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# Massachusetts Accordion Association

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# It's Vacation Time !!!

Ah yes, it is that great time of year when we take some time and re-charge our batteries from the long winter and many hours of trying to make a living. It is also a great time to get out and play your accordion at the family cook-outs and vacations, but please stay away from the beaches when the accordion is attached (a sand and salt water issue). It is also recommended that you do not attempt to play beach volleyball with the accordion attached—it limits your ability to spike the ball.....

We had a terrific meeting in June thanks to the efforts of Dan, James Gerke and the board members. Dan announced the upcoming membership drive (*see letter from the Prez*), the dues for 2010/2011 fiscal year will remain the same as the previous year and the discussions that were held on the meeting locations (*currently to remain at the Ciociaro Club in Newton*).

We had a great turn out of accordion players, family members and guests. The play-a-long ensemble theme was a patriotic medley that was definitely thoroughly enjoyed by all. The medley consisted of Stike up the Band, This Land is Your Land, Down by the River-side, Caissons Go Rolling Along (USA), Shores of Tripoli (USMC), Semper Paratus (USCG), Anchors Aweigh (USN) and the U.S. Air Force song.

The play-a-long theme for our July meeting will be song titles with color. We welcome all to join our play a long session at the beginning of each meeting. Not only is it enjoyable for our audience, but you will have a great time in participating. Many thanks to Dan for his many efforts in song selection, arranging the music sheets and making sure all members have their copies early enough to practice. I look forward to seeing you at our July 25th meeting.

Bob



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**August 6–7, 2010**

Co-Sponsored by N.H. Accordion Association & Accordion Connection LLC. Concert performers and workshop presenters include: TONY "Living Legend" LOVELLO; DON McMAHON; CORY PESATURO; the ACCORDIONS NOW! FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA; and Roger Allen - Nils Lundin - Gary Morin - Mario Pedone - Donna Maria Regis - Mary Tokarski - Jerry Tramontozzi - Others TBA!

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!!!!

July 25

## Titles with Colors

**August 22**

September 26

October 24

## Show Tunes

## Annual meeting

November 21

December 19

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

# from the Prez....



One of the joys of creating music is to share it with others. The MAAA thrives on that concept, as we meet to play our accordions with, and for, each other. And the MAAA occasionally takes that concept to another level when it reaches out to play music in the community, which it did recently for an evening performance at Lasell Village in Newton, MA. The audience was very responsive to the around the world tour created by our program of music from several countries. We received many compliments and interesting comments, including: "It's amazing to see so many accordions playing together." Thanks to all who participated. This month, you'll be receiving a membership renewal package in the mail. (Our membership year begins on July 1.) The annual dues rate is unchanged from last year. A large part of what

the MAAA accomplishes is through the contribution of time, effort and materials by volunteers. But there are a few items that require a cash outlay, for which we need your continued financial support. Thank you for your help.

Music for the July 25 play-along session was recently distributed by e-mail. Since the suggested theme for music at the July meeting is "colors in song titles," we developed a play-along set that is colorful - a bit heavy on red, but also with a dash of white, blue and black. It will be fun to see how many colors in the Sherwin Williams spectrum are covered by our group and individual performances. (By the way, if a song of color is not in your repertoire, please feel free to play whatever you choose.)

We love to have guests at our monthly meetings. Think about inviting an accordion acquaintance - or bring along a friend or relative. Dan

## Club Officers

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## Our Play-a-Long Players



Your picture could be here.

Come and join us....

Penny Simmons, Dave Magliozzi, Al Paradis, Jan Miller, James Gerke, Lewis Howes, Tony D'Eramo and our leader Dan MacKowiak

# Photos from our June meeting



*What a great time...we met many new friends and saw some we haven't seen in a while join us for our June meeting. We even had a newly wed couple come and join us. I'll bet you can pick them out from above.*



Jan Miller

## Our Open mic Performers



Dan MacKowiak



Dave Magliozzi



Lewis Howes



Tony D'Eramo

*P.S.* Just a little footnote...there was a Q&A on Dan's accordion, the Siwa & Figli. It is a handmade accordion made in Italy by a small company that only makes 25 accordions per year and is distributed by a person in NJ.



