

Where knowledge and fun meet

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www.MAaccordion.com

This was the time....

As you already had heard from Jim's earlier e-mail, if you missed this holiday party, you surely missed one of the best times of the MAAA.

This holiday party was where new relationships are made and great music with dancing and wonderful food. My sincere thanks to all who made this event a really great one.

It was our second wonderfully successful attempt at the musical carousel, run by Patty Simmons.

The music carousel is where anyone with an accordion can start playing and other accordion players can join in to accompany the song being played. We heard an incredible selection of popular music and some ethnic regional tunes from all different levels of accordion playing experience levels.



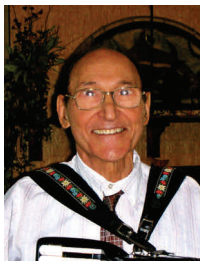
This is the one meeting where we did not have a structured play-along or open mic session. These activities will begin again at our February meeting.

Although we are in the Blizzard of 2013, just keep in mind that there are only 42 days until spring when you receive this newsletter by e-mail.

Also, if you know of anyone who loves accordion music but plays a different instrument, they are always welcomed at the MAAA. We are grateful that Jan Miller (flute) and Lou Borelli (trumpet) joined us because of this attribute of our club. Also, glad to say that Jan has progressed very nicely in such a short time in learning the accordion.

Thanks again to everyone for a really wonderful time and your friendships. I know you've all made my life a much happier one.

Bob



Did you know that our very own Jerry Tramontozzi is a regular participant in the annual Accordion Smash down in Orlando Fl every year....if you have never heard Jerry perform, he is a definite entertainer. Check out one of the videos from a prior Jerry performance at a Florida Accordion Smash event.

<http://vimeo.com/17483606>

Check out a lot more pictures of this great holiday party than you will find in this newsletter from Jim and Carol Avedisian at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/maaccordion/>

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!!!!

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 26th

June 23rd

July 28th

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

A message from our Vice-President

Hi All,

Wow, if you missed last Sunday's Holiday meeting, you missed something really special. It was incredible, there was food, music, and dancing. The Musical Carousel type of Open Mic was a huge success. It was so great to see the spontaneity of so many accordion players coming together. Let's not forget the trumpet, too (thanks Lou)! So many different playing levels and abilities all coming together, all participating. Video snippets of the meeting are available at www.maaccordion.com by clicking on the Members button and then the videos button on the page that comes up. Definitely worth a look.

All of it couldn't have happened without the dedication, generosity, and hard work of Patty Simmons (who showed up even though she was under the weather!), Chris and Ed Wawrzynowicz, Dan and Mary Ann Mackowiak, Penny Yunuba and Jan Miller, and Carol Avedisian. If I have overlooked anyone, my apologies, I was busy playing, eating, socializing, etc.!!!!

I maintain our website (www.maaccordion.com) and endeavor to keep it up to date. There you will find timely info, calendar of meetings, member performances, meeting videos, etc. I encourage you to visit it.



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Take care,

Jim Avedisian, MAAA Vice President

**Not too early to start
thinking warmer activities...**

The **ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival** is co-sponsored by NHAA every August. Members of the NHAA Ensemble form the core of the ever-popular **ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [AN!FO]**, in which pre-registered attendees may participate. This annual gathering of accordion fans is accurately described by the festival's motto: **ACCORDIONS NOW! LOTS OF ACCORDIONS, LOTS OF MUSIC, LOTS OF FUN !!**

AAA Festival 2012 July 11-15, 2012

Sheraton City Center Baltimore, MD

Mention AAA Festival 2012 for special rates

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1201037767&key=9E9EE>

Guest artist and conductor of the 2012 AAA Festival Orchestra
STAS VENGLEVSKI

Participation in the AAA Festival Orchestra is for registered participants of the 2012 Festival.

Our Holiday Party Music Carousel Participants



Our January Holiday Party Members and Guests



Do you know of any members upcoming performances?????

If you do, please let us know so we can post on the website and in the newsletter....

it is important to support our members and always enjoyable to venture "outside" the club's parameters.....also, always great to meet new people and experience different styles of performances

and our holiday party dancers



**unbeknownst to many -
Dancing is always welcomed.....**

Hey don't miss
Our very own **Hey don't miss** Lou Borelli....
Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli...



Lou Borelli Octet plays First Tuesday of the Month Jazz Night at Nick's on the first Tuesday of every month, except not January 1, which is a holiday. So next few First Tuesday of the Month Jazz Nights in 2013 are:

- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4



Lou Borelli Octet plays mostly arrangements from the Dave Pell Octet. Nick's is at 124 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA. No cover. Nick's is a small German Restaurant and Bar and we love to play there. We appreciate your support of live music by local jazz musicians.



February 12, 2013:

Black Sheep Jazz Band plays Dixieland for Mardi Gras at Nick's German Restaurant and Bar, 124 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA, 7:30 - 10:30 PM. No Cover. If you can't make it to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, come down to Nick's instead.

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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.



Looking for newsletter editor to continue the tradition. Please mention your interest to any Board member



Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Luca Music](#) (North Providence, RI)
- [Monte School of Music](#) (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Falcetti Music](#) 413-543-1002 (Springfield, MA)



Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Bill LaPolla](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Emilian Badaea](#) —508-653-8441 (Natick, MA)
- [Inessa Gilmore](#)—inessagilmore@yahoo.com
- [Falcetti Music](#) 413-543-1002 (Springfield, MA)



Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [Falcetti Music](#) (Springfield, 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



Did you know.....



Never too early to start making arrangements for any trip to **Las Vegas**, especially for this years International Accordion Festival scheduled **October 28th thru the 31st**. There will be included three gala luncheons and FOUR regal dinners including a Tuesday Grand all-you-can-eat Buffet. Plus an unforgettable Monday night opening Party and a Thursday night Prime Rib Dinner the final evening along with dinner dancing.

<http://accordionstars.com/>

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: February 24th