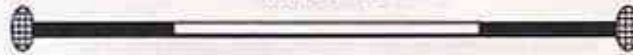


“THE SOONER TUNER”



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NEXT MEETING

March 12th, 9am, Tuesday

Technical by Norman Cantrell, RPT

“Shop Organization”

Norman will be offering us ideas on how to better organize our current shop environment. Learning more about this subject can help your business practice greatly.

Directions: From I-40 & I-44 go north to 23rd, exit east to Youngs, then south to 19th, his place is on the corner of Youngs & 19th

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LAST MEETING

We had an excellent meeting. David Wallace hosted the event and also gave the technical. If David's shop is any indication of things to come, the big boys in the the business better move over, 'cause he is gearing up to turn out some pretty nice work.

On the business side it was suggested to mention two items that will be necessary. One is select a Nominating committee, and the other is to select a delegate to council.

Please be on hand to help give your input on these matters.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday February 11th at 7:33pm Nelson & Jana Ketch had a baby girl named Cindy Dawn. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and the father did pull through. Cindy weighed 7.7 lbs at birth and loves to stay awake at night.

MORE FROM PIANOTECH ON THE INTERNET

The Saga of PROTEK™ Lubricant and its uses continues...

Date: Thu, 08 Feb 1996 07:22:59 -0700 (MST)
From: Frederick G Scoles <scoles@Oswego.Oswego.EDU>
Subject: Re: Protek
Sender: pianotech@byu.edu

On Thu, 8 Feb 1996, Keith A. McGavern wrote:

> To date I have used it to repair a clock mechanism that no longer turned,
> just a drop or two, and it was fixed. Door hinges that made noises, added
> just enough drops until it went away. Electric nose hair trimmer, just a
(and the list continues...)

After Desert Storm Gulf War, a Marine who fought in the war spotted a bottle of Protek CPL on my desk. He said that's what he and some other Marines used to keep their handguns and rifles firing, because the standard lubricants all attracted dust, sand, and eventually locked or seized the firing mechanisms. He didn't remember how they got the CPL over there; but it worked.

1996 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

April 18th, 9am, Thursday, David Bonham's place
Technical - David Bonham, RPT, "Grand Damper Installation"

May 16th, 9am, Thursday, Ross Trawick's place
Technical - Ross Trawick, RPT

June 11th, 9am, Tuesday, Tim Hast's place,
Technical: Tim Hast, RPT, "Superglues & Accelerators"

July 17-21, PTG Convention & Technical Institute, Dearborn, MI
August 22, 9am, Thursday, Darin Niebuhr's place

September 19th, 9am, Thursday, Sherman Clay, OKC (not confirmed)
Technical: Keith McGavern, RPT

October 15th, 9am, Tuesday, Gary Bruce's place

November 14th 9am, Thursday, Gilliam Music, Edmond (not confirmed)

December 6th, Christmas Banquet

ONE FOR THE RECORDS

Here is a PERMANENT fix for really bad pinblocks <with loose tuning pins>
other than replacement :-)

Date: Wed, 31 Jan 1995 07:37:10 -0700 (MST)
From: Les Smith <lessmith@buffnet1.buffnet.net>
Subject: The "Ultimate" Pin Tightener
Sender: pianotech@byu.edu

First, carefully tune the piano to pitch, and then WELD the tuning pins to the
plate! That ought to keep those suckers from EVER turning again.

Interestingly enough I actually saw such a piano. A past president of the
local chapter of the PTG had one in his collection of piano oddities. Ap-
parently an old farmer had gotten tired of hearing from his tuner that his
piano needed to be tuned more frequently because of loose pins, and so,
tak-
ing torch in hand, he forever solved the problem of the pins not staying put!

Recommended Reading

Pitch-Raising Safety Factor

by Steve Fairchild, RPT

(PT Journal, February 1996, page 10, Tips, Tools & Techniques)

See of this if this wee bit of information doesn't rock a little of the boat
you are accustomed to sailing in.

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from

Keith McGavern, RPT

"As you carry the burden of others, you lose your own."

"We're not put on this earth to see through each other,
but to see each other through."

(on a bulletin board @ Fairview Baptist Church, Earlsboro, author
unknown)

"The reason I can throw rocks, is that all my windows are already
broken!"

Chris Robinson, RPT

TEAMWORK

Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success.
(Henry Ford)

"The man who does not make mistakes
is unlikely to make anything."
(English Proverb)