

# Massachusetts Accordion Association, Inc.

## Newsletter

### A Temporary New Editor

Hello all.... Jim Avedisian here. Those of you who know me from the club would recognize me, but for those who don't, here I am: Oops, wrong picture. This was me when I was very young and the dinosaurs roamed the earth!



Okay, here is a picture of me as I am today. Oh, wait a minute, this isn't the right one either. I think this was from some other young time, maybe elementary

school. One more try:



Yeah, got it right this time. That's me on the left doing a gig with Chet Williamson at Val's in Holden, MA.

Well, a little about me. Born on a mountain top in Tennessee...nope, that was Davey Crockett. Anyway, I had one year of accordion lessons in the fifth grade. Took 'em because the little girl next door's aunt gave lessons. Did it for one year, didn't play again until high school. Formed a band called The Assassins. When asked about the name we said it was

because we killed music. Oh well, high school kids.

Later, while teaching, I teamed up with the school's music teacher to form a duo called *Two's-A-Bunch*. Accordion and Trombone. Hmm...

As time went on, we expanded under various names such as *The Tony James Trio* (Tony was the trombone player), *Good Company* (added a great guitarist), did some 5 piece stuff with a saxophone player, another trio called the *Rick James Trio* (saxophone player's name was Rick) and filled in with various other bands also taking on gigs from bookers Bill Storey, and Perry Conte.

That leads us to today and the hacker type of player you see and hear. Very seldom do I do what is considered traditional or classic accordion numbers but that's because of the way I evolved without the usual training one gets from traditional accordion teachers of the 1950's.

### Now, a special thank you!



Bob Guenther

A very special thanks to Bob Guenther for the incredible job he has done while editor of this newsletter. A very special job well done by our great MAAA President and friend.

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

1:30—4:00 pm

**Ciociaro Social Club**  
144 Bridge St  
Newton

Mark your calendars



### Upcoming meetings:

April 28th

May 26th

June 23rd

July 28th

August 25th

September 22nd

### 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

# About making the newsletter...

By Jim Avedisian

Since taking over as temporary editor creating the MAAA Newsletter, I have gained a deep appreciation for the incredible amount of work in preparing it. Never really thought about all the time that Bob had to spend to create, publish, and distribute the newsletter.

It takes many hours to put one together. Once you get familiar with the software ( I am using PagePlus X5 ), doing and manipulating text frames and graphics gets a bit easier. The real challenge in putting one together in terms of construction is design. Every element like text and graphics can be modified in so very many ways. The choices are astounding. Hey Bob, I have also realized the wisdom in saving the newsletter after every major change. I'm sure you learned that too!

As challenging as putting together text, graphics, etc. is, THE REAL CHALLENGE IS FINDING THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT! Let me repeat.... THE REAL CHALLENGE IS FINDING THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT.

MAAA members can help a lot in determining the content of our newsletters. I would ask that if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter, to just email me at [vze2v42i@verizon.net](mailto:vze2v42i@verizon.net). It could be a picture, it could be a link to an article you think is interesting, a link to an accordion performance you think was good. In short, anything that you think other MAAA members would like to see/read about.

EVEN BETTER: I am doing this on a temporary basis until we find a replacement to do the newsletter. We are looking for someone to do the newsletter on a more permanent basis. If you would like to be considered, contact me with this link: [Contact Jim](#)

## Catch our very own Lou and Jan Borelli

If you've ever heard Jan play the accordion and Lou toot that trumpet, then you know how incredibly talented they are. Try to catch them, definitely worth your while!



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:

- 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.



## News about the Open Mic session at the upcoming MAAA April meeting



At the last MAAA board meeting, we discussed how at one time long ago and in a far away place, open mic sessions had a theme, just like the play-along session does. It sounded like a great idea. Not that one couldn't play something else if one wanted, but it would be neat if open mic players played selections in that theme.

If you check the calendar at the [MAAA Website](#) (yes, Virginia it does exist!) you will find that the theme for Open Mic for April is **SPRINGTIME**. Now, probably the best place to find Spring themed pieces is in your own collection. If you have any fake books, you can look through them and probably find appropriate songs. For example, on looking through my fake books, I found songs like April Love, Younger than Springtime from the show South Pacific. The songs need not have the word Spring in them, just songs that seem to fit in that category.

