

MAAA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 18, 2026 – 1:30 PM

CIOCIARO SOCIAL CLUB

144 BRIDGE STREET, NEWTON, MA 02458

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM



CONGRATULATIONS TO LONG TIME MAAA MEMBER **“COACH DAVE LAPRISE”!!**

On September 30th Coach Dave recorded the 500th episode of his weekly video TV show – “*Accordion Cool*” at DoubleACS TV 15 in Attleboro, MA. In front of the camera, he was accompanied by Cory Pesaturo and behind the camera his ever-faithful stage, equipment and general manager – Ernestine – took care of the logistics and setup. His shows may be viewed on YouTube.

[\(1352\) accordion cool tv show coach dave - YouTube](#)

The very first show was recorded in 2014. Dave started playing the accordion when he was 12 years old. In November he will embark upon his 85th trip around the sun so if the math is correct, he has racked up 73 years of accordion playing!!

In addition to playing the accordion, Dave and Ernestine have traversed the country in an RV towing a trailer packed with merchandise to sell at events. Dave was also an avid runner. In 1980, he and his two sons ran from Miami to Weymouth, MA in 28 days (1,681 miles). He once ran 105 miles in twenty-four hours and has participated in a multitude of marathons including 17 Boston Marathons.

LET'S GIVE COACH DAVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AT THE MEETING & BE SURE TO SAY HELLO!

This month's play-along selections will celebrate Oktoberfest, Italian American Heritage Month and Halloween.

OCTOBER 2026 PLAY ALONG SELECTIONS	
1	CAFÉ POLKA
2	O' SOLO MIO
3	IM MUNCHEN STEHT EIN HOFBRAUHAUS
4	ROMAGNA MIA
5	LILI MARLENE
6	I HAVE BUT ONE HEART
7	CHELLA LLA
8	LIECHTENSTEINER POLKA
9	ADDAMS FAMILY THEME
	YES! THEY ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR!!



PLEASE WELCOME OCTOBER GUEST ARTIST

BILL MORETTI



Entertaining audiences with his exceptional musical talent for 60 years, Bill Moretti, a Cranston, RI native, began his career at age 14 playing accordion with one of the largest orchestras in the New England area allowing him to hone his skills playing gigs all over the region. In 1990, Bill, who always had a deep love for Italian music, became the musical director and accompanist for local vocal legend Arturo Coppola. They embarked upon a professional partnership which took them to performances all over the United States at Italian musical festivals and feasts as well as private concerts, parties, and weddings, etc.

Now in his seventh decade of performing, Bill continues to share his deep love of music and his brilliant talents as he remains dedicated to being the best performer he can be. In that regard, Bill also added becoming a private piano, keyboard and accordion teacher to his long resume. He greatly appreciates the joy of music and takes great pleasure in sharing it with others whether it be performing or teaching.

DON'T MISS THIS PERFORMANCE!

MEET CALVIN



Calvin is a second grader who resides in Newton with his parents and sister. Having heard and seen an accordion played probably for the first time (I believe it was a zydeco group) he expressed to his dad his deep desire to learn to play. He even constructed an accordion out of paper to mimic playing one!

His Dad searched the web and took my name from the MAAA website and contacted me in search of a referral/information to obtain an accordion for Calvin. He had already found a teacher and arranged for Calvin's first lesson.

In my possession I had two junior size accordions just taking up space never to be played by me again, so I offered and donated them. There's was a red one and a black one, slightly different in size. His sister, considering learning to play piano but now not sure may want to try the accordion! In any case they are ready to go! Supposedly, Calvin took his first lesson on Saturday. Unfortunately, they will be unable to join us at this meeting but will come when schedules permit. (I wonder if Calvin realizes it says "Marie" on the accordion?)

OH NO!! OUR IN HOUSE CHEF COLIN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING!!

SO DON'T FORGET SOMETHING FOR THE BUFFET TABLE!

The meeting format will be:

Play Along

Refreshment Break

Guest Artist Performance

Open Mic Session (please limit to one selection)

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Please do not hesitate to submit photos, stories or events you wish to share with fellow members and the audience. This is your Association and Newsletter!

Hope to see everyone on the 18th