

THE SOONER TUNER

Newsletter of The Oklahoma Chapter 731 of the Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2005

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 8:30 AM in Room 217 or Room 110 in Ford Music Hall at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. For those who stay after the meeting, lunch is planned at a restaurant called Frateli's. Ben Davis and Keith McGavern will be joining forces to present September's technical, "Replacing Butt Spring Cords" in Yamaha pianos. Both methods, replacing the actual flanges with new ones, or replacing the spring cords and retaining the original flanges, will be discussed. Also, time permitting, Keith will introduce the Piano String Couplers by PitchLock Inc., an innovative device by Scott Jones, and explain how he has been able to take care of some special situations with this cutting edge item. **Directions:** Take I-40 to Exit 185, go south to 1 block past the third signal light. Turn right and park in parking lot on the immediate right. Ford Music Hall is the three story narrow building next to Bailey Business Center Building. If you need help or get lost, call Keith on his cell phone 405-650-2321.

OCTOBER – The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 8:30 AM. The technical will be presented by David and Barbara Bonham on wood touch-up. David and Barbara recently attended a workshop and learned some techniques they would like to share with all of you. The location will be announced later.

NOVEMBER – The November meeting will be held Thursday, November 17 at 8:30 AM.

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DO YOU APPRECIATE AND NOTICE THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOU, ... OR JUST THE BAD?

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HURRICANE KATRINA

Let's think about what this group of piano technicians might be able to do to help the victims of this terrible storm. Bring any ideas you have to the September meeting and let's see if there is some way that we might assist those recovering from Katrina's wrath.

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TSA FALL SEMINAR

The TSA seminar will be held October 27 through October 30 at the Omni South Park Hotel in Austin, Texas. The schedule includes an all day seminar entitled "The One Day Piano Upgrade" taught by Bill Spurlock. A variety of classes will be taught by regional experts, as well as notable instructors from around the country representing different piano manufacturers. If you want an in depth look at the opportunities available to further your education go to the TSA website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.ptg.org/tsa>" <http://www.ptg.org/tsa> and check out the details. Plan now to attend.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF WHY

When things go wrong we often ask, “Why did this happen to ME?” We question divine providence and wonder “Where is God?” I hear and read over and over one side of “Why?” There is another side of “Why?”

We don’t hear people asking “Why” when things go right. When we have a roof over our heads and aren’t being evicted, when we find something at a cheap instead of a high price, when our children aren’t going haywire and on drugs, when the bread falls buttered side up, when our parents are still alive, when the car isn’t breaking down, when we stumble but don’t fall, when our bodies aren’t aching, when we do avoid the accident, when we have a good spouse, when our bellies are full, when it is a pretty day, when we aren’t at war, when we do have a job, when it does go right.

Perhaps you should ask the other side of “Why?” Author Unknown

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YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO HELP A FRIEND IN TROUBLE. WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WILL YOU BE?

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