

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Who would have ever thought that we could predict the weather with 100% accuracy 12 months into the future? That's right, since our inception, each December meeting of the MAAA has been cancelled due to snow fall. We should be paid for our predictions.....

Happy new year to all and best wishes to all your family, friends and associates on how they spend 2010. Our heartfelt wishes for your health, prosperity, happiness and, of course, your continuance to "squeeze to please" yourself and others.

It's really incredible to see where we've come in the just over three years we've been together, since those humblest days when we were just a mere thought in Tony's genius while he was attending an accordion event outside of the state. We've met a lot of people, made a lot of new friends, learn some new songs, techniques, styles and genres. We've been entertained with the wit and creativity of many of our members. Yes, I would have to say, the club created by Tony

and Joe has been a great success. Now, with Dan's leadership, the club will venture into new avenues and continue it's growth to be an entertaining, educational and enthusiastic meeting arena for accordion players, squeeze box lovers and just those of us who just like to meet new friends and learn new things.

I would like to suggest that for this new year, we all try something different with the accordion, e.g. left hand bass technique, new genre of music, memorize a favorite song, play for someone you've never met or what ever you can think of. It is an exciting time and the accordion is becoming ever more so popular...even Bob Dylan just used the accordion in his last album.

Just remember on those cold, cold winter's days and nights...nothing is warmer than having an accordion close to your chest and squeezing out a few songs. Happy new year and I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.....
Bob

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

1:30—4:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Ciociaro Social Club

144 Bridge St
Newton

Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 21

December 19

Some of 2009's memorable moments



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

🥺 No December performers due to weather 🥺

But have no fear! Did you know that MAAA members are on YouTube.com!!!
 That's right and it all started with Joe and Dan back in May 2008 at the Dolphin Restaurant
 to our Holiday Concert Tour at the Whitney Place locations.
 Here are the links for your review.....



John Thorp plays the Roland FR7
 Search: anthonymediavideo May 4, 2009



Joe & Dan at the Dolphin Restaurant
 Search: metrowestvideos May 19, 2008



Paul Castonguay with a collection of videos and comments from around the world
 Search: myaccordionhistory Various dates



Al Bacchiocchi on Christmas day
 Search: AlBacchi December 25, 2009



**MAAA Holiday Concert Tour
 Performing The 2nd Waltz**
 Search: bobg357 December 20, 2009



**Simon Shapiro with the MAAA
 Holiday Concert Tour playing
 French Mussette Waltz**
 Search: bobg357 Dec 20, 2009

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**Lewis Howes with the MAAA Holiday
 Concert Tour playing In The Mood**
 Search: bobg357 Dec 20, 2009



**Bob Guenther submission to the 2008
 Roland accordion competition**
 Search: bobg357 June 29, 2009

Hey, I know it's a little chilly at the moment, but if you ever wanted to experience a romantic ride on a gondola with an accordion player in the waning summer's light, I would recommend a wonderful experience my wife and I had to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary a couple of years ago. It was Boston's version of an authentic Italian gondola cruising along the Charles River with an **accordion player** of Italian and French mussette songs. Check it out if you are looking for that special or even just a little different night out.

<http://www.bostongondolas.com/>

Think warm....spring is coming and the days are longer!!!!!!!

A note from the Prez.....



I love New England – including the variety in the weather. But when it comes to MAAA meeting dates in December, the variety is lacking. It has snowed every year!

(Well, I suppose the odds are in our favor for next year.)

Despite the meeting cancellation, December was a good month for the MAAA since we accomplished our first ever “**Holiday Concert Tour.**” On two occasions, a group of MAAA accordionists performed a one-hour program of holiday and other music for very receptive audiences: the first was at The Willows in Westborough, MA; and the second was at Whitney Place in Natick, MA. The players were: Carmen D’Angelo; James Gerke; Bob Guenther; Lewis Howes; Tony Marini; Dan Mackowiak; Simon Shapiro; Patty Simmons; Ed Wawrzynowicz; and Penny Yunuba.

A special thank-you goes out to Bob Guenther on two fronts: he prepared a holiday songbook that allowed the audience to sing-along while we played; and (with the assistance of Christine Wawrzynowicz) video recorded the second concert, excerpts of which are now proudly displayed on You Tube. Tony Marini’s comment nicely sums-up the primary result of this outreach effort: “We can feel good about sharing our music with people in the community.”

Music for the play-along session at our upcoming meeting on January 24 was recently distributed by e-mail. The mix of tunes may seem a bit unusual. Some of the songs are connected to the development of the repertoire for our next outreach project. We will spend some time at the January 24 meeting describing that project, as well as the overall program and activity plan for 2010.

Remember to invite your accordion friends to our monthly get-togethers. It’s nice to meet new enthusiasts from our area, and they will likely enjoy what we do.

Dan

Events Throughout New England

Jan 22

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

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For any and all events in the New England area (even though we are a Massachusetts club, we like to travel...) involving an accordion, please contact the editor for posting in the newsletter. Since the newsletter will be posted on the website this will also be the source for the event on our website.

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Hey, new year, new ideas...if you have any suggestions or ideas, please e-mail them to a board member, or even better, visit us at a meeting. We strongly encourage any and all suggestions for activities and events. Remember—squeezin' is better than sneezing'

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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

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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

Some of my favorite accordion sites



www.accordionusa.com

American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

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



<http://www.ameraccord.com>



<http://www.accordion.com>



<http://www.concertina.com>



<http://www.cordeenman.com>



<http://www.accordion.com/atam/>

[MusicForAccordion.com](http://www.musicforaccordion.com)

<http://www.musicforaccordion.com>

LET'S POLKA

<http://www.letspolka.com>

[AllMusicMethods.com](http://www.allmusicmethods.com)

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: January 24th