities with the on the spot multi-part performances of "Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer". It is always better to have a teacher push you a little to improve your abilities. The outcome was definitely entertaining and helped improved my sight reading.

Hope to see you all at our August 23rd meeting at the VFW Hall.....Bob

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

1:30—3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

VFW Hall

113 W. Central Street,
Natick

August 23

Open Mic and
Tech Tip

September 27

Open Mic

October 25

Songs in 3/4 or 6/8
time

November 22

Song Rehearsal

December 20

Holiday Song Fest

*Look for any changes
to our meeting places*

**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

Thank you to the performers at our July meeting!

Paul Castonguay

Lewis Howes

Vito Aiello

Jerry Tramontozzi

Frank Padula

Dan Dempsey

Joe Maciejowski

The MAAA Ensemble

w/ Donna LaRue

Our July meeting at the VFW Hall



I received this e-mail from Lenny Feldman, the "Cordeen Man":

CordeenMan News: Issue 065

Think there is a chance that we Accordionists will ever see an ad like this one again?

I doubt it!

More great photos on
the MAAA website

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This ad appeared in the August, 1931 issue of "THE ETUDE Music Magazine".

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What is interesting to note is that this ad appeared during the height of the Great Depression in the U.S.A. which began in October, 1929.

I wonder how many musicians took advantage of this "opportunity"?

A bit of nostalgia for your enjoyment! Long Live the Accordion!

Lenny Feldmann The CordeenMan

www.cordeenman.com

Events Throughout New England

August 29

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

Sept 4

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

Sept 6

"Gnocchi Party"

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

Sept 12

Bob Trottier

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

Sept 13

"Risotto/Porcini"

featuring accordion music by Mario Tacca.
1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
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Sept 20

"Harvest Fest"

featuring accordion music
by Mario Tacca with vocals by Mary Mancini.
1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
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SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27

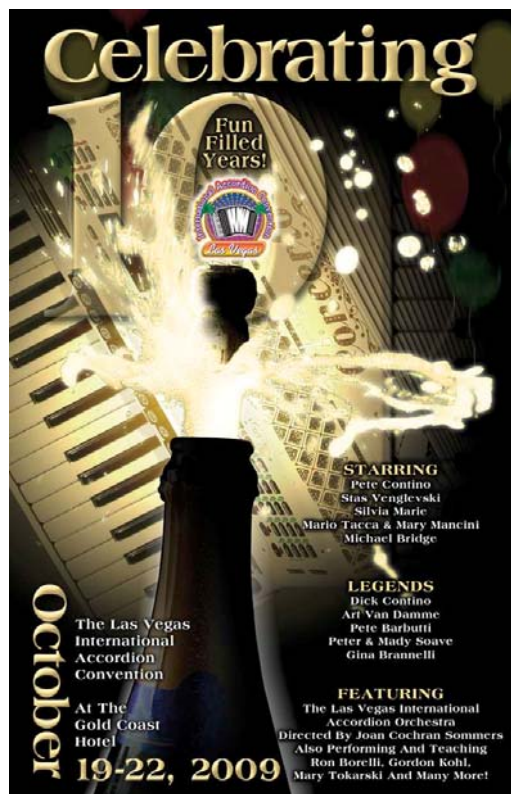
20th Annual Northeast Squeeze-In

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E-mail: use our website for
direct contact

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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

- [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.....

20th Annual Northeast Squeeze-In

Registration
opens 8/4/09



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Bucksteep Manor

* * * Washington, Massachusetts

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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: August 23rd