

# *THE SOONER TUNER*

Newsletter

Oklahoma Chapter 731

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*Welcome to the February 2010 issue of the Sooner Tuner. We had a very informative discussion about field repairs that was expertly given by Norman Cantrell RPT in January. We discussed topics such as filing hammers, flange and key bushing replacement, making string loops, tying strings, and hammer shank replacement and much much more. Thank you to all the RPTs' who helped with the demonstrations. You all did wonderful.*

*The Next Meeting of the Oklahoma chapter of the PTG will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (4400 N Shartel in the Adult Lounge) on Thursday February 18th 2010 at 8:30 a.m.. Please leave this time clear in your appointments so you can come to this insightful meeting.*

*The next meeting will cover the topic of what is necessary to prepare for the aural tuning exam. The aural tuning exam is necessary to obtain your RPT status. We will discuss the differences between setting A440 with a tuning fork, using a tone supplied by a metronome, and using an ETD. The steps to achieving an acceptable temperament. Tuning octaves and tuning unisons and tuning stability. All these skills are necessary to a long and successful career as a piano tuner. Look within this newsletter for excerpts from the PTG's prescreening manual.*

*If you have been a member of the PTG and have not taken the exams to become an RPT please make it a goal to become one this year. The exams do cost but yearly membership does not increase because of the RPT status. You can do it.*

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*And now for a message from our President.....*

Snow....Klahoma where the cold front's sweeping down the  
plain  
And piles of sleet, beneath your feet  
Follow right behind the freezing rain  
Snow...Klahoma every night my honey lamb and I  
Travel home from work, and hope some jerk  
Doesn't wreck our car in passing by!

Ah, yes, it's a rough winter in the ol' Sooner State! But alas, we piano technicians can take advantage of this silver lining in the snow clouds. This is the best time of year to sell and install Piano Humidity Control Systems for all of those unprotected pianos out there. We can also count on more tuning calls because the pitch has dropped in the mid-range of most

pianos. Contrary to popular belief, the world is not round, it's fat by at least 10 to 15 cents!

In order to help prepare our Associate members, the January, February, and March technicals will focus on the Repair, Tuning, and Regulating portions of the RPT test. Last months meeting in Norman focused on the repair section. Februarys meeting will focus on aural tuning.

I hope our Associate members will be able to schedule time to come. We had a good turn out last month, hopefully this month will be even better.

Ya'll come, Bob Scheer

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Tech tip from MR. MAC

For CA treatment of pin blocks that have marginal holding ability, I have used in the past CA glue purchased from hobby type shops. I never was quite happy with the applicators, the pressure needed to squeeze the CA container to apply the glue, nor the cap to reseal the container when finished.

Recently I read on the Pianotech List someone suggesting the purchase of CA glue from a company called Stewart-MacDonald. So I went ahead and did that.

Voila! The containers are easy to squeeze, the applicators allow the CA glue to flow freely, and the cap reseals with no leakage.

Here is the link and phone # for those interested:

<http://www.stewmac.com/>

(enter in search - ca glue)

1-800-848-2273

Keith McGavern, RPT

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Thank You, Keith, for your contributions. More contributions are need.

Please [email me](#), Eric Williams

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What is a Registered Piano Technician, [click here](#)

Pre-Screening Manual, [click here](#) (members login required)

(after login, go to Certification Exams>Preparation for Exams>Pre-Screening Manual)

Oklahoma Chapter Website, [click here](#)

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