

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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New Digs!!!!

With many thanks to Jerry Tramontozzi for coordinating with the Ciociaro Social Club to allow us to meet in their meeting place. It seemed like it was meant to be an accordion place. The lighting and acoustics were great. Also, many thanks to all our volunteers who continually help in the setting up for the meeting and the re-arranging afterwards to the original pristine condition we found it in. It's our volunteers that make us a welcomed organization to many.

Joe started off the meeting by presenting the nominees for the new officers and board members. There will be a paper ballot at the October meeting, so please attend, your vote is important. The nominees are as presented on page 2.

Jeremiah McLane will be performing and give a workshop session at our October meeting. He places familiar sounds in unusual settings, and combines his unique gift of improvisation with a keen appreciation for the power of a simple melody. You won't want to miss this.

Joe also announced that Dick Contino will be appearing in Boxboro. More information to

follow. Bill Anderson visited with us and had a few copies of Charles Magnante's 1984 radio interview broadcasts on CD's he shared with several members.

Dan continued with the opening Play-a-Long. This is proving to be a great beginning to the meeting. Everyone with an accordion, regardless of skill level, is invited to join in. Dan noted that you should not discard the play-a-long music since we will re-visit later in the future.

This meeting's open mic theme was songs in 3/4 time. It was very entertaining with a few more duets and interesting to listen to all the different types of 3/4 time tunes there are.

James Gerke, the chromatic accordion member, just upgraded with a new Bugari chromatic accordion with the Limex electronic system.

Please make a note to make the October 25 meeting for the election of new officers and to see Jeremiah McLane. It just keeps getting better and better. Bob

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

1:30—3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Ciociaro Social Club

144 Bridge St
Newton

October 25

Open mic
Annual Meeting
Election of
Officers and Directors
Guest Artist:
Jeremiah McLane
Concert and Workshop

November 22

Song Rehearsal

December 20

Holiday Song Fest

*Look for any changes
to our meeting places*

Thank you to the performers at our September

Bob Guenther
Paul Castonguay
Al Paradis
Dan Dempsey
James Gerke

Dan Dempsey & Dan Mackowiak
Jerry Tramontozzi
Penny Yunuba
Lewis Howes
Eric Grabowski
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 September meeting at the Ciociaro Social Club

Editor's note: apologies for the picture quality, I forgot my cameral and luckily Vito had his older camera for me to use. Thanks Vito for a great job for all the different angles and people.



More great photos on
the MAAA website

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Oct 18

"Octoberfest"

featuring accordion music by
Mario Tacca and the Schuplattlers.

1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details

Oct 20, 21

Dick Contino,

the legendary virtuoso of the accordion, is once
again proving himself as one of the premier en-
tertainers of our time.

Contino also surprises audiences with his fine vocal
stylings. His popularity has only grown, as every
year thousands of new fans discover this artist's
unique entertainment abilities.

12:00pm (Noon) Show with Luncheon,
Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA
Call 800-343-8999 for further details and tickets

Oct 23

Greenfield Contra Dance

with music by
Stuart Kenney with Mary Cay Brass
on accordion.

8:00pm, Guiding Star Grange,
401 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA
Call 413-772-0501 for further details and entry donation

Oct 24

**Leroy Thomas and the
Zydeco Roadrunners**

featuring **Leroy on cajun accordion.**
The jewel of the Bayou.

8:00pm, The German Club,
78 Carter Ave, Pawtucket, RI
Call 401-726-9873 for further details and tickets

Oct 25

"Tortelli Di Zucca"

featuring accordion music by **Frank Toscano.**

1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details



A Note from the editor...

Just wanted to share with you on my trip
to Totowa, NJ to experience the new
Roland FR-7x V-Accordion. This was an
invitation to experience the very first two FR-7x accordi-
ons in the U.S. and it was well worth the trip. Roland's own
Ron Lankford and Alex Chudolij of MusicMagic USA were
there to handle the technical questions, and based on the
attending guests, the questions were extremely informa-
tive.

Cory Pesaturo, the Coupe Mondiale Digital Accordion World
Champion and Peter Chudolij, the U.S. V-accordion juniors
division champion gave a mini-concert using the FR-7x.
What a great example of the multiple styles of playing
enabled by the newer technology.

Eddie Monteiro, one of the greatest jazz performers to
trickle the accordion keys gave the FR-7x a true workout.
From his performance, you would never need a sound
generator added to your accordion again. The features of
the vibes, different temperaments of the scat voices,
percussion variations of the basses, the different
programmability of the organs, the enhancement of the
multiple additional Hammond organ sounds, more strings,
more memory banks (80 in all, with #ss 44-80 for your
own self programmed sound combinations), bellows
controllability through a breath valve (making the bellows
shake performance a standard, not the exception with a
Roland) and finally, most importantly to many, like myself,
visually challenged, a much easier to read display (black
background with white lettering).

Although the FR-7x looks like the FR-7 on the outside, the
internals are totally different. It is not just a software
enhancement, but a more improved electronics upgrade.
So, if you currently own an FR-7, still a truly remarkable
accordion, you cannot upgrade it to an FR-7x. You will
need to buy the FR-7x to get all the new features.

Thank you to Alex and Lilliana of MusicMagic USA for
inviting me to "taste and feel" this new FR-7x from Roland.

Note to all Roland users of the MAAA—Falcetti Music is
having it's 6th Roland workshop on Sunday afternoon
Nov 15, 2009 at 1:30 pm. Call 413-596-6940 or e-mail
peggyfalcetti@falcettimusic.com to book your spot.

P.S. Another big feature of this trip to NJ was that I was
able to get to meet all the accordion greats of the Ameri-
can Accordion Association that I communicate via e-mail
with, especially the great Lenny Feldman, the Cordeen Man.

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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)

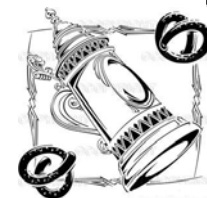


Other New England based Accordion Clubs

- [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



New Hampshire Accordion Association Meeting Sunday, October 18, 2009



1:00 Open Mike Session

1:30 Brief Business Meeting

1:45 Presentation on Scottish Traditions by Douglas Brunson and Sylvia Miskoe
[to fulfill New Hampshire State Council on the Arts grant requirement]

2:15 Break

2:30 Oktoberfest Instrumental Music & „Sing-Along“ auf Deutsch & in English

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: October 25th