

# THE SOONER TUNER

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## COMING EVENTS:

March 23 Saturday 1:00 Chapter Meeting at Tim Hast's shop, 3631 N. Bryant in Edmond. The business meeting will include the selection of our delegate for the National PTG Seminar in July in Philadelphia. The technical program will be on passing the technical portion of the Tuning Exam. (See President's Message.)

April 20 Chapter Meeting Details to be announced.

July 13-17 National PTG Seminar in Philadelphia.

them to our meetings, as I intend to do with this person. Perhaps some of them could become serious about this work, or at least learn that we are serious about it!

John T. Hast, RTT

**THANK YOU** to Denny Boone for his presentation at our last Chapter Meeting/Workshop. I have heard from several people who attended the event that it was very enlightening and inspiring. Are you doing better tunings since experiencing this demonstration? I am. Thanks also to Gary Bruce, RTT, for his part in hosting the event.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I am looking forward to seeing you on Saturday the 23rd of March at my shop. We will be having a roundtable discussion of things that involve the technical part of the Tuning Test. If you have already taken the test we need you to be a part of the answer. If you haven't taken the test you need to be here to ask the questions. This will not be as much of a sit-and-listen event but rather an interchange of ideas, experience and knowledge. Even if you haven't taken the test you can still answer the questions, but you've got to be here...

I want to share my favorite gripe with you. The other day I found a business card in a piano I had been called to tune. It read: "John Doe, Photographer," under which followed the heading "Impressive Array of Services," above a list of photography-related services. At the top of the card was written "Piano Tuner." This is all we need! More people to do brain surgery, work at the U.M., and do piano tuning on Thursdays to make a little extra cash. As you encounter such people, consider inviting

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS:

The Executive Committee met on January 31st. We began outlining the major responsibilities for planning the Regional Seminar we agreed to host on March 6-8, 1992. We shared some ideas with Denny Boone on February 15 about whom and what we would like to see there. Keep these plans and dreams on your minds, in order that we can make it an exceptional event.

We talked about the possibility of starting an Ethics/Policy committee to address the questions of technician and dealer integrity, advertising, etc. Let us know of your interest in this area.

In the area of Examinations and upgrading members from Associate to Registered Tuner-Technician status, we wondered what it might take to inspire each of you to do this. You need to speak up and let your input be known for presentations at Chapter Meetings.

### TECH TIP

(also from Tim Mast)

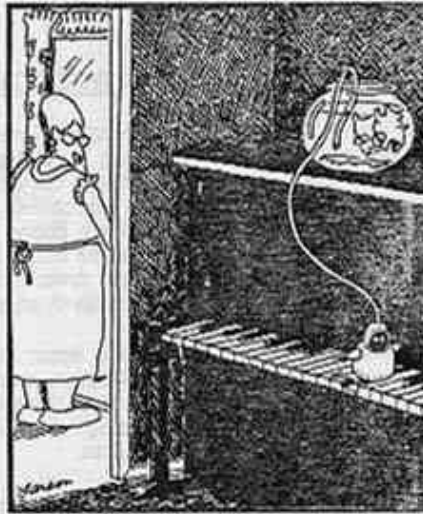
I had a junior high teacher call me recently to complain that the piano I had recently tuned for her was terribly out of tune with their Yamaha DX-7 synthesizer. I went with a certain suspicion, which turned out to be true. With my AccuTuner I found the DX-7 to be 75 cents flat. After hunting for a tuning adjustment on the instrument and reading the instructions to no avail, I called the manufacturer's service number. I was told the method, which is really quite simple: First, press the brown Function button and then button #1. Adjust the pitch using the Data Entry Slide Bar, then press button #6. Finish by pressing Internal Voice button, and Presto, you've tuned the DX-7. This could make you a hero as it did me, and I showed the teacher what might rescue her from a disastrous situation in the future before a concert.

### WELCOME ERICK

Erick Seiffert, son of Jan (Librarian of OU Fine Arts Library) and Alice Seiffert has just returned from receiving his certificate in piano technology in Boston. He is in Norman at least for a while, seeking opportunities to put his new knowledge to use and get some supervision in tuning, repair, and regulation. Meet him at the Chapter Meeting on March 22. I know I will be proud for him to see what a sharing and supportive group we are.

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"The fool... He's on the keyboard!"