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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Goodnight Irene !!!!!

I hope you all fared well with the Irene tropical storm event.....If you suffered in any way, my prayers for your speedy and safe recovery.....

I am sending this shortened version of the monthly newsletter for several reasons.....Much to my regrets, the cancellation of the August meeting means there are no play-a-long, "open mic" nor members and guests photos.....secondly, I will be leaving for a long awaited trip to Italy and will not be able to pull together a more detailed newsletter.....

The September meeting will have Cory Pesaturo as our feature performer.... I've been fortunate to see Cory several times in the past and he is definitely an entertainer. You will not want to miss this meeting....Also, we had planned a few things for the August meeting that I think Dan and the Board will want to cover at the September meeting.

What comes to my mind first of all is the nominating meetings for new officers and a couple of board members.....this is

largely due to our bylaws stating that an officer and board member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. We do have a nominating committee that will have recommendations for positions, but the members may also offer their nominations in open meeting. So we will definitely need you recommendations and votes.

I would think that we will have the play-a-long ensemble, so please bring the music you received for the August meeting.

Another quick note.....

we are coming up on the time of year for Oktoberfest celebrations...so please let me know of any performances or events which have accordion players, most importantly any MAAA members and I will get the work out for everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy.

So, I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.....Until then, Ciao....

Bob

LET'S POLKA



Hopefully you have seen and visited the Let's Polka Accordion Blog site at <http://www.letspolka.com/>.

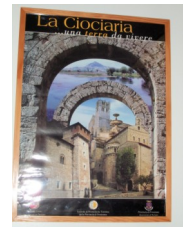
Just in case you've missed a little, here is a quick note :

Longtime readers won't be surprised to hear it often takes us a while to write new posts for the site. Yet even when we're quiet, the accordion world continues to spin — there's always an article, a concert, or a great new band to share. That's why we're now using Twitter and Facebook to post shorter, more frequent updates in between posts on the main site. Use the buttons below to "follow" us on Twitter or "like" us on Facebook and get a steady stream of squeezin': (note: buttons referred to are accessible on the website).

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!!!!

Sept 25

Oct 23

Nov 20

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



I hope all of you have recovered from the effects of tropical storm Irene. Our region of the country is fortunate to not encounter many significant weather events in the summertime.

This is the time in the MAAA organization cycle that we consider new members on the board of directors. The Nominating Committee has been working to identify candidates for the open positions, and will report on its results at the upcoming meeting on September 25. The election of directors and officers will occur at the Annual Meeting in October.

Many of you have returned your membership renewal form and dues payment. We appreciate your continuing interest in the MAAA, and your willingness to support its programs. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please consider doing so.

Cory Pesaturo will be our guest artist on September 25.

As I mentioned last month, his reputation as a world-class accordionist is leaping forward, having recently won the Primus Ikaalinen Accordion Competition in Finland. Cory's guest artist program will combine a performance and a workshop session. The workshop will describe some of the nuances that authenticate various music styles - including a couple ethnic types. His performance will feature a cross-section of his repertoire - including a demonstration of his renowned jazz improvisation skills.

The Play-Along group will be the "opening act" for the September 25 meeting - and we will play the music prepared for the August meeting, which was the set of six country tunes. This music sounds really cool when played in a smooth, simple style by more than one accordion. I am looking forward to playing it together.

The invitation to attend our meetings is always open to visitors and newcomers. Bring a friend, and share the fun.
Dan

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Hopefully many of you remember Rita from the Accordion Now Festival in NH last month. Rita is the editor of the Accordion USA newsletter and is the best newsletter person I've ever known.....

Here is an editor's note she had in this month's issue...

Summer may be ending soon, but accordion activities for the fall and winter are continuing all around the USA and Canada. I hope you were able to attend some of the many accordion events this past summer. They were amazing days of accordion concerts and camaraderie.

On my musical travels this summer, I was fortunate to meet many new accordion friends and that was a highlight of my summer. Those of you who already attend many accordion festivals know what I am talking about when I say that there is nothing like meeting and talking to another accordion enthusiast!

