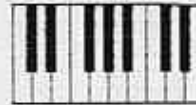


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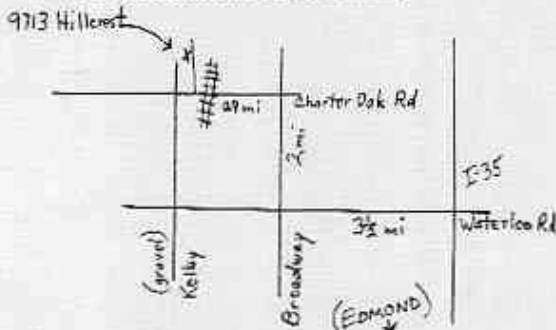


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COMING EVENTS:

November 18 Saturday 2:00 Chapter Meeting at Gary Bruce's new shop in Edmond. Technical on damper repairing and regulating by Tim Hest, RTT. Tim is planning to show us tips on damper work for old and new instruments, applicable for minor adjustment situations and major overhauls.

Don't miss this chance to see the shop that our President has been building!



December 9 Christmas Party! Final plans to be announced at the Chapter Meeting.

Gary thought it might be fun to include in the newsletter a mention of those members having birthdays in the current month. The month of November includes those of Bob Franks on the 14th and Jesse Jones on the 24th. *Happy Birthday!*



THANKS to Norman Cantrell for hosting our last Chapter Meeting and presenting the technical on keyweighting.

Also I would like to thank Don Stephens for sharing with us his expanded library of graphics for this newsletter program. Many of the symbols, pictures, borders, etc. that you will see in coming issues were made available through his recent gift.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Did anyone else see the Channel 13 Special of the Van Cliburn Competition? There was one point at which one performer concluded his performance, stood and bowed, pointed to the piano and gave a two-thumbs-up recognition, then walked off stage.

There immediately appeared a lady who walked to the piano, reached in and pulled out a handful of broken treble string. The cameras caught her briefly as she replaced the wire and pulled it into tune. She, likewise, received some applause.

We don't often receive public applause for our work. But on occasion someone will express their appreciation in words or gestures that are sometimes more meaningful than the check they write out for our services.

I applaud those of you who are trying to achieve higher levels of quality in your work. When you're on the job pulling some toddler's toys out of the family piano or trying to decide how to reasonably salvage that old upright for the low income family, you may feel like your effort, compared to the Van Cliburn technician, is relatively worthless. But close your eyes briefly, listen to your memory, and you'll hear me and a thousand others applauding your work. Do it as best you can. There may be a hidden camera behind that mirror on the wall!

Gary Bruce, RTT

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

For what are you particularly thankful this year?

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