BY THE WAY: Sometimes when I am looking for a particular piece of music, I go to [Wikifonia.org](#). There, you can search for songs by Artist Name or Song Titles. Doing a quick search I found 13 songs that actually had Spring in the title! A bunch of them I didn't know, some I did. Hmm... not a bad way to learn some new music. Oh, and you can transpose the key and save/print out the sheets. Check it out.



### Roland V-Accordion Orchestra Update



Things are going really well with the first of it's kind orchestra in the U.S.A., maybe the only one of it's kind in the world. Some Massachusetts Accordion Association members are representing us as part of this orchestra. Dave Sullivan, Tony D'Eramo and Jim Avedisian are participating. If I am missing anyone from MAAA that I don't know about, my apologies. The orchestra, comprised of 20 Roland players, a guitar/mandolin player, a drummer, a xylophone player, and 2 vocalists have had 4 rehearsals with 2 more scheduled.

**WHEN & WHERE:** The orchestra will play at the New England Music Festival at the Newton Marriot on Sunday afternoon April 7th between 3 & 5 pm. If you happen to be around, come on down and give a listen. The orchestra will play 4 pieces: Big Band, Classical, Italian, and a March. Should be real good! In the same timeframe April 7, catch the Springfield Accordion and Guitar Orchestra conducted by Michael Falcetti! COME ON DOWN AND GIVE A LISTEN!!!! **FREE!**



# Your MAAA Website

One of the best places to get information about the club, maybe the best place because it is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week is the MAAA website. Let's take a look at some of what you can find there using the table below:

Information	Yes	No
Names & email of Board Members	X	
Winning MA Lottery numbers		X
MAAA Meeting Calendar (dates & info)	X	
Vince Wilfork's Jersey Size		X
Archive of all the MAAA Newsletters	X	
Videos of many MAAA meetings	X	
Recipe for Oreo cookies		X
Member submissions ( both video, audio, text)	X	
Tutorial on Boomerang throwing		X
Other resources (instruments, instruction, etc.)	X	
Meeting cancellation notice	X	
Odds of Red Sox having winning season		X
Page to contact the MAAA	X	
Members available for hire	X	
Time sensitive information on the Home Page	X	

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

I am always looking for ways to improve the site. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, things you would like to see put on the site. You can use the contact page right on the site or email me directly: [Email Jim](#)



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**Cory Pesaturo Performs on David Letterman Show**by [Rita Davidson](#)

On Thursday, February 21st, Cory Pesaturo performed with the Bill Carter Band and Johnny Depp on the David Letterman Show.

Versatile accordionist Cory Pesaturo is involved in many types of accordion events. Among his future appearances

are 3 pending concerts in Italy, dates to be announced soon; participation in the Carthage Jazz Festival in Africa on April 12, 2013; The Montmagny Accordion Festival, August 29-September 1st, located one hour north of Quebec City.

Cory will judge at the 2013 [Coupe Mondiale](#), August 19-25 in Victoria, Canada. He will also perform with violinist Yasmine. Cory will also perform in a Jazz Trio Night with two accordion artists to be announced in the USA news very soon.

One of Cory's special interests is cars. He will perform at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance World's Top Car Show. This is the main car show in

the world which takes place every year. All the best cars are there including auctions, events, historical races. Cory performs at various events during this time. August 14-18, 2013.

He will also entertain at the Cotati Accordion Festival August 17-18th. For further information: [Cory@corypesaturo.com](mailto:Cory@corypesaturo.com)

*Ever wanted a Roland? Now is not a bad time to consider one!*

## Purchase Any New FR-7x and Get a BK-7m Free



Purchase any new FR-7x between March 1, 2013 and April 30, 2013 and get a BK-7m for free.

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## New and Pre-owned Accordions

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

## Accordion Teachers

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

## Accordion Music and Lesson Books

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

## Other Accordion Clubs

- Connecticut (Cheshire/Plantsville) [www.ctaccordion.com](http://www.ctaccordion.com)
- NH Accordion Association (Gilmanton, NH) 1-800-328-5227
- Central MA Accordion Club (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

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website for locations



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for an afternoon of music  
and discussions.

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tional purposes only as a  
service for members.

In fairness, the MAAA  
cannot endorse any partic-  
ular business but we do  
encourage you to patronize  
them.



Old Cordovox Ad with Dick  
Contino. Next to the speakers it  
says "Dick Contino sounds a  
new note... now you can too"



Meeting reminders for the next two  
**April 28**  
**May 26**