Al Paradis



## MAAA Members Performing



**First Tuesday Jazz**  
1st Tuesday of every month  
with the Lou Borelli Octet  
(Jan on accordion) at  
Nick's, 124 Millbury Street,  
Worcester 7:30—9:30 p.m.



August 16, 2010  
with Jan on accordion  
performs at the Sterling  
Band Stand in Sterling, MA  
6-8 p.m.

Good old fashion Dixieland Music, reminiscent of New Orleans. Foot stomping, hand clapping music that you'll enjoy singing to. Bring a lawn chair and the kids and the grandchildren. Funded by the Town of Sterling.



August 1st  
Our own **Jerry Tramatozzi**  
returns to the Vasa Park in Foster, R.I.  
10 Boswell Trail, Foster, RI 02825  
Every year Jerry gathers a bunch of accordion  
players who perform for people in the park.



Smooth dinner music by accordionist **Bob Guenther**  
**Every Monday 5:00p to 8:00pm**  
The Black Olive Restaurant,  
1866 Main St., Tewksbury, MA  
[www.black-olive.com](http://www.black-olive.com)

**Second Sunday of Every Month**  
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20 Charnstaff Lane, Billerica, MA



**Ed Wawrzynowicz**  
and the Ed W Band at  
Jackson Suite Function Hall,  
114 Centre St., Malden MA  
(entrance is in the Jackson Street Parking Garage, 1st floor).  
Saturday, July 24 7:30—11:00 p.m.  
Big Band style music and dancing

# The Home of the Accordion

by Prof. G. Pizzuto

(from the Accordion Review, December 1950)

Compliments of Steve's Accordion Shop (330) 332-1111

Although many people are inclined to think that the accordion originated in Austria, it first saw light many years before in some other country but, nevertheless, we are still somewhat in the dark as to its real source even though Stradella and Castelfidardo made the first real accordions. So, really, Italy can be said to be the home of the accordion.

For more than a hundred years artist-craftsmen have worked to achieve the perfection of the modern Accordion. Those first young pioneers came from the ranks of carpenters, blacksmiths and even farmers; in fact, from all trades and walks of life. From them came the accordion traditions which have been handed down from Father to Son. These sons in turn, denoted their lives to the instrument, emigrating to different parts of Italy and, later, across the World, especially to the New World- to America.

Even today, certain names in the Italian accordion manufacturing world have been handed down to the third generation such as Dallape, Anelli, Soprani, Scandalli, Massoni, Maga and many others. Some of these factories are run by two or three brothers including those belonging to Frontallini, Crosio, Galanti, Scandalli, Borsini, Busilachio, Bocci, etc..

To supply the world demand for instruments, new factories have sprung up next to the original ones so that today hundreds of thousands of experienced workers are employed - and this does not include all those small home workshops where every member of the family helps to make certain small parts.

*Editor's note* : the article continues with all the different manufacturers in each of the Italian provinces and cities. To learn more, visit the website <http://www.janpress.freesevers.com/LChomacc.htm>

**If you are ever wondering what to do when you are out and about,**

I would recommend that you check out the Accordions USA website\newsletter at:  
<http://www.accordionusa.com/default.aspx>.

Here is a little note from their editor **Rita Davidson....**

July is an amazing accordion month. Have you planned your vacation? Consider going to one of the many accordion festivals taking place during the summer.

I would like to remind you that in the right hand column you will see a heading at the top called, "Yellow Pages Events". If you click on any date, you will see what is happening in the accordion world.

If you would like to list your concert or accordion event, click on "Add New Events". There is no charge for this listing.

Have you joined the USA Fan Club which is sponsored by MusicForAccordion.com who are offering one eSheet solo music (able to be sent to you by email) free of charge to all who join.

You can select from any of the 1,400 plus eSheet solo titles online provided it costs less than US\$12/Euro 9 at MusicForAccordion.com.

To join our USA Fan Club you only need to click: USA Fan Club and fill in your name and email address. There is no password or other sign-up questions or requirements. It is very simple and quick. The USA Fan Club will be used to inform you by email of important Breaking News during the month.

Enjoy the summer!

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4th Sunday of every month  
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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)
- [Roberto Cassan](#)—617-413-8199 (Roslyndale, 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



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Others TBA!



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Featuring A Tribute to the Music of Aldo DeRossi

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

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

**Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: July 25th**