

Where knowledge and fun meet

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## Massachusetts Accordion Association

[www.MAaccordion.com](http://www.MAaccordion.com)

Warmer weather - more accordion events

It is amazing how the warmer weather puts a little more energy into everyone and the accordion events become more frequent. For instance, this weekend is the Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts (ATAM) festival\concert and competitions at the Newton Marriot.

Next Saturday is the NH Accordion Association's meeting, then our meeting on next Sunday (re-scheduled from the fourth Sunday due to the Easter holy day weekend.

I ask that you check out the Accordion USA newsletter ([www.accordionusa.com](http://www.accordionusa.com)) for all other events that are up and coming.

Dan mentioned that the April play-a-long set will be a reprise performance of some of the songs over the last 3 months due to the shortness of time between the March and April meetings.

Special note and mark this date on your calendars—Paul Monte will be our guest artist at our May 22nd meeting. Paul has just made his 1st CD and is going on tour. The NH Accordion Association has been invited to join us for that meeting. The

last time the NH club joined us it was a really great event. Meeting new and old friends and listening to so many other performers.

Still looking for articles, postings or general information to include in the newsletters. I use to have a section of the newsletter featuring a member and their insights. This was a great way for us to get to know each other.... Hopefully you will be interested and would like to share some of your thoughts. Here is an overview of the primary topics.

- 1) when and how did you get started in playing the accordion
- 2) what kind or type of music do you like playing the best
- 3) how did you get over the fear of performing before family or an audience
- 4) also, anything you would like to tell about yourself would be a great feature

I would only feature one person at a time, so please, take a little time and share yourself with us, it is really great to know you.

Bob



If you've ever wondered why accordions cost so much as compared to other instruments,

check out the YouTube .channel that features the accordion on the How It's Made show from television.

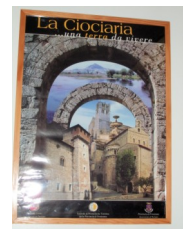
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcMHiAxB-jQ&feature=related>



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

1:30—4:00 pm

Ciociaro Social Club  
144 Bridge St  
Newton



Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

**April 17**

**May 22**

Due to some upcoming holidays, some dates may change.

Notification will be made thru e-mail, the newsletter, the website and the yahoo site

**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



At the mid-point of our fiscal year, I am pleased to report the MAAA has achieved its highest-ever membership level. Our membership roster currently totals 54. And our members are active, since meeting attendance and player participation has also been high. Thanks for your interest and effort.

During the Play-Along session at our upcoming meeting on April 17, we will play songs from the repertoire we developed over the past three months. From the January "moon" set we will play: Fly Me To The Moon and Moon Over Naples. From the February "heart" set we will play Secret Love, In The Cool, Cool, Cool Of The Evening and Cold Cold Heart. And from the March "places" set we will play Tennessee Waltz, New York, New York and America. But please bring all of the Play-Along music from the past three months, since we may have time (and requests) for other songs.

We again plan to perform one or two community outreach concerts at the beginning of the

summer. This Play-Along repertoire will be the core of the concert program we develop.

The regular MAAA meeting on May 22 will feature a performance and workshop by Paul Monte. Paul has been a leader on the New England accordion scene for many years. He has played at the finest venues and with renowned entertainers. And as many of you can personally attest, he has been, and continues to be, a wonderful teacher of the accordion. Paul's most recent accomplishment is a CD recording with bassist Tal Shalom-Kobi, which includes a wide variety of music styles. The concert on May 22 will include Paul and Tal; and the workshop will highlight some of techniques Paul employs on the recording. The MAAA is delighted to participate in the celebration of the CD release.

We will circulate a publicity piece about Paul's appearance. Feel free to send it along to your friends.

And think about bringing a friend to our next meeting. Fun is guaranteed!

Dan

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The Roland US 2011 V-Accordion Festival information is now online. The 2011 Roland U.S. V-Accordion Festival finals will be on July 29, 2011 during the 71st Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International

(ATG) Festival in Orlando, Florida at the

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel, 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, Florida.

There will be three competition categories:

Senior (age 18 and older),

Junior (age 17 and younger)

Diatonic (age 18 and older).

Attend the many interesting workshops and master classes.

Please consider entering the competition.

