

# "THE SOONER TUNER"



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## PICNIC TIME AT THE BONHAM'S HOME

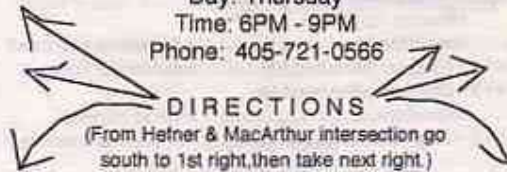
Location: 10717 North Eastlake Circle

Date: August 18, 1994

Day: Thursday

Time: 6PM - 9PM

Phone: 405-721-0566



### DIRECTIONS

(From Hefner & MacArthur intersection go south to 1st right, then take next right.)

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Bring your own food, the grill will be going!

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•SKI TIME - 6:00 to 7:30PM•

•SWIMMING ANYTIME•

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Hear about the PTG Kansas City Convention  
*"first hand"*  
at the next gathering from some people who attended.  
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excellent classes. There will also be some photos on hand  
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OLD BAG  
by  
Faye Field  
Longview, Texas  
published in Guideposts, April 1994

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(The following is not a paid advertisement)

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## OKIE DOKIE SUPPLY SERIES

### *TAKE THE GUESS WORK OUT OF VOICING*

by Norman Cantrell, Associate Member

We were at the PTO National convention in Kansas City last month rubbing shoulders with some of America's best known piano parts suppliers. Using our superb networking skills along with our own crack R&D department we are proud to introduce the Accu Voicer. The Accu Voicer was developed with the help of Dr. Sanderson. This amazing machine lets you automatically analyze the voicing of the piano using only three or four notes (similar to the F-A-C temperament settings).

Once this basic pattern is established you can program one of several preset voicing settings. These include: Marshmallow-Cottonball, Leather-Mellow, Moderato, Brilliant, and Hard-As-Nails. Or if you prefer to voice the piano on your own, the memory feature allows you to store the voicing for duplication. This is especially handy when you want that spinet to sound like a concert grand, but aren't sure just how to get it there.

Even if you know nothing about voicing, the Accu Voicer will tell you exactly what to do and how to do it. We are even working on a future design that will automatically needle or juice the hammers for you. This amazing machine can be yours for an exceptional price of just \$599.00. Yes, that seems a bit steep, but consider the cost of attending just one seminar and you'll see that it pays for itself immediately.

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**Recommended Reading**

"Defining Piano Technology Terms"  
by Kent, RPT  
(PT Journal, June 1994, pages 36-39)

Discover *new* meanings to the words  
Compromise, Equal-Temperament, S.t.r.e.t.c.h. Theory, & cents  
as only Kent can present them.  
Amusing, entertaining, and informative reading!

**The "Kick" Zone**

(closely related to aftertouch)  
by  
Keith McGavern, RPT

Did you ever wonder why a car pool is called a 'car pool' rather than a 'car  
field' or a 'car court' or a 'car course' or a 'car rink'? Kam, 5/22/94

Saw a billboard advertisement on my return trip from Kansas City by  
BlueBell Ice Cream: "We eat all we can and sell the rest."  
7/10/94

There is nothing to compare as the sound and feel of a fresh sandpaper  
filing stick across a responsive new hammer surface. Kam, 7/14/94

Poster at Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee - "You are never without a  
friend when you know God." 7/15/94

"...PTG is the depository of our collective knowledge of Piano Technology.  
We are a living book..." Wade Alexander, RPT, PT Journal, June 1994,  
page 49

"...Ignorance is not a personal failing--the failure to remedy it when offered  
the opportunity, is." Israel Stein, RPT, PT Journal, June 1994, page 50