"THE SOONER TUNER"



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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

NOVEWBER MEETING

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

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

DESEMBER WESTING

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...<u>s p r e a d</u> the word.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING SUNNARY

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 <u>Vertical Regulation</u>. 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).

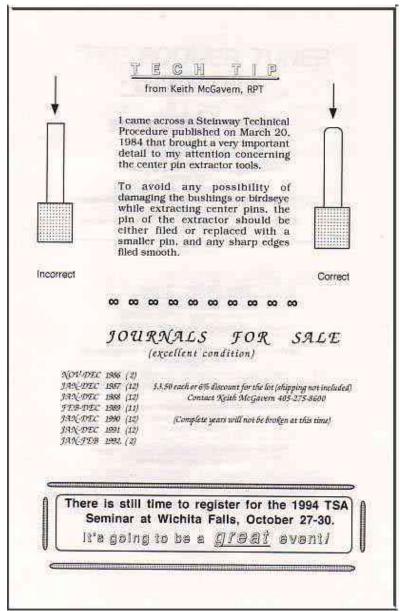
This will help us do future testing, since we won't need to import a CTE from outside of Okiahoma. Not that we didn't enjoy Danny Boone and his long day with us! It was great to have him again and we appreciate his professional expertise, his commitment to the goals of the PTG, and his fun presence.

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



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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."

--lascha Heifetz, Violinist