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The Excitement Continues.....

Just when I was thinking that our August meeting would be a so-so event due to all the summer vacations and the wonderful weather we've been having, was I greatly surprised.

The meeting began with an incredible play-along ensemble performing with a theme of Rain, e.g. Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head, Rain Rain Polka, Here's that Rainy Day and many others...Gratefully the weather did not hear the great performance.

Our open 'mic' session was really enjoyable bringing lots of toe tapping and laughter among our attendees.

Much to our surprise we were joined with

visiting guest accordionists from PA, NH, Oregon and RI. This was a really great treat.

Just to keep you all up to date, we have another board meeting scheduled before our September meeting to continue the planning and refinements of our organization. Again, my sincere thanks to all of you who have offered their opinions, time and assistance throughout the year. It is your contribution that makes this such a great accordion club.

Well, so much for my comments this month. Check out the features and pix inside. They are worth a lot more than I can say....

Looking forward to seeing you all at our September meeting.....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!!!!

October 28th

November 18th

December 16th

Holiday Party!!!!

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th



Quick note from Jim Avedisian.....

Hi all,

Just to let you know that the August meeting video is now up.

Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7asue7rumw&feature=youtu.be>

You can also get there through the member section of our website.

Do you remember.....

In our last newsletter I had mentioned that hidden amongst the sand dunes of lovely Cape Cod were accordionists visiting for the 2nd annual Cape Cod fest. Well, with many thanks to Dave Magliozzi, he has graciously provided a website for pix from this great accordion fest organized by our very own James Gerke. This festival is invitation only due to the large demand for attendance and the throngs of anticipated visitors and guests for just a quick glimpse of these accordion greats, past, present and future....<http://capeaccordion2012.shutterfly.com>

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

Our August Play-along session.....



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MAAA members at the Accordions Now 2012

5th annual festival in Nashua, NH



Dan Mackowiak leads the Just for Fun Play-Along Ensemble



Saturday Night Jammin' Accordions Now 2012



Also, many thanks to all the other MAAA members not pictured, who attended and made this such a great success.

Our Illustrious open "mic" performers



Patrick Desantis



Carmen D'Angelo



Patty Simmons



Dave Sullivan



Jim Avedisian



Ed Wawrzynowicz

Thank you to all our open "mic" performers, past, present and future.....Open "mic" is open to anyone, regardless of ability and is a great opportunity to begin to play in public

We are always most appreciative of beginning accordion players because, believe it or not, we were all beginners at one time in our lives.

Our October meeting's featured artist



Alex with his lovely wife
Lilliana

Alex Chudolij

Alex, the owner of MusicMagic USA in New Jersey, is a former multiple champion accordion player. In addition to being a composer, having composed several of the songs on his popular Electric Kozak album.

Alex has been instrumental in promoting the accordion with library lectures, grade school appearances and other goodwill affairs where he has showcased the beauty and uniqueness of the accordion to audiences of all types. To learn more about Alex, visit the website:

www.accordionsusa.com/new_page_1.htm



Alex was also a featured speaker\performer at the 2012 American Accordion Musicological Society's Accordion Workshops back on the last weekend in March in Whippany, NJ

"The 3 R's of MIDI Accordions". Roland, Reedless & Regular"

Our August Meeting Members and Guests



Paul Monte has available:

It's a 120 bass, black Ace accordion, with electrification and Bassonic which is a string bass. Consumer Report stated at the time, it was the premier accordion. Also it is a double tone chamber with hand made and hand finished reeds.

Retail was \$15,000.00 my price is only **\$9,200.00**

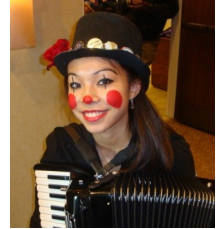
Call for more information: 781-237-0554 or 617-780-7555

Sorry, no picture available at this time.....please contact Paul directly for a hands on look at this great instrument

Our heartfelt congratulations!!!!!!

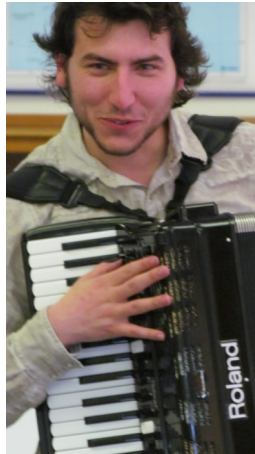


Congratulations to Ollie Luey, who won the Junior division at Roland V Accordion competition 2012. She is 16 years old, has been studying accordion with our very own MAAA member Dr. Emilian Badea, since age 9. Ollie performed "Misty", (Erroll Garner-1954), "Polka Italiana, (Donald Ballestrieri), "Mazurka Variata," (Augusto Migliavacca). Now Ollie and Emilian start preparations for the New England Competition, at which she will probably compete for the New England Entertainment Championship.



We are very fortunate since Ollie (Olivia) did graciously perform for us back in July 2011 when she was competing for the first time in the Roland Regional championship. Again, our congratulations to you Olivia for a job well done and an honor well deserved.....

Suprised Guest performers.....



Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli.... Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli....

September 30. 2012

Schwarze Schafe (Trio) plays for **Oktoberfest** at Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 11 AM - 4 PM. Come on down and show off your yodeling skills, learn a German Dance and some German lyrics, dance some polkas, drink some beer and have a good time. There's lots to do at Sacred Heart Oktoberfest and they have great food!



Schwarze Schafe Trio

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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

► 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

- [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 LaPolla](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Roberto Cassan](#) —617-413-8199 (Roslindale, MA)
- [Emilian Badea](#) —508-653-8441 (Natick, MA)
- [Inessa Gilmore](#) —inessagilmore@yahoo.com
- [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

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>

JuMBLe designs is pleased to offer a complete line of MAAA merchandise.

We have started with what we consider to be quite a variety of merchandise,
however, if you want something a little different, we welcome your special requests



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: September 23rd