

# THE SOONER TUNER

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JUNE 1984

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I was moved by a prayer I heard this last Sunday. "Lord, help us become masters of our own lives so that we can become servants to others." Piano tuning is so much science and the rest art. Art of loving (also a book by Erich Fromm) comes to mind. You have to love music, or that instrument, or the people you are working for, or the striving for perfection itself to do a really good tuning on any piano. Do you take the opportunity of each tuning to meditate on harmony? to balance yourself along with the fourths and fifths? to perfect your own temperament?

I love the philosophical and spiritual components inherent in our professional tasks. Seek to understand and appreciate what theses may mean for your life.

Namaste, David Bonham

## CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 16TH, 8:00 A.M.  
AT NORMAN CANTRELL'S SHOP  
221 N. DOUGLAS AVE.

MAKING PIANO ACTION PARTS  
FOR OBSOLETE ACTIONS AND MODIFYING  
EXISTING PARTS TO FIT OLDER ACTIONS



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for my time at Okie Dokie have been in part an influencing factor in my decision to step down as editor. The response has been overwhelming at Okie Dokie and I simply must devote more of my attention to sales, marketing, and business development.

Who will take over the humble responsibility for The Sooner Tuner you ask? Our own Keith McGavern has graciously responded to the call and will be the next *Editor in Chief*. I hope that all of you will support him in this task by submitting as many

articles, ideas and other contributions as possible. It sometimes gets lonely at the computer when all you have to draw from are your own experiences and expertise. I am quite confident that Keith will do a super job and am looking forward to reading his first

issue.

Norman Cantrell, ED.

## NORM'S NONCENTS

It appears that the time has come to put on the editorial hat for the last time for a while. This is my last issue as the editor of The Sooner Tuner. I have enjoyed all the positive feedback from all of you over the last three years. It has been a real enjoyable experience although there were some late hours burning the midnight oil to get the copies made, folded and addressed. There have been times when the more appropriate title of this newsletter would have been The Sooner or Later Tuner.

I have enjoyed writing and I can only hope that you have enjoyed reading such articles as Piano Proverbs, Bob Barnhoff, Sam Spinet and lately items available from Okie Dokie Supply. In fact the demands

### COME ONE COME ALL

TO THE 37TH ANNUAL PTG CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, LEARN, AND EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP OR TO GO. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

### PIANO PROVERBS

*Men: the secret to  
understanding women  
is simple--*

*Different women  
respond to different  
situations in different  
ways at different times!*

## An Improved Key Dip Block by Bill Spurlock

This simple modification makes the ordinary dip block much faster and easier to use. If the cross piece barely clicks on neighboring keys, the dip is correct. If it clicks loudly and depresses the neighboring keys, the dip is excessive. And if it does not contact the adjacent keys the dip is too shallow. The guesswork of comparing the height of the block to adjacent keys by feel is eliminated. This dip block is also adjustable for different dip setting by shimming under the cross piece with paper front rail punchings.

### Tools and Materials

- 3/8 inch dip block
- approximately 1/4" by 3/4" by 2" hardwood
- #4 x 1/2" flat head screw
- drill and bits

### Instructions

- Almost any piece of hardwood will work for the cross piece; exact dimensions are not important.
- Drill and countersink a clearance hole for the screw in the center of the cross piece.
- Drill a matching screw hole in the dip block.
- Countersink the hole in the top of the dip block slightly to keep it from bulging upward when the screw is inserted.
- Install paper front rail punchings between dip block and cross piece as needed to adjust for different dip settings.

From the April issue of The Valley Technician.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

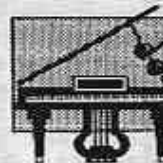
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JULY 7-10 37TH ANNUAL PIG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KANSAS CITY

AUGUST CHAPTER PICNIC AT DAVID BONHAM'S DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER WHEN RHAELYNN SAYS ITS OK TO COME OVER AND PLAY.

## TUNER TALK

WITH  
Bob Barnhoff



Dear Bob:

Now that you are retiring from The Sooner Tuner, what are your plans for future employment? It is obvious that you have a real talent and I was wondering just where it will be used in the future?

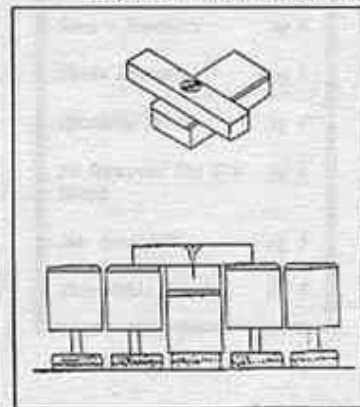
Wondering in Waxahachie

Dear Wondering:

Despite the current unemployment figures in the U.

S. economy I feel sure I will be able to land a job. I currently have an inside track into a job with a Fortune 500 company. I would however, appreciate any good references you could pass on.

Bob



## OKIE DOKIE PIANO SUPPLY PROUDLY PRESENTS

### *Are Your Hammers Going Bald?*

Are you tired of all that exhausting filing of hammers just to get those pesky grooves out? We thought you were and have developed the ideal solution. With the help of Ron Popeels we are proud to present our exclusive spray on felt. We were inspired late one night watching one of those infomercials for spray on hair and realized that we could revolutionize the piano industry. The technique is the same and the sprays come in three colors to match any piano hammers: White, Off White, and Dingy Yellow.

**Spray On Felt Cat# 2348  
\$13.95**

Caution: Unless your hair matches one of our felt colors do not confuse with your own spray on hair.

### ENDING A STICKY SITUATION!

Have you noticed lately that with all this heat and humidity your backside is sticking to your customer's piano bench. This can be quite embarrassing at the end of your tuning when you stand up to present the bill and the bench top comes up with you, or you at least spend the next few minutes trying discreetly to pry your underwear off your skin. Thanks to our crack R & D department this no longer has to plague you. We are proud to introduce **TUSH OFF**. This handy two part kit comes with an aerosol spray for your clothing which contains both a stain blocker and a dry lube. Melvin in R & D calls it "*kind of a cross between Scotchguard and Pam.*" The second item in your kit is our own exclusive Tush Talc. This special powder is applied to the skin right after your morning shower. Don't be without this valuable asset to your total tuning persona! This summer special can be yours for only \$9.95 ppd.

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