

The Sooner Tuner

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Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild

TSA Convention 2003

Good news and bad news comes concerning the Oklahoma Chapter's bid for hosting the 2003 Texas State Association PTG Convention. Last month Norman Cantrell RPT represented our chapter at the TSA board meeting. The good news is that TSA will allow us to host the convention. The bad news is that we can't change the date to the spring as we had asked. So at our November meeting we will be discussing whether or not we want to go ahead with plans for a TSA Convention in Oklahoma City in Fall 2003. A decision needs to be made soon, so come to the meeting or contact Chapter President Ben Davis at bjdpiano@aol.com or (405) 277-3022 to register your vote.

Hearing Test

Getting periodic hearing check-ups is not a bad idea, especially for people who are exposed to noise on the job.

A basic hearing test lasts about 20 minutes. With earphones on your head, you will be asked to listen to words like "cowboy" and "bat" and repeat the words. The words start at a normal level and become softer until you can no longer correctly repeat the words. Each ear is tested individually as sound comes through one side of the headphones and

then the other.

After repeating words, you may be asked to raise your hand when you hear a beeping noise. The beeps come at different volumes and frequencies.

The audiologist, by observing your responses, can chart your hearing and tell you where it falls compared to the hearing of an average person.

Hearing check-ups help keep track of how noise is affecting you.

Next Meeting

When

Thursday, November 15, 8:30 a.m.

Where

Western Hills Church, 401 SW 44th Street, on the northeast corner of WALKER and SW 44th Street in Oklahoma City. Park in the back and go in through the glass doors with the sign that says "Ring Buzzer to Enter."

Technical Presentation

Bob Scheer RPT will diagnose and demonstrate how to correct friction problems on a Baldwin SD-10 in the church auditorium.

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Repair of a Loose Jack Flange

By Valerie Crawford

Note: This sequence has been field-tested

- First try to re-glue the jack flange with the spinet action still installed.
- After 45 minutes, remove the action.
- Create a blockade in the doorway to keep the little children from descending upon the now-vulnerable action.
- Say to yourself, "This is the second time I've had to remove this action for this same problem. I'm not going to do it again."
- With the action still removed, apply a squirt of super-thin CA glue to the base of every jack flange to hopefully prevent any loose jack flanges in the future.
- Discover that the super-thin CA glue you used to prevent future unglued jack flanges has seeped up into the bushings of the jack centerpins.
- Check all the wippens to count how many jacks are now glued solidly in place. Go home to recover emotionally from this discovery.
- Order the materials needed to re-bush the flanges.
- Next week, come back and splinter a few action parts getting all the jacks loose from the glue. Add this to your list of repairs along with the bridle strap tabs that disintegrated when you removed the wippens.
- Re-bush all 15 affected wippens. Test the new bushings. They are all too loose.
- Review your instructional manuals and find out that you were only supposed to do one bushing at a time so you were sure you got the first one right.
- Remove all 15 new bushings.
- Hope that the story will turn out without having to order new wippens. (In which case it would be best to order new stickers because those might break when you try to attach them to the new wippens. Remember you can't replace just the jack flanges because the old ones have enough CA glue on them that they won't come off.)
- Suggest "How to Re-bush Like a Pro" for a topic at one of the next chapter meetings. (Any volunteers to teach it?)

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