For competition rules and entry form visit:

[http://www.rolandus.com/go/v-accordion\\_festival](http://www.rolandus.com/go/v-accordion_festival)



# Our Play-a-long Group

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### *Featuring:*

Jan Borelli  
Carmen D'Angelo  
David Ruhkelman  
Pat DiSantis  
Linda Walden

Lou Borelli  
Arthur Richard  
David Magliozzi  
Penny Yunuba  
James Gerke

Lewis Howes  
Jim Avedisian  
Dan Mackowiak

*If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is probably not for you.  
Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.*



# What's up and coming

*Come Play with us...*



## AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

*2011 AAA Festival*

**July 13-17, 2011**

The Sheraton at Charleston Airport  
4770 Goer Drive • Charleston, SC  
International Accordion Orchestra Competition  
International Orchestra Entries must be confirmed by 2/28/11

### CASH AWARDS

WORKSHOPS • EXHIBITS • CONCERTS • COMPETITIONS for all ages

#### *Tentative Schedule*

WEDNESDAY	REGISTRATION • PRESS & SQUEEZE
THURSDAY	LUNCHEON CONCERT • CABARET NIGHT
FRIDAY	MASSED BAND PERFORMANCE conducted by Frank Busso GALA CONCERT
SATURDAY	AWARDS CONCERT • BANQUET LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA conducted by Joan Sommers
SUNDAY	BREAKFAST MEETING and FAREWELL

*Join us as we honor*  
**JOAN COCHRAN SOMMERS**  
With the AAA's prestigious  
**Lifetime Achievement Award**



### AAA Festival Coordinators

Mary Tokarski • Frank Busso • Linda Soley Reed  
for details, contact AAA1938@aol.com



## NH Accordion Connection Event

**ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011**

**4th Annual Music Festival**

**Friday-Saturday, August 12-13**

**Nashua Courtyard Marriott**

**Nashua, New Hampshire, USA**

**Note our beautiful NEW LOCATION!**

*(see attachment accompanying this newsletter)*

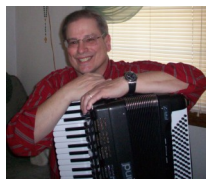
## MAAA Members Performing



### First Tuesday Jazz

1st Tuesday of every month  
with the Lou Borelli Octet  
(Jan on accordion)  
Nick's, 124 Millbury Street,  
Worcester

7:30—9:30 p.m.



Smooth dinner and dance 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

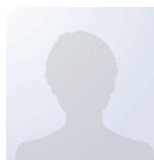


**June 11, 2011**

Mixed Grille plays for ballroom and  
Scandinavian Dancing at Sovitajaa  
(Finn Park), Rutland, MA, 01543.

Music starts at 7:30 PM.

Call Bob Belden at 508-842-8468 if you  
want dinner tickets



Let us know if you are performing anywhere  
and we will place you notice here.

It is really a joy when fellow accordionists and  
friends come out and hear you play.

Just let us know the date, time and place (and if there is a  
cover charge).....

# Our Open "mic" Performers



Dave Sullivan



Jim Avedisian



Lewis Howes



James Gerke



Pat DiSantis



David Ruhkelmam



Dave Magliozzi



Lou and Jan Borelli



Penny Yunuba & Dan Mackowiak



Linda Walden

**From Robin Frederick** sample from her newsletter on songwriting.....

## 1) SONGWRITING TIP - Songwriting Is Like Riding a Bicycle

Remember when you learned to ride a bike? It wasn't easy! You fell down a lot, but you kept trying. At first you needed someone to hold on, keeping you steady. Then you used extra training wheels to help you stay upright as you pedaled. Then, finally, you were able to ride on your own. You had found that complicated thing called BALANCE. After that, it was a breeze!

Subscribe to her newsletter and learn how to write "hit" songs

"Robin Frederick" <newsletter@robinfrederick.com>

"Shortcuts to Hit Songwriting" is a top-selling songwriting book at Amazon.com

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0982004001/tag=soundexperience>



### Where knowledge and fun meet

WWW.MAaccordion.com

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

MAaccordion phone:  
(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



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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)
- [Bill LaPollai](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Roberto Cassan](#) —617-413-8199 (Roslindale, 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



American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

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



What Are You  
Doing To  
Promote the  
Accordion?



*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: April 17th**