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October 24, 2013

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

Whoa! Just a minute, I'm almost ready. It's taken me quite a while to regain full composure after my wife, Marianne, completely threw me under the bus at our last meeting. Here I thought my accordion was the pain in her life. I guess if a husband cannot find something beyond himself to irritate his wife on occasion, perhaps he must make a sacrifice to be an accomplished spouse. Oh well, if the shoe fits.......

First on stage at our October meeting were Eileen Benevidez and her maestro Yvonne Muehler. Together they played two flawless pieces. Both Eileen and Yvonne seemed to be thoroughly enjoying their playing because they had that "other planet" appearance in their eyes. Some of us have visited that place in our minds. And yet, many of us continue to wait for our first experience of that "other planet" in our minds. Frank Marocco, Alex Sevastian, and Peter Soave apparently have second homes built on that very planet!

Following Eileen and Yvonne, was Snowbird's own Oktoberfest emcee, Rick Schwemmer. Rick has been an accordion fixture in the area for quite a lengthy time. He dates back to the days of The Bavarians when he replaced Horst Fidel after his passing. Rick played many German ethnic songs complete with singing (and an occasional Dutch hop) interspersed with a minihistory of his accordion and life experiences. I suspect we will once again have the pleasure of his presence in the not-too-distant future.

On November 4, 2013, all the way from England by way of Las Vegas, we will be graced once again with a visit from Ms. Gina Brannelli, international judge, accordionist extraordinaire, and creator of her own school of accordion artistry. It has been, perhaps, four years since she last performed for us. Gina needs no further introduction; the mention of her name summons immediate attention across the globe.

In order to accommodate our club attendees at the November 4th meeting, we will be holding the meeting at the Joy Luck Restaurant in Bountiful. The restaurant owners have gladly accepted our request and promise a very nice selection.

Once again, remember our monthly meeting will be held at the Joy Luck Restaurant in Bountiful on November 4th to accommodate the club members attending that session. The Joy Luck Restaurant is located at 566 W 1350 S, Woods Cross, UT. Until then, smile early and often, drive safely, and play a four-note chord when least expected.

"Keep Squeezin"

Dave Marasco

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