

“THE SOONER TUNER”



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The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
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NEXT MEETING

July 25th, Thursday night, 7:05pm

All Sports Stadium, corner of I-44 and NW 10th
Meet at 3rd base side to get together, bring the whole family

The Oklahoma Chapter rented out the 89'er ballpark for this event
for the mere cost of \$2 per person general admission,
However, we did have to invite a few extra guests you might not know
to cover the expense of the ballgame.



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LAST MEETING

We had an excellent meeting last month at David Bonham's home.

Jack Wyatt, South Central Regional Vice President (SCRVP) visited the Oklahoma Chapter meeting and discussed many subjects pertinent to PTG. Such subjects as membership categories, long range planning, examinations and testing, members rights, etc. He also requested from the persons present their views on these subjects. The input received is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Treasurer's report: \$1635.62 as of 5/31/96.

July 17-21, PTG Convention & Technical Institute, Dearborn, MI

PIANOTECH (Internet) STUFF)

"String breakage thoughts"

by Dan Litwin, Associate Member

Date: Thu, 13 Jun 1996 16:10:04 -0500 (MDT)
From: "DAN G. LITWIN" <71213.1421@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Tuning old Chickering's
Sender: pianotech@byu.edu

Vince Mrykalo asks how I know that the following statement that I made is true:

> 3) But most of all, and on all pianos, I will use a smooth hammer technique,
> switching from the jerk such as I was taught in the Randy Potter course, to a
> smooth technique advocated to me by the late Danny Boone of Baylor Univ.,
> has cut down on broken strings by a significant percentage - possibly 60 to 70
> percent.

I have simply observed it. There has been a definite reduction in the number of broken strings since I switched to a smooth technique. The test sampling (all of my tunings) is large enough to point to a trend. It makes sense, too - if you yank on something it will be more likely to break than if you use finesse. As Danny Boone said "There's the smoothies, such as myself - and then there's the jerks".

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(Since many of us knew Danny Boone, and since I am both a smoothie and a jerkie,
I thought you would appreciate this post...Editor)

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My Favorite Description

by Jeffrey T. Hickey, RPT

To: pianotech@byu.edu
From: TunerJeff @ aol.com
Subject: My favorite description...

>My favorite description of a grand piano came from an artist who played
>the Harp. I was tuning a 9-ft Baldwin, to accompany another portion of the
>program, when she walked in. Her comment on seeing the grand, with lid open
>and music-rack removed to expose the gleaming rows of pins, was: "Oh look!
>Isn't that nice? It's a harp-in-a-casket!"

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1996 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

August 22, 9am, Thursday, (Albert Evans place?)

September 19th, 9am, Thursday, (location undetermined)
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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the hottest group of piano technicians this side of Death Valley. I hope you are able to schedule as much tuning inside in air conditioned comfort as possible. Let me begin my first official president's message by offering a tremendous word of thanks to David Bonham who served faithfully for the last five years in this post. If you haven't had a chance to thank him personally you might consider dropping him a note or using the telephone.

It certainly is an exciting time for PTG. There is a lot of dialogue and dis'cussin' on the national level about the direction PTG is headed. Hopefully some of the issues will be resolved at the National Convention. It is not too late to forward your opinions to Keith, our chapter delegate. Perhaps you now have an opinion following last month's meeting with Jack Wyatt our RVP in attendance.

I am convinced however, that by and large PTG happens on the local level to a much grander scale in our individual lives. Sure we may attend a national convention or a regional seminar but the relationships we have on a local level, the support, the networking, the referrals, etc encompass a greater portion of our lives. I have a set of goals as your president which will hopefully help PTG for the Oklahoma Chapter be better than ever. One of those goals includes top notch technical programs in which you are interested! I am also committed to making the business portion of the meetings flow as smoothly and quickly as possible. Come on out to the Ball Park July 25th and let's have some fun and relaxation. After all you deserve it.

Norman Cantrell

Recommended Reading

Marketing Ourselves "RPTs & Marketing"

(by Bob Russell, RPT, Chairman, Marketing Committee)
(June 1996 PT Journal, pages 36-37)

Don't pass this one by!

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from
Keith McGavern, RPT

"I have questions that go through my mind that normal people don't think of. Like, how do you get teflon to stick to the skillet when nothing sticks to teflon?"
(Mike Warnke, Christian comedian)

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Television: Chewing gum for the eyes --Frank Lloyd Wright

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"I went to a general store. They wouldn't let me buy anything specifically."
(from the Internet, A "Wright" quote)

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"Some drink deeply from the river of knowledge. Others only gargle."
(from Internet newsgroup: soc.religion.baha'i, author unknown)

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Even a mosquito does not get a slap on the back until he starts working!
(from the St. John Lutheran Church Newsletter, July 1968, Shawnee)