

Accordion Talk

June 2026



Upcoming club meeting

July 18

12:00 – 4:00 pm

Milwaukie Police
Community Room
3200 SE Harrison St
Milwaukie, OR

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President's Message

Greetings, RCAC! I'm writing this from Asheville, NC, where I am attending and speaking at a conference for work. It's beautiful out here, but the humidity is a bit much for this native Oregonian.

Last month's newsletter included a bunch of photos from camp, so I hope you enjoyed those. All past newsletters are available at rosecityaccordionclub.org/newsletters. This newsletter features photos from Astoria Scandinavian Festival where a number of RCAC folks played and led ensembles.

A few news and updates not to miss:

- This weekend, Doug Stickler is playing at **Alliance Française de Portland - Bastille Day** on **Sunday, July 12 from 2:45 - 4:45**.
- **Gig opportunities for Zootoberfest** (Sept. 11-12) are on page 2.
- Also on page 2, get ready for **Mt. Angel Oktoberfest!**
- Congrats to RCAC scholarship recipient **Sam Gladky** for the awards he earned during the Leavenworth Accordion Celebration.

If you have news, photos, or accordion-related updates you'd like to include in the next newsletter, let me know!

~ Amber Matz

News & Updates

Gig opportunity: Zootoberfest, Sept. 11-12, 2026

Mickey Webb, Events Manager at the Oregon Zoo is planning **Zootoberfest** on **September 11 and 12 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm** and are looking for **bands for the main stage and 2 new pavilions as well as strolling musicians** — mainly accordion music to keep with the Oktoberfest theme.

This will be an event with alcohol (beer) if that might be an issue for anyone. But it appears to be a family event. They will provide a sound system on the main stage.

For all details and questions, contact:

Mickey Webb, Events Manager
Oregon Zoo
503-220-5749 office
503-915-7165 cell
mickey.webb@oregonzoo.org



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Get Ready for Mt. Angel Oktoberfest!

Marlene Meissner is coordinating groups for Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. Contact Marlene (marlenem26@msn.com) if you are interested in playing or joining a group!



**Want to play at
Mt. Angel?
Contact Marlene!**



Celebrate Bastille Day!

Doug Stickler is playing at **Alliance Française de Portland - Bastille Day** on **Sunday, July 12 from 2:45 - 4:45**. Website: www.afportland.org/cultural-center/bastille-day/BastilleDayFestival

- The Redd on Salmon, 831 SE Salmon St, Portland, OR 97214
- Sunday, July 12, 2026
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Recap: Astoria Scan Fest!

RCAC members were an active visible presence at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, June 19-21, 2026. **Coreen Bergholm** led a band of mostly accordionists on Saturday afternoon as well as her Nordic Country Band for the dance on Friday evening. RCAC's **Beer Babes** played in the beer hall on Friday and Saturday.



News & Updates



Sam Gladky awarded top honors at Leavenworth Int'l Accordion Celebration!

Earlier this year, RCAC awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to accordionist Sam Gladky. At the Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration, Sam won the top prize at the Leavenworth Classical Open and second place in the Variety II category! Congratulations, Sam! We are so proud of you!!

Recording from Mark & Helena Greathouse performance

Enjoy this recording of Mark & Helena Greathouse's performance in June at Summerfield: <https://youtu.be/Np4cx8l7iSM>



Save the date!

Join us **August 29 – September 3, 2027** for the next Rose City Accordion Club Camp at Alton Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek, Oregon!



Do you have feedback or ideas about camp? Want to join the camp committee or help with specific tasks like marketing or outreach?

Contact 2027 Camp Director, **Amber Matz** at accordionamber@gmail.com