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COMING EVENTS:

NOV. 19 Technical: WORK MANAGEMENT
AND ORGANIZATION by Tim Hast

Tim has been putting his notes together on the subject of efficiency. Saving time, saving money, planning ahead...the logistics of running a good piano business. He plans to keep his presentation short to allow for some discussion. The mini-technical will be given by Gary Bruce on the topic of replacing spinet drop-lifter elbows.

The meeting will be held at 2:00 at Oklahoma Christian College in Edmond. OCC is on the north side of Memorial Road between Eastern and Bryant. Enter the campus and proceed east to Hardeman Hall.

DEC. 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY! Come hear more about this at our next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There is an article concerning Ben Bailey's father, D. Nelson Bailey, in the October issue of the Piano Technicians Journal. He was a long term member of the PTG living in the Ohio area until his death this past summer. See page 22/U2 - Update Section.

One of our own, Russell J. Olds, RTT, died September 22. Russell, a 25-Year Pin recipient, resided in Blanchard. We extend our sympathies to his wife, Lela.

Keith saw the following on a bumper sticker:

LOVE MANY, TRUST FEW,
ALWAYS PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Have you taken any opportunity yet this Thanksgiving season to reflect on what you are thankful for? I tend to have a lot of projects that I feel pressured to complete before the cold weather sets in. Quite a few people seem to be wanting tunings this time of year, and the recital schedule at school is in full swing. All this busy-ness can make me too full of the wrong stuffing.

Don't you love the fall season?
The cool air, the changing colors,
the smell of cranberries, corn,
and pumpkin pie from the oven?



Overwork, overeating....that's not what I want to have dominate my Thanksgiving this year. I want to explore a different fullness.

What do I most appreciate, and how do I want to express that appreciation? My youth (I'm only 36) and my health (I haven't been sick once this year) would be a good place to start. I have had the privilege of growing up in a loving family in this great nation of freedom and opportunity. I am blessed with a loving wife and two lively children. We are surrounded by a caring extended family, friends, and a very special church community, who share with us in our times of loss as well as joy. We have had good chances to learn how fortunate we really are, and how to reach out meaningfully to those in need from our relative abundance.

David

In place of his usual Presidential Pearls column, our chapter president, Keith McGavern has contributed this excerpt from a letter written by Russell Olds, RTT, to the PT Journal many years ago:

Greetings to my fellow technicians,

...First of all have the desire and the willpower to work and to learn. Learn all you can about the business and keep a tight rein on it from thereon. By this I mean your actual experience is going to be one of your greatest teachers. However, you cannot go it alone. So do not wait for it all to come from the experience route. Keep reading, talking, and of most importance, get acquainted with all the people in this business and its associated fields. Never consider a man in the same business to be an enemy or competitor. You will find with little effort you can be great friends and both of you can profit by knowing and helping one another.

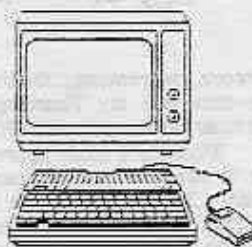
One of my greatest thrills was to learn the piano guild members are on the very top of the list when it comes to helping one another. They are always ready to share with a fellow

technician any bad or good experience they have encountered. They are certainly a group who believe in living and let live. I can tell you now I am sorry I did not join the guild while I was an apprentice. So I say to those of you who do not belong to the Piano Technician's Guild, you are losing two ways. First, you are losing valuable knowledge, thus not being as qualified as you could be. Second, without this knowledge you are unable to keep up with the times and therefore lose money. I have learned our P.T.G. members never feel they have all the answers and knowledge they want in order to be pleased with themselves. You just cannot make it in our present world alone...

...Gentlemen, I hope these few words will be of some help to you and I would like to close with one motto I try very hard to use at all times and with one bit of philosophy I truly believe in. The motto: "Don't make excuses, make good." The philosophy: "A man is only as good as his unpoliced actions."

Russell J. Olds

March 3, 1914 to
September 22, 1966



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I'm trying to learn how to use this new desktop publishing program called Publish It! Is anyone out there familiar with it? I would certainly appreciate any suggestions or contributions.

What would you like to read in this newsletter?