

THE SOONER TUNER

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OF THE PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD, INC.



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COMING EVENTS:

July 10-14 National Convention

July 13 Thursday 6:30-9:00 Family Picnic!
You are invited to bring your families and enjoy an informal evening in the Bonhams' backyard. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share. (coordinate food plans by calling David or Rhaelynn Bonham at 721-0566) Bring a swimsuit if you would like to get in the jacuzzi.

The address is 8104 N. Brookside Drive, which is just two doors north off Northwest Highway on the street one block west of MacArthur.

August 19 Saturday (correction from last issue) Chapter Meeting at Tim Hast's new shop in Edmond. Technicals on repetition lever height and let-off. More details in next issue.

THANKS to Ross Trawick and Keith McGovern for hosting the June meeting and presenting the technical programs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"Family Reunion"

A couple of weeks ago my wife's family had a reunion which we co-hosted. For about two hours on Saturday afternoon we video-taped her father, aunt and uncle answering questions about their childhood, early adulthood, parents, grandparents, and general circumstances of that time period. Questions about their activity, experiences and feelings. About their emotional, physical and spiritual reactions to the depression, World War II, etc.

It was a reminder to me of how many valuable lessons there are to be learned from those older than us who have experienced so much about life. Their wisdom and insight can be precious commodities, freely given, if those of us listening will freely receive.

So it can be, and so it is, at our monthly chapter meetings, not to mention regional and national. A five or ten minute casual conversation with another member can provide valuable information to be applied on the job. Regular technicals are shared freely and can be a great source of learning.

Let me encourage those of us younger folks to seek out the wisdom of the older. And let me also encourage those of us older folks to share with the younger ones. I really appreciate the "trade secrets" and the "inside information" I have received from some of the older members of our chapter. It's even more rewarding to know that some tip I've shared with another has really helped him/her in a practical way.

Let's continue this "insider trading". Against such there is no law! Hope to see you at our next monthly chapter reunion, I mean meeting.

President Gary Bruce, RTT

TECHNICAL TIP:

Our technical tip this month comes from Norman Cantrell, who has found a variety of uses for the artist's spatula:

1. transporting glue or lubricants into hard to reach areas such as glue under veneer or lubricant under pedal springs.
2. feeling for loose ribs or glue joints around soundboard perimeter
3. as a drill stop under a rib while pilot drilling for screws during repair
4. removing keytops
5. as a protector of stringing felt (especially grands) when feeding the string ends through agraffes or under pressure bar

Thanks, Norman!

David Bonham, RTT, Editor. 721-0566