

The Sooner Tuner

MARCH 88

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.

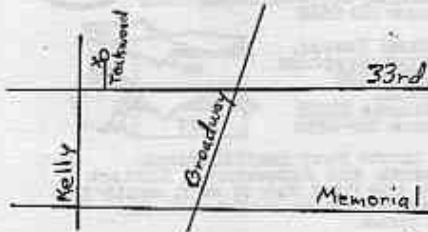
What Happened?

We would like to thank Norman Cantrell for his interesting program on Pipes and Players at the January Chapter meeting. It is great to learn of each other's specialties, both to increase our own knowledge and to be better able to appropriately refer customers to these services.

We also have Bob Scheer to thank for his presentation on grand regulation given at the February meeting. This is a subject that could easily fill a year of technical programs. There's always more to learn!

Getting Keyed Up?

Gary Bruce will be providing our technical program at the April Chapter Meeting. Key recovering is his topic. Are you satisfied with your skills in this area? Do you contract this work out? Could you cut your time and increase your profits in this task? Gary has invited us to his shop at 3135 Teakwood in Edmond. This is one block east of Kelly north off 33rd — the last office-warehouse building on the left.



Presidential Pearls

Just What I Needed to Hear...



Lately I have become aware of some glowing remarks, either tete-a-tete, via the mail, conversation barely overheard or "through the grapevine," from both members and potential members.

The gist of these glowing remarks seems to revolve around the "going concern" the Oklahoma Chapter displays in the newsletter, its business sessions, the technical programs and the goodies that occur before, in-between and after each meeting.

I always knew there was a purpose in coming together every now and then, but little did I realize the value it could have for each individual who allows himself to be there. Whether it is a local chapter meeting, regional seminar or a national convention, there is a special something that happens when you attend. That special something depends on your presence.

So, for all the time thus far spent, and for all the future moments yet to happen, these glowing remarks are just what I needed to hear.

I am with you,

Keith

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again. — unknown

DON'T FORGET!

THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SPRING SEMINAR

PARK INN
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS
MARCH 11, 12, and 13, 1988

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Technical Tips

Our Technical Tip this month comes from Tim Hast. Thanks, Tim!

One of the many profitable bits of information given at the South Central Regional Seminar last spring was the suggestion to use 5-minute epoxy on loose tuning pins. After extensive testing I can say with confidence that it works. The instructor said to back out the old tuning pin, coat it and the hole with 5-minute epoxy, and drive it back into the hole. Break the pin loose after a few minutes. I think I must say at this point that I am tempted to use new #2/0 tuning pins for this repair after having the old tuning pin hold so tightly after the repair that the tuning pin broke off at the becket hole. Also remember a little epoxy goes a long way. The feel of the tuning pin is tight! But if you plan to use this method of repair, order a tuning pin extractor from Schaff.

Meeting Highlights:

** Newsletter subscription and advertising rates approved

** Keith McGavern and Ben Bailey approved as delegate and alternate for national convention

** Netzow still on the table

Gary Bruce, secretary

WILL YOU STILL RECEIVE THIS PAPER?

Next month's Sooner Tuner will be the last free edition sent to non-Chapter members. This was confirmed at our last business session. We certainly don't want to lose contact with any of you who read this and value the news of our organization. In fact we hope to expand the content of the paper to appeal to a broader base and increase our circulation. Interviews, more technical contributions, articles for piano teachers, buyers, etc. have been suggested to this end. We are also starting an exchange with other Chapter newsletter editors to keep us current on a wider scene.

The \$5 subscription cost covers the actual expenses in producing and distributing the newsletter to each person for one year (with no paid staff) plus a small margin to allow for growth and price increases. Local Chapter members have paid for their subscriptions as part of their dues (\$5 of the \$15). To date, about 21 dues-paying members have been spending almost all their dues to send the newsletter to 67 people, many of whose names we don't even recognize.

SO.....If you want to receive our news and articles after April, please plan to send us your \$5. We will include instructions in the next edition. Exceptions to the subscription charge include those of you who receive this in exchange for your own chapter newsletter and officials in the National PTG organization.

The Ads

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ADVERTISING

The ads in the newsletter this month represent our first samples of paid advertising as approved at our last business meeting. The basic rates are \$1/column-line, with a 50% discount for Chapter members. For example, the first ad cost me \$1. Ross paid \$1.50 for his, and Tim's ad cost \$10. The ad for OU would normally have cost \$5, but since the OU School of Music has covered more than that amount of photocopying for this newsletter to date, we are taking this opportunity to return a favor.

If you have any questions about this or would like to place an ad in the next edition, let us know.

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We invite your contributions, comments, and suggestions. Contact us by the first day of each month to have information included in the next issue.

