

THE SOONER TUNER

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Oklahoma Chapter President
David Bonham, RPT

President's Message

A lot has happened in our part of the country since our last newsletter. Some of us have been affected more than others by the recent storms and floods. I look forward to our next meeting when we can share stories about how our families and customers have been impacted. Barbara and I were ready to close the door of our safe room on May 19th and then again on May 31st. It was an interesting experience to pick what to bring into the four by eight foot room, knowing that everything else in the house might be blown away. I was surprised during that second day to have the same recurring thought that whatever I did might not matter by the end of the day. It was unnerving, which made me aware that normally I am confident that what I choose to do actually does matter. I trust in the present moment being connected to the immediate hereafter. I know what to do now because of what I want to occur next. I think that is normal thinking that we generally take for granted. But today I am very aware that for many people just across town from us, the normal flow from now to next got terribly interrupted. Many lost loved ones, homes, cars, jobs, pets, all earthly possessions, and some are understandably still in a state of shock.

I moved a treasured old upright piano and a pump organ from a home destroyed by the May 20th tornado. The owners were in the basement with their two three-year-old daughters when the roof got lifted off the house. They are fine, but they lost ten of their nineteen horses and three of the surviving ones are injured. Each story is different. Some are tragic. Many are inspiring.

Barbara shared a great saying she recently came across: "Humans are like teabags: We don't know our own strength until we are in hot water."

I haven't heard of any members of our chapter suffering loss from the recent events, but I would like to know if that is the case or if we have members needing our attention. I hope to see you at the next meeting, June 20th.



Oklahoma Chapter
Vice President & Treasurer
Gary Bruce, RPT

Next Meeting
Thursday
June 20th
8:30am

Location

Bruce Piano Showroom

13782 N Lincoln Blvd
Edmond, OK 73130
405-285-8324

Bob Scheer will present a technical on general cabinet repair with pictures from recent cabinet work on a Yamaha grand. Finalization of vote on officers needs to happen, but David can set the agenda. I'm sure Jordan will be happy to show the Hailun pianos. I will actually be out of town that week in Michigan.

Balance in account as of 5/31/2013 is \$3496.16. The only activity was \$0.44 cents in interest earned. \$1.91 total interest earned year to date

Julio Silpituela
(young guitarist)
(guitar is bigger than he is :-)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br3rE4oW_50

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y711rTKveks>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6qHrdqWT_A
(jump to 1:25 for guitar playing)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HUGF7HY4GU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euDgnMwZ5tQ>



Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor
Keith McGavern, RPT

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(piano benches & stools)

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(Georgian Concert Pianist)

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JPEGS
(shared on the internet)



Piano Bookcase



Hitch Pin Repair

PIANOMAN Adventures

by Alan Hallmark

The Apprentice Years



"That's not exactly what I had in mind when I said to divide the rebuilding project into smaller portions."

(The Richmond Update Newsletter - June 2013)

Executive Outlook
June 2013
What a Wonderful World

Jim Coleman, Jr., RPT
PTG President



I see trees of green...

We have many new and changing things happening in PTG these days.

The recently completed member survey has allowed us to update the data we use to evaluate our current and future programs. This past October we held our first Exam Prep On-The-Road in Birmingham, Alabama. The next one will be in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania on October 5th and 6th.

PTG continues to improve educational opportunities for members in several ways. One is by seeking to become accredited through the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. Another is the formation of the Piano Technicians Guild Academy, the cornerstone of which is the Grand Action Regulation 37-Steps program. This came to us by way of the Yamaha Little Red Schoolhouse.

I see skies of blue...

Things are looking good as we continue to support and be involved with MTNA, NAMM, Pianobuyer.com, Pianoworld.com, and as we increase our investment in Google AdWords. All of this enhances our visibility to the general public.

We also sent a representative (John Farrell) to NAMM Musikmesse Russia, held in Moscow last year. John will be teaching in Russia again this year.

Another investment made this year was the renovation of the PTG Home Office classroom. Initially the change was to accommodate the PTG Academy, but now it will also allow for a variety of classes, even one with powered shop tools.

I see friends shaking hands...

Our ever-improving Web site, along with continued advertising in Piano Buyer, at Piano World, and through other venues, allows us many ways to reach non-member piano technicians. They also enable better communication within PTG.

I have been asked by dozens of friends to run for PTG president for a third year. That is up to the 2013 Council. However, I am willing.

I hear babies cry (new piano technicians). I watch them grow.
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.

And I think to myself...

What a wonderful world.

Dachshund Hot Dog
(facebook)

