

# THE SOONER TUNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
OF THE PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD, INC.



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## COMING EVENTS:

June 17, Saturday, 2:00-4:00

### Chapter Meeting

Technicals continue on the subject of grand regulation, with input from Ross Trawick on the jack-knuckle relationship and from Keith McGavern on repetition spring adjustment. Relationships are so vitally important-within the piano action and within our Chapter. Come fill your chair...we'll even dust it off for you!

We will be meeting in Ross's new shop next to his home. It's always fun and interesting to me to see where and how each of us does our work. I know two other technicians active in our Chapter who are also in the process of building workshops. That represents a lot of growth!

Come see Ross's place: It is exactly halfway between NE 23rd and NE 36th on the east side of Bartel Rd. Bartel is about 2 miles east of I-35. (see map) Look for the two brown garage doors on the shop (Ross fabricated these doors himself).

July 10-14 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Portland, Oregon

We generally don't have a regular Chapter meeting during the month of the National Convention, but we might have a family picnic or some such thing. At present we don't have anyone attending the Convention. We are expanding our backyard deck and might invite you all over for a cookout perhaps during Convention week. We'll consider this at next week's meeting.

August 17, Thursday, 7:00-9:00

Chapter Meeting tentatively scheduled at Tim Hast's new workshop in Edmond. Technicals to include grand regulation steps of repetition lever height and let-off. Don't miss this opportunity to see another great new facility of one of

our members!

## CONGRATULATIONS, NEW OFFICERS:

The recent May Chapter Meeting included election of new officers. They are as follows:

President: Gary Bruce

Vice-President: Ross Trawick

Immediate Past President: Keith McGavern

Secretary-Treasurer: Carol Bienemann

Newsletter Editor: David Bonham

Various issues and priorities were discussed as we considered several options for structure and leadership models. Perhaps the most important emphasis which was unanimously agreed upon was that of teamwork--the desire of the group to nurture sharing and cooperation among the elected officers. There is quite a lot of work to be done to coordinate even a small group like ours, and active teamwork can make this happen perhaps better than individuals working alone.



The Executive Board (the above-named officers) have had their first meeting this past week, and it went well. Two hopes of mine related to this leadership model are that we as a dialoguing committee can incorporate and respond to more individual concerns and interests from Chapter members and by discussing matters outside of Chapter meetings we can shorten the monthly business meetings even further.



*It's Summer!*

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Well, surprise, surprise. While I certainly wasn't campaigning for the office, I somehow got elected. If you missed the April meeting you missed an interesting (at least unique) example of the democratic process.

Nevertheless, it is an honor to hold the office and it will be a challenge I'm sure. The greatest honor may be the confidence that was expressed in me by those at the meeting and others with whom I have visited since then. It will be at least as rewarding, when my term in office is complete, to see my name on the Past Presidents Plaque and to share a place with the likes of Robert Qualls, Jamie Marks, Ben Bailey and Keith McGavern.

When Tom Landry and the Dallas Cowboys began in the early sixties, he told the organization that in his life God was first, family was second and football third. I want you to know that I share his priority list (except for the football part) and I know that many of you do as well (some of you including the football part!).

I hope to reflect that priority to you in the coming year as we associate together. Let's have a great year and make the most of this organization. Thanks again for you support.

Gary L. Bruce, RTT

ANYONE INTERESTED IN MANAGING A PARTS WAREHOUSE?

The Executive Board considered at its first meeting the recent suggestion of Amos Hedrick that we stock some common items purchased by the Chapter at a quantity discount and make them available to members at a price comparable to or just slightly higher than normal price plus shipping. This would create ongoing revenue for the Chapter while providing a service to members. We chose not to act on the idea until we have found an individual who would be willing and capable of managing the project. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

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