Everyone is so friendly and willing to share their talents no matter what their level. Music is a fantastic way to meet wonderful people. The accordion truly contributes to a life of fun and friendship. Become part of it! If you do not already play the accordion, try it!

Additionally, I am pleased to inform all that I will attend the 2011 Coupe Mondiale in October in Shanghai, China. Because I will be there on October 1st., I would greatly appreciate it if any news ideas, articles, etc. can kindly be submitted to me by September 20th to be considered for the 1st October USA News.

Send to: Ritabell@aol.com

Thank you so much and I look forward to telling you all about my travels in the 1st November USA News.



Our featured performer for our September 24th meeting.

World Digital Accordion Champion (Coupe Mondiale) and World Acoustic Accordion Champion (Primus Ikaalinen) Cory Pesaturo is a graduate of the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where he was the first musician ever to major and graduate in the accordion. Accordion Legend Dick Contino said, "Of all the accordionists I've seen over the years, Cory is the one to pass the torch to, the only one who has all the tools to bring the accordion back to its former glory." Cory will also hold a workshop for us, so you won't want to miss his performance, his workshop or his incredibly enthusiastic personality.....In the world of accordions, Cory is definitely a treat to experience.

Cape Accordion 2011

A couple of MAAA members attended the Cape Accordion 2011 last month....here are a few of the pictures from Dave Magliozzi and James Gerke.



Hey, have you thought of a Vegas vacation lately??????????

The Las Vegas International Accordion Convention

2011 the YEAR of the accordion

A vibrant poster for the Masquerade 2011 Las Vegas Accordion Convention. The background is a rich red with bokeh light effects. A gold masquerade mask is positioned at the top left. A large, stylized banner across the middle reads "MASQUERADE" in large, bold, silver letters, with "2011 LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION" and "OCTOBER 31 THRU NOVEMBER 3, 2011" written below it in smaller white and red text. To the right, a white and gold masquerade mask is partially visible, along with a white and gold accordion. A hand is shown playing the accordion. The text "STARRING" is followed by a list of performers: Frank Marocco, Angelo Di Pippo w/the Accordion Kings, Alex Sevastian, Mary Tokarski, Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini. Below that, "FEATURING" is followed by: Frank Toscano & Manny Corallo (Accordion Kings), Peter & Mady Soave, The Soundscape Trio, Bruce Gassman, Gina Brannelli, Gordon Kohl, Pete Barbutti. "PLUS" is followed by: The Fourth Annual Las Vegas International Accordion Orchestra Directed by Professor Joan Cochran Sommers. At the bottom left is the logo for the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention, featuring a stylized accordion and the text "Las Vegas". At the bottom center, a yellow banner contains the text: "Mention the LVAC and get hotel rooms for only \$94 per night (Sun-Thur) at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino". At the bottom right, the word "Concerto" is written in a stylized font. The website "AccordionStars.com" is at the bottom center.

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E-mail: use our website for
direct contact

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fellow accordionists meet
for an afternoon of music
and discussions.

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)



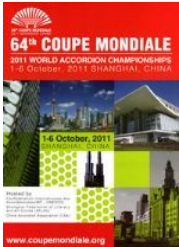
Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
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- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B\C Button Box classes at
Boston College & Harvard University



Did you know?????

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Entries have closed for the 2011 Coupe Mondiale in Shanghai China with some 170 entrants registered which is about 50 entries higher than ever before.

These extra numbers have been assisted by a substantial airfare subsidy, food and accommodation generously provided for 50 national representatives by the Chinese hosts, the Accordion Association of Chinese Musicians Association (CAA) and the Shanghai Musicians Association.

Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)

We're on the web:
MAaccordion.com

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



Check out the number 1 accordion news for us here in the USAmany thanks to **Rita Davidson** for her continuing great job as editor.....

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

Hey, guess who has a new website....that's right , it's the American Accordion Association.....check it out at:

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

Many thanks to **Linda Soley Reed**, who now is in her sixth year as president of this great association

American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

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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: Sept 25th