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## Ψ President's Message Ψ

Well here we are again! Now let me see, were in the year 2001 and I'm trying to figure out what the purpose of all this is? In any case, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I do hope this newsletter finds all in good health and high spirits and for those who are so inclined, high spirits does not mean fine cognac. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Keith McGavern gave the last technical, it was on voicing, and I think everyone there learned something of value, I know I certainly did. Not only was the technical outstanding, but Keith gave everyone there a handy little oiler with a long needle on it, letting one put the oil exactly where it needs to go. Thank you Keith for a great class and the oiler.

Now you may wonder why I look forward to seeing our members at our meetings? It is not that I'm a social butterfly, it is simply that I value the input of each member. Now I know that there are those who may have reached the point of needing no more input from other tuners and techs but I am not there yet and probably never will be. In any case I will enjoy seeing everyone at our January meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Ben Davis, RPT



## Meeting Notice

The January Meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter PTG will be held at 8:30 a.m. on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at David Bonham's at 10717 N. Eastlake Circle.

We will discuss voicing soft hammers and various techniques to brighten them from juice to shaping to ironing.

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### NORM'S NONCENTS

Well I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been interesting dealing with more snow earlier in the year than usual along with higher than normal heating prices. One of the gifts I received this year is a book by Jim Tolpin entitled, "The Toolbox Book." This book features several photos and designs for various hand crafted fine tool boxes used by woodworkers. Some are based on historical hand tool chests while others are up to date tool storage systems used by carpenters engaged in complete home building. Many of you have seen my tool box which I made a few years ago. I have really enjoyed carrying it to various jobs over the years and have gotten a lot of favorable comments by both customers and other technicians. My dilemma has come over the fact that my tool box has no room for my accu-tuner. I have considered making a new box which would hold both my tools and my accu-tuner but I would really like to upgrade to the SAT III which is smaller in size. The problem with this dream is the reality of keeping my kids in clothes, food and shelter while justifying the additional expense. I'll probably debate with myself for a while longer before coming to a definite conclusion.

Ben Davis was showing me a new tool carrying case he had purchased recently from an electronic supply store. It features soft sides with two compartments. One of them was originally designed for carrying paperwork and billing pads and the like with the other containing individual holders for various tools etc. He was cheering the fact that he felt so much more efficient in his work being able to spot each tool at a glance and feeling a lot more organized.

The book I mentioned has shown me just how disorganized my shop tends to be. I realize that shop set up and organization is a never ending process but I am in the process of building a few new storage options and cabinets to make my shop life more productive. One of the cabinets I have built is actually a mobile tool stand for my stationary belt sander, my scroll saw and my buffer. Since each of these tools is actually a bench top tool, my cabinet features three shelves and I simply rotate the tool I want to use to the top of the cabinet. It has two wheels and a handle so it is mobile in my shop. I made it of nice cabinet grade plywood so it makes my shop look nicer. I realize I don't have that much walk in traffic in my shop but I feel better working with nicer equipment and if I do have someone drop by I look more professional. As our equipment gets older it is always a good idea to evaluate and look at what is new on the market. Just because you have "always done it that way" it may not be the best.

Norman Cantrell, RPT

### Meeting Information

Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 for this entire Spring and you will have your PTG meeting dates down.

### Piano Proverbs

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it.

Henry Ford

