

"THE SOONER TUNER"



INDEPENDENCE



Official Newsletter, Oklahoma Chapter 731
The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
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Dear Newsletter Readers:

I cannot imagine surpassing the accomplishments of the past two newsletter editors, David Bonham and Norman Cantrell. Over the years their editorship reached an unparalleled zenith in the history of the Oklahoma Chapter newsletter.

Suffice it to say that I will endeavor to at least keep the newsletter published with relevant information that makes itself known to me through chapter meetings, chapter officers, chapter members, and others who participate.

The fundamental equation of this publication as I understand it: Input to the chapter newsletter editor equals output to you, the readers.

So let us carry forward with our group. We continue to have excellent leadership in David, great technical ideas from Tim, and people who genuinely care about each other. With those ingredients there is no finer recipe for success in our piano service world.

Fraternally,
Keith McGavern, Editor

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JUNE 16th MEETING:

LOTS OF NEAT AND PERTINENT INFORMATION WAS EXCHANGED AT THE LAST MEETING. HERE ARE SOME

• highlights •

...Albert Evans gave an open invitation to visit him at his store or home anytime.

...Ross Trawick is recovering from surgery (basal cell carcinoma) and to the best of my knowledge, the first to undergo plastic surgery in our group. He reports that all is well.

...Two guests were present, Jane Locke (customer of Norman Cantrell) and Tray Fowler (son of Terry Fowler) Glad to have you!

...Treasurer's report - \$1833.00.

...Here are some numbers from Nathan Sobel concerning the Tool Show: (as of June 21st)

Gross receipts - \$464.00	Twenty-six (26) persons
Expenses - \$157.10	were in attendance

...New slate of officers elected for 1994-95:

David Bonham, President.....	405-721-0566
Tim Hast, Vice President.....	405-359-0440
Darin Niebuhr, Secretary.....	405-329-2970
Norman Cantrell, Treasurer.....	405-272-9687
Keith McGavern, Newsletter.....	405-275-8600
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...Newsletter editor voted to be an elected officer position with voting privileges on the Executive Committee.

...Decision made to make available the mailing list of the Tool Show '94 to any chapter member who requests it.

...Voted Keith McGavern to be delegate for the chapter at Council Meeting in Kansas City. Per diem

\$113.98 @ two days = \$227.96.

...New Associate Member, Mr. Rex Lawrence. His application for membership was presented by Gary Bruce. Welcome aboard, Rex!!

...From the Bylaws, Article II, Section 5. Clarification concerning advertising for Associate Members: *Associate members shall have the right to use the Piano Technicians Guild name, but said name must be accompanied by the words "Associate Member" in letters no smaller than those used for "Piano Technicians Guild" except as otherwise specified in the Graphic Standards Manual. This applies not only to advertising but also to any use of the Piano Technicians Guild name which is accompanied by the name of an Associate member, or identifies him or her as a member of the Piano Technicians Guild. The PTG name may not be used or displayed by any company or corporation or in connection with any "dba" unless the technician's name accompanies it. (Hope this helps those who asked.)*

...Terrific technical by Norman Cantrell on Making Piano Action Parts for Obsolete Actions and Modifying Existing Parts to Fit Older Actions. (I tell you, this guy is nuts about pianos!!!)

[From the Journal archives prompted by Norman's technical:]

Origin of the Square Piano by Jack Greenfield, Chicago Chapter, PT Journal, December 1986, page 20 - "The early square pianos were simple rectangular instruments constructed like clavichords except for the difference in actions and the addition of a hitch pin bridge to terminate the speaking length of the string, as done by the clavichord tangent...There is no evidence to indicate when the first square piano was built and by whom."

NEET MEETINGS

JULY - No chapter meeting

AUGUST - Chapter picnic at Bonham's home

Date & time to be announced

SEPTEMBER - Grand regulation type technical

Date, time, location to be announced

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*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

Pace Lesson Plan #10, (PT Journal, June 1994, page 18-22):
Excellent review for those of us who think we know, and "just what the
doctor ordered" for those who want to learn the "tricks of the trade".

The "Kick" Zone

(synonym for aftertouch)

by

Keith McGavern, RPT

Saw on a billboard sign while driving on a trip to San Antonio:
"Denton, Texas... We're always open for business"

On the back of a young person's T-shirt: "Be legendary!"

"If you want a reality adjustment on how much you are loved in life,
tune a piano in a nursing home lobby."

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Next time you are in or near Prague, OK and hunger strikes, drop in
Ripley's Filling Station for a bite to eat. It is an experience you won't
regret! (1/2 block west of the signal light, south side, #567-2525)

"A clear conscience is one of the best friends you will ever have."
Marquee at Teape Used Car, Shawnee, 5/93

"There, I guess King George will be able to read that!"
John Hancock, on signing
the Declaration of Independence.