

# "THE SOONER TUNER"



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The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.  
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## == PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ==

Happy New Year! For many of us this time of the year feels like the beginning of a new year. Especially with school age children getting back in the habit and summer vacations ending, it is a time for fresh starts and renewed commitments. May it be a good year for each of you!

I'm excited about the tuning examinations scheduled for September. We could have two more RPT's in our ranks very soon. Perhaps this will inspire others who have their eyes on that goal. Danny Boone is a great teacher and I urge you all to come to our next Chapter Meeting on the 17th which will occur between tests.

Keith McGavern, Norman Cantrell, David Wallace, Bob Qualls, Gerald Brown, and I participated in the National PTG Convention in Kansas City seven weeks ago. There were many outstanding classes and a lot of great learning opportunities. We need to find ways to share some of what we learned and inspire more of you to attend future conventions.

I want to thank each of the elected officers for their work and also Gary Bruce whom I've asked to serve as Examination Committee Chairman. Thanks to Tim, Norman, Darin, Keith, and Gary.

David Bonham, RPT

*more inside...*

## 00 00 NEXT CHAPTER MEETING INFO 00 00

### Meeting Time & Location

from Tim Hast, RPT

BE ON HAND to experience our next gathering at Oklahoma Christian University on Saturday, September 17th. Address: 2501 East Memorial Road (from I-35 & Memorial exit go west 2.3 miles, north side).

MEET at 11:45AM in the Lobby of the Kresge Fine Arts Bldg. for the Buffet Lunch at 12:00 to 1:00PM, cost \$4.10.

Danny Boone, RPT will be coming from Waco, TX for the day to administer the tuning examinations mentioned in this newsletter and provide a TECHNICAL ON VERTICAL REGULATION at 1:00PM.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Oklahoma Chapter at its finest, and its offering for learning and fellowship.

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### Testing & Examination

from Gary Bruce, RPT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Saturday, September 17th. In conjunction with the chapter meeting, we will be testing two associates, Darin Niebuhr and Norman Cantrell, on the tuning section.

We will use the piano at Oklahoma Christian University, the one we master tuned a couple years ago. If there are any persons who wish to take the written test at this time, it could be done.

Regardless of your experience, testing is always stressful. Let's encourage Darin, Norman and any others in their pursuit of excellence.

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER, PTC  
1994 MEETING DATES

September 17th, Saturday  
(See this newsletter for details)

October 18th, Tuesday evening, 7PM  
Location:?  
"Butt Spring Cord Repair" & "Protek CLP"  
Keith McGavern, RPT

November 12th, Saturday morning, 9AM  
Location:?  
"All About Agraffes"  
Tim Hast, RPT

December 1st or 3rd, Christmas Banquet  
Location & Times?

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**YA'LL COME HOME TO THE TOP OF TEXAS**  
**OCTOBER 27-30, 1994**  
**TSA SEMINAR WICHITA FALLS, TX**

GENERATION BY THE FALLS HOTEL  
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE  
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SPOUSE & CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

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The Chapter Picnic at the Bonham's was a definite success. Fellowship, food, and fun abounded amidst the sounds of water splashing and children laughing. A beautiful sunset at Ski Island embraced the "happy campers" as the day ended on a perfect event.

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**T E C H T I P**

by Keith McGavern, RPT

If your tuning hammer head is loose and doesn't quite tighten up anymore, you are losing time and accuracy when tuning. DURO™ STOP IT! THREADLOCK can help reduce the looseness and put you in touch again with the tuning pin. DURO™ STOP IT! THREADLOCK works, and if in the course of time it becomes loose again, all you have to do is re-apply.

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## **\* IN CLOSING \***

Oops! Under Recommended Reading last issue I forgot to print Kent Swafford's last name. Speaking of which, he has scored another slot in Recommended Reading this month.

### **Recommended Reading**

*"Frequently Asked...ACCU-TUNER Questions"*

by Kent Swafford, RPT

(PT Journal, August 1994, pages 25-28)

This article helps show a before and after viewpoint of the Sanderson Accu-Tuner by someone who "...learned strictly aural tuning techniques..."

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*"The Pencil"*

by Ron Nossaman, RPT

(PT Journal, November 1993, page 40)

This one is a **NOTE!**

(If you don't have this Journal, I will have some copies at the next meeting.)

### **The "Kick" Zone**

(closely related to aftertouch)

by

Keith McGavern, RPT

"A good race horse doesn't ask for a dry turf." Michael Drost, VP of PTG

"Success without honor is failure. Profit without integrity is loss."  
(from the movie "Hi Honey, I'm Dead" )

In gaining something you feel you don't have, you may lose something  
of infinitely greater value that is already yours.  
Kam, 9/19/92

"You can always find something to do to a piano  
to make it better."  
Mike Gilliam, Edmond, 8/18/94