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## Ψ President's Message Ψ

Looks like some interesting things are happening in Reno this year, July 11-15, 2001 and not to be outdone, St. Louis is having the Central West Regional Seminar, March 30-April 1, 2001. I highly recommend that all fellow craftsmen attend the Reno conference or any of the seminars offered during the year.

I want to thank David for the interesting meeting last month. Do you think he ever finished voicing that Yamaha grand? Well David if you didn't we can always send some highly trained technicians to finish the job, (for a price of course).

Thanks to you gentlemen our last few meetings have been a success. It would be helpful if our membership would voice their ideas and opinions as to what subjects would be most beneficial at future meetings.

Everybody has a little different slant on things and I would like to know what you think. So give me a call or drop a note. (ha ha ha, I make a funny)

Until our next meeting,

Keep On Keeping On,

Respectfully, Ben Davis RPT

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## Meeting Notice

**Next Meeting February 15<sup>th</sup>  
At Larsen Music  
4001 NW 63<sup>rd</sup>  
Oklahoma City  
8:30 a.m.**

**Technical: Tuning Stability  
If it won't stay where you put it,**

## Business Hints

The standard mileage deduction is now 34.5 cents per mile for 2001

Think about this, when you do work for a company like a school or church and you leave a bill, you are in fact giving that institution a short term, no interest loan.

If you still have last years appointment calendar it is a great source of information to help keep track of customers, and plan business cycles. A few of these can be helpful in evaluating future profits and general business planning.

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## Norm's Noncents

Greetings fellow piano technicians! I was going to share a recent experience I had with a piano repair using some of the things I had learned. I was called out to service a Knight console which I had serviced a few times before. This particular model has the action resting just slightly below the keybed. The connection to this lower level is accomplished by attaching a small piece of wood to the back of the key at an angle. This is similar to a design used by Kimball a few years back. The difference in the Knight design is that it uses a curved laminated piece instead of solid wood. The piece is secured to the back of the key with both glue and a screw.

The problem I encountered was that the laminations had begun to separate on most of the keys. I was faced with a dilemma as to how to repair the problem. Fortunately I had with me two of the mini quick clamps as well as a new bottle of CA glue and some kicker. One by one I made my way up the keys removing them from the keyframe and examining the extent of the separation. Most of the keys had a single lead weight about 3/4 of an inch from the end and many had separations in this section. Some had separations in the curved section and several had the bottom lamination completely free for about 3 inches starting from the key forward.

I simply applied the thin stuff to the openings between laminations. I would look at the other side to see if the glue was penetrating. Once I had glue in place I would apply one or both of the clamps. At this point a quick squirt of "kicker" was applied and the clamps were removed after just a few seconds. Some keys required 2 or 3 applications in different places along the curvature of the laminated piece. I was there about 2 hours and reglued approximately 60 keys. If I had not had CA glue and "kicker" with me I would probably still be there waiting for the glue to dry one key at a time.

I have found that when I use CA glue on wood I need to add the "kicker" in order for the repair to hold. This also works well on keys broken at the balance rail. It is important to have the key on a flat surface before applying the "kicker" but it really works well.

## Piano Proverbs

Common Sense and a sense of humor  
are the same thing moving at different  
speeds. A sense of humor is just  
common sense dancing

Clive James

## Upcoming Events

## Chapter Meeting Dates

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

Meeting time is 8:30 a.m.

Topics and meeting places to be announced!  
Stay Tuned!

