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Newsletter for the Oklahoma Chapter



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Bob Scheer will be presenting the basics of grand regulating at our next chapter technical at Gilliam Music, Broadway and S. 33rd in Edmond, February 20.

Coming Events

- * March 11-13 - South Central Regional Spring Seminar at the Park Inn, Fayetteville, AR
- * April 16 - "Keytop Recovering" by Gary Bruce.
- * May 21 - "Computers +" by Michael Yeager.
- * June 25 - "Voicing" by David Bonham.
- * July - National Convention in St. Louis.
- * August 20 - "Refinishing Hints" by Jim Yeager.



Technical Tips

For those of you who need to replace plastic damper flanges on 30 year old Kimball studios, use Schaff No. 5144. They have the wide groove to accommodate the Kimball main rail-MWY

Newsletter Ad\$?

If you have been present at the last two business meetings, you know that we have been considering the use of advertising in the newsletter. This would allow us to get out the word about our various specialties (rebuilding, key recovering, etc.) and items for sale. Advertising could also help with the expenses of producing and distributing the newsletter. These costs have been a major part of our yearly budget, and a reduction here could free up these resources for other things. By keeping current on each other's areas of specialty and available pianos for sale, we could all be better referral agents and more professional members of our larger team. Many of us could identify specific tasks that we tend to avoid or do less efficiently because we don't do them often or haven't acquired the necessary training or equipment. Key re-bushing, polyester finish repair, or moving might be some examples.



We hope to have a proposal to share with the group at this month's business meeting outlining how we might proceed at least on a trial basis with this advertising. Points to consider would include rates, discounts for chapter members, and setting a limit on how much space could be allowed for ads. Please come and share your thoughts on this at our Saturday meeting at Gilliam Music.

Another suggestion for reducing the newsletter costs involves selling subscriptions. An attractive informative newsletter might be salable to some persons not currently on our list. And since two-thirds of our mailing list is made up of non-chapter members, perhaps a minimal subscription charge would be appropriate for these people.



Presidential Pearls

The Worth of the Individual...

Many times I have made reference to associating with others of like interest in a given organization. I have done this specifically with a sincere purpose to place a value in your mind concerning the the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.

However, I wouldn't want you to believe that I have become lost in numbers and statistics and forgotten what really constitutes the Guild. The bottom line is you, the individual. The net worth of any organization that chooses to transmit and communicate information of any merit must take place through one person. There is no other way.

If the Oklahoma Chapter doesn't seem to deliver what you want from the Guild, you most likely are the missing link who can give it to the rest of us. Take the time to share your life as only you know it. Participate. Your two cents worth will make the difference for someone else, and you will be blessed in knowing you have added to the Kitty of Life.

Feeling great about it all,



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Keith

Notes:

Look forward to March 11-13, 1988 when the South Central Regional Spring Seminar will be held in Fayetteville, AR. The contact person is Denele Campbell, 541 W. Meadow, Fayetteville, AR 72701; 501-443-2457.



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