

"THE SOONER TUNER"



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

NEXT MEETING

To be held at Hast's Piano Shop in Edmond
3631 North Bryant, 405-359-0440
November 12th, Saturday morning, 9AM

→ "All About Agraffes" ←

Technical by Tim Hast, RPT



A time saving technique to aid in stripping piano finishes
by David Bonham, RPT


CHRISTMAS

BANQUET

December 2nd, Friday, 6:30PM to 9:30PM
at the home of
Gary & Jan Bruce

1313 Cedar View, Edmond, 405-348-3213

(From 15th & Bryant go south four blocks, turn right, go 1/2 block)

RSVP
by
Nov. 28th


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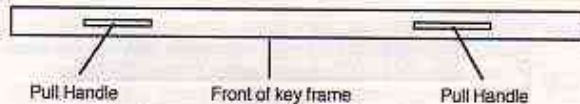
There were nine in attendance at the October meeting. A business meeting & two mini-technicals were held. Special guest - Chuck Croft. Treasurer's report - \$1892.53. Special thanks to Ben Davis & Gilliam Music for hosting.

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TECH TIP

When doing extensive regulation and voicing work on grand pianos, I have found pulling the action in and out to be very laborious, and in some cases, very difficult to grasp. So now I mount two (2) pull handles on the front of the key frame.

I originally got this idea from a Vose & Sons Grand where it has a pull handle in the center of the key frame behind the key slip for the express purpose of pulling the action out of the action cavity.



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From The How & Why Things Happen Department

The ultimate inside scoop concerning "mice activity" was revealed at the October technical meeting. After the mice dine on the bridle straps, they go over to the hammer flanges and floss their teeth with the butt spring cords. It doesn't get any better than this!

EULOGY

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH DANNY BOONE PASSED AWAY. He suffered a heart attack in his home. The funeral was at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco the following Wednesday at 2:30PM, and he was buried at Saint Jo, Texas on Thursday.

The Piano Technicians Guild has lost a great servant. Danny was unrelenting in his promotion and uplifting of the principles and values of the PTG, and of all aspects of the piano industry.

Though his physical presence will be greatly missed by many, his love for Jesus, his Christian ministry on earth, and his service to others will live on.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Carol and Rebecca. A Memorial Fund has been established at Baylor University.

Danny Boone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Baylor University
School of Music
PO Box 97408
Waco, TX 76798-7408
1-817-755-1161

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I will miss him very much.

I am very thankful for the time I got to spend with Danny, and I am particularly grateful for our workshop/testing day with him in September. I would like to challenge each of us to carry on in his spirit for the betterment of our profession and the world around us.

His sudden passing is a reminder of how tenuous and delicate our hold on life is. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us all be mindful of our blessings, and let us not forget or postpone expressing our love to those around us.

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1995 Scheduled Meetings

January 12th, Thursday, 7PM
February 11th, Saturday, 2PM
March 9th, Thursday, 8AM (breakfast)
April 8th, Saturday, 9AM
May 11th, Thursday, 7PM
June 8th, Thursday, 8AM

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TSA SEMINAR REPORT

A total of 108 persons attended the TSA Seminar in Wichita Falls, TX. It was an excellent event containing a variety of classes, special programs, and unique fellowship. Next year the TSA Seminar will be held in Dallas, Texas. Tom Thomko will be Seminar Director.

*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

From Q & A, May 1994 PT Journal, page 12

Climate can pitch a whing, dang, doodle

Response by Jim Coleman, Sr., RPT

This article answered something that had always nagged at me during some tunings and remained a mystery 'til this article. Maybe you too.

∞∞ (Just happens to be a recent journal article on agraffes as well) ∞∞

More On Agraffes by Margie Williams

PT Journal October '94, Tips, Tools & Techniques, page 16

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The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from

Keith McGavern, RPT

A clergyman had just enjoyed a hearty chicken dinner at the home of a rural parishioner. Gazing out the window, he remarked: "That rooster seems a mighty proud and happy bird." "He should," the host replied, "His oldest son just entered the ministry."

Bits & Pieces 3/31/94, Oklahoma Baptist University Community Newsletter

"A German mustard and mayonnaise company that started with a \$100 order some 20 years ago now sells McDonald's \$40 million of condiments annually."

Andrew E. Serwer, Fortune Magazine, 10/17/94, page 108

(That initial tuning or repair could become something beyond belief.

Are you willing and ready to handle that kind of potential growth? - Kam)

The smallest light can penetrate the greatest darkness.

(Teape Used Cars Marquee, 3/93)

Just about the time you start patting yourself on the back for a job well done, is just about the time you're setting yourself up for a fall.

Kam, 7/2/94