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# A Wonderful Tribute

A truly wonderful tribute at our June meeting for the celebration of Independence Day.



Our play-along ensemble, with many thanks to Dan for his planning and preparation, played a medley of songs celebrating our

armed forces, our wonderful country and remembrance of our soldiers during the Civil War. Definitely made you proud to be an American....

Many thanks to Jim for running a great meeting.

Jim invited Sam Falcetti to perform and give us a great workshop. More info inside.

It is that time of year for our annual membership renewals. I thank you all for your support by renewing your membership. As promised, during my initiation last October, we have not

increased our dues.

With my sincere gratitude to our board of directors for their planning and efforts for a

great year to date, it is your thoughts and suggestions that help us plan and enhance our club for you.

I look forward to any suggestions that you may add to your membership renewal form.

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 22nd. This newsletter is a little early since I will be in the Poconos for a time and wouldn't have the time other wise.

So, thank you for your membership, thank you for your ideas and suggestions, and most importantly, thank you for your participation.

See you in a couple of weeks.....

Bob



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!!!!

July 22nd  
August 26th  
September 23rd  
October 28th  
November 18th  
December 16th  
January 27th  
February 24th  
March 24th

**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



Thanks to Tony Marini's untiring efforts, there is a website for MAAA related souvenirs and products.

Check it out at.....

<http://www.jumbledesigns.com/maaa/catalogmaa.html>

# Our June Play-along session.....



**Semper Fidelis**

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"The Accordion Man"  
Performing on the main stage  
both Saturday and Sunday  
August 18th & 19, 2012

**Complete Schedule of Events**  
**Saturday, August 18, 2012**  
**Sunday, August 19, 2012**

Last Updated on Friday, 15 June 2012 06:07

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# Our featured performer

## Sam Falcetti Workshop on Enhancing the Left Hand



My thanks to Jim Avedisian on getting Sam to come to our June meeting with such a great workshop.....Sam, as personable and entertaining as always, really wowed the audience with his playing style and left hand techniques....I've attached some comments that I received....

I hope you enjoyed Sam Falcetti's presentation. There are a few of the left hand things I myself will try. It's nice to think about the left hand sometimes. When you figure out that each counter bass is a third from the root (C counterbass is E) and that each 2 buttons represents a whole step (C D E, G A B, etc.) and that each button in sequence is a fifth (C G D , etc.) it makes it easier to understand how to do some really neat bass things. Knowing the counter basses makes doing walking bass runs very easy. And by using counter basses, you don't have to stretch your fingers all over the place.....Jim Avedisian.

I concur about the meeting on Sunday. I've always wanted to learn how to walk the bases, I've tried it before on my own and Sam's ideas will help master the trick....Lewis Howes

great meeting and presentation on Sunday. I spent half an hour yesterday working on some of the concepts Sam taught us, much appreciated! ....Patty Simmons

Great experience yesterday. Thank you!...Tony Marini



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# Our June Meeting Members and Guests



*Hey, just a quick tip.....*

*Has the idea of playing arpeggios ever appeared to be hard to understand?????*

*I, myself have always been unable to understand the concept....I found a lesson for the guitar, but it is in keyboard format and may make it easier....check out....*

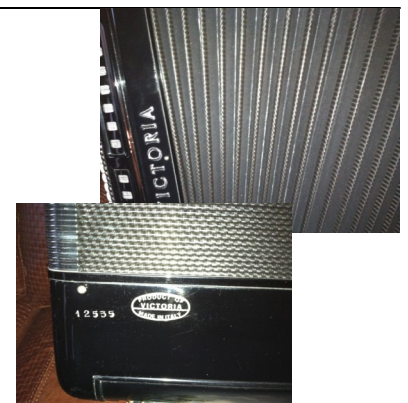
*<http://www.mattwarnockguitar.com/instant-bebop-adding-chromatics-to-basic-arpeggios>*



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Brent Buswell ~ Christopher Gorton ~ Tony Lovello ~ Jeremiah McLane & Annemieke Spoelstra ~ Gary Morin ~ Donna Maria Regis ~ ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] ~ Sam Falcetti Workshop ~ *More Performers To Be Announced*



ENJOY MEETING YOUR FRIENDS, OLD & NEW, at the "ACCORDIONS NOW! MUSICAL FAMILY" REUNION Concerts ~ Workshops ~ Open Mike Night ~ Play Along Groups [no rehearsal] NEW THIS YEAR!! ~ Jam Sessions ~ ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] ~ Lively Luncheon Buffet ~ Cocktail Reception & Entertainment ~ Gala Banquet ~ Vendor Displays, Demonstrations, Instruments to Try ~ Artist Photo Ops, CD Signing ~ & MORE!



- > BRING YOUR ACCORDION for Open Mike, Play Along Groups [no rehearsal] & Jam Sessions
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2012 MILESTONES to be CELEBRATED in a UNIQUE MUSICAL COMBINATION:

- FRANK SINATRA -- 100 years
- TONY LOVELLO -- 80 years
- ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival & AN! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] -- 5 years

ANFO's 5th annual concert will feature the *exclusive world premiere* of a new TONY LOVELLO arrangement written especially for ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival by the soon-to-be octogenarian [Tony turns 80 December 17] to honor FRANK SINATRA's centennial [December 12].

YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT -- Register for ANFO by July 20

Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli...  
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July 8, 2012

**Lou Borelli Octet** will play at the Jazz on the Patio Summer Series at the Castle Restaurant, 1230 Main Street, Leicester, MA, 3 - 7 PM. NO COVER. The patio is lovely, overlooking the lake. If the weather is inclement, we will play in the dining room. The food at the Castle is outstanding. Our CD "Lou Borelli Octet Live at Nick's" will be on sale (\$10). Please join us for some summer jazz fun.

July 12, 2012

**Black Sheep Jazz Band (Dixieland)** plays a Summer Concert at the Sturbridge Band Stand in the center of town, 6 - 8 PM. Bring a lawn chair, the kids and grand kids

August 9, 2012

**Black Sheep Jazz Band (Dixieland)** plays a summer concert at East Brookfield Band Stand, 6 - 8 PM. Bring a lawn chair, the kids and grand kids. If the weather is inclement, the concert will be at East Brookfield Elementary School, 410 East Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515.



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WWW.MAaccordion.com

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.



## 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

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- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, 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



## 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](http://www.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

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Participation in the AAA Festival Orchestra is open to registered participants only  
Details about performers, workshops and other Festival events will be online soon. Save the date!



*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: July 22nd**