

"THE SOONER TUNER"



Official Newsletter, Oklahoma Chapter 731
The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
October '94

NEXT MEETING

To Be Held at Gilliam Music in Edmond
October 18th, Tuesday evening, 7PM

"Butt Spring Cord Repair"

&

"Protek CLP"

Mini-technicals by Keith McGavern, RPT

NOVEMBER MEETING

To be held at Hast's Piano Shop in Edmond
November 12th, Saturday morning, 9AM

"All About Agraffes" - Technical by Tim Hast, RPT

DECEMBER MEETING

Christmas gathering date still undecided

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HOT ITEM

The subscription price of The Sooner Tuner
for non-members is just \$10 for one year.
What an incredible deal!
Oklahoma Chapter members...s p r e a d the word.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

There were 12 in attendance Saturday, September 17th. The day started off with a tuning exam. Then an excellent lunch and fellowship was had. Following the meal a short business meeting was held with the treasurer reporting \$1717.73 in the Oklahoma Chapter account.

Next Danny Boone gave a terrific technical on Vertical Regulation. Lots of great ideas! The day closed with two more tuning examinations given. All in all, a very busy and productive day for the Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild. (See President's Message)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was proud of our chapter this past month for our testing. Three of us took the PTG tuning test. Norman passed, leaving only his technical test to pass before becoming an RPT. Darin didn't finish in the allotted time and so he didn't pass, but he got very high scores on what he did, and he learned a lot about how he is doing. I was a little high on setting the initial pitch (partly because I use a C-based temperament), and I had some trouble with the highest four notes, but I managed to score high enough to become a CTE (Certified Tuning Examiner).

This will help us do future testing, since we won't need to import a CTE from outside of Oklahoma. Not that we didn't enjoy Danny Boone and his long day with us! It was great to have him again and we appreciate his professional expertise, his commitment to the goals of the PTG, and his fun presence.

Thanks to Gary Bruce and Tim Hast for their investment in the testing process and logistics. Wasn't that a great lunch buffet? I was glad we had a good turn-out for the upright regulation class. Thanks to all of you!

Give some serious consideration to attending the TSA Seminar later this month. They are very well done, and if you ever thought TSA was just for Texans, think again. We are voting members just by signing up. Think of it more as our most active and sophisticated group in our region, committed to doing quality yearly seminars. The class line-up is excellent, and the fellowship is great. Can you afford not to go?

Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th.

David Bonham

TECH TIP

from Keith McGavern, RPT



Incorrect

I came across a Steinway Technical Procedure published on March 20, 1984 that brought a very important detail to my attention concerning the center pin extractor tools.

To avoid any possibility of damaging the bushings or birdseye while extracting center pins, the pin of the extractor should be either filed or replaced with a smaller pin, and any sharp edges filed smooth.



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JOURNALS FOR SALE

(excellent condition)

NOV/DEC 1986 (2)
 JAN/DEC 1987 (12) \$3.50 each or 6% discount for the lot (shipping not included)
 JAN/DEC 1988 (12) Contact Keith McGavern 403-275-8600
 FEB/DEC 1989 (11)
 JAN/DEC 1990 (12) (Complete years will not be broken at this time)
 JAN/DEC 1991 (12)
 JAN/FEB 1992 (2)

There is still time to register for the 1994 TSA
 Seminar at Wichita Falls, October 27-30.
 It's going to be a *great* event!

*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

Repair For Split Music Racks

by

Dick Beaton

(PT Journal, January 1992, page 14-15)

This is one that forever solves a heretofore elusive repair
that occurs quite often in the field.

A must article for anyone looking to do this job correctly.

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

by

Keith McGavern, RPT

Saw on a bumper sticker, "If it weren't for the last minute,
nothing would get done."

Another bumper sticker, "Sooner or later, the sooner will get you."

"Sometimes the distance between despair and hope
is a good night's sleep."
(Church marquee)

"The secret of life is to enjoy the passage of time."
--James Taylor, Songwriter

"Struggle always comes before success. For most artists, when they
have arrived at what the public and critics term success...all the
pain and struggle--all the strife and anxiety that preceded--is forgotten."
--Jascha Heifetz, Violinist