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Oklahoma Chapter President
David Bonham, RPT

President's Message

I am composing this on my new computer. Once I get more adept at using it, I expect to spend more time keeping in touch with people and researching topics of interest. My previous computer was very slow and lacking in memory. Barbara had been after me for a long time to upgrade, but I had my struggles with spending the money and told myself I didn't really need it given how little I used it. I have experienced a lot of decisions in a similar way. Many tools that I have purchased would have improved my work and my morale much sooner had I not procrastinated for so long in the process. I'm not saying that I should in the future always go out and buy whatever looks like I might benefit from having, but I believe some adjustment in that direction might be a good thing. Several years ago I overcame my resistance to spending the "big bucks" for one of those Fujan tuning levers, and I have never regretted that for a moment. I'm just saying...that I'm really enjoying my new computer.

We have no regular chapter meeting this month. Those attending the National Seminar (which I think are Dale, Liz, Norman, and Vicki) may be coming home with new tools and techniques to share with us. Like the computer, continuing education enhances our abilities and our professionalism, and the networking can surely be a great benefit as well. Will Norman return home as our new National PTG President? How exciting is that?!

Barbara and I returned Tuesday from a piano trip. We delivered a Yamaha GH1 to Sandy, Utah; part of Salt Lake City. We had room for the bicycles and the kayaks and we wanted to explore several national parks, so we took eight days. Needless to say, we didn't bring home very much of the payment for our one piano job, but we had a great time, got some good exercise, and saw an abundance of glorious scenery. We smelled smoke in the mountains of southern Utah and were battered by a fierce windstorm just after getting off of Lake Powell in northern Arizona. We didn't make the connection right away, but soon learned that those unusual winds had caused the fire in Yarnell to overcome the nineteen firefighters. Our prayers go out to all those families and friends suffering such a terrible loss.

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We have committed ourselves to another piano moving trip, including Rochester, Mn. and Naples, Fl. As of today we need another piano or two to make the trip affordable. If you know of a piano that someone needs transported to or from anywhere between Minnesota and Florida with a possible curve east to D.C., please let us know.

I hope your summer is going well, whether that means catching up on work, rest, travel, family visits, picnics, or whatever!

No meeting this July due to PTG convention in Chicago

Officer election results from Ron Berry
(received July 8, 2013 on my.ptg.org)

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Minutes from June Chapter meeting to follow
in a later email



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Mason BB capo friction
Alan McCoy, RPT
Spokane WA

Here are some before and after pictures of a M&H BB I rebuilt a couple years ago. The tuning pin webbing is so high relative to the string plane that the string angle between counterbearing bar and agraffe or capo are extreme. The plate is thick in this area so I did some grinding to decrease the angle. It is still difficult to tune this piano, but it is better now

Tenor Before: Notice especially the low tenor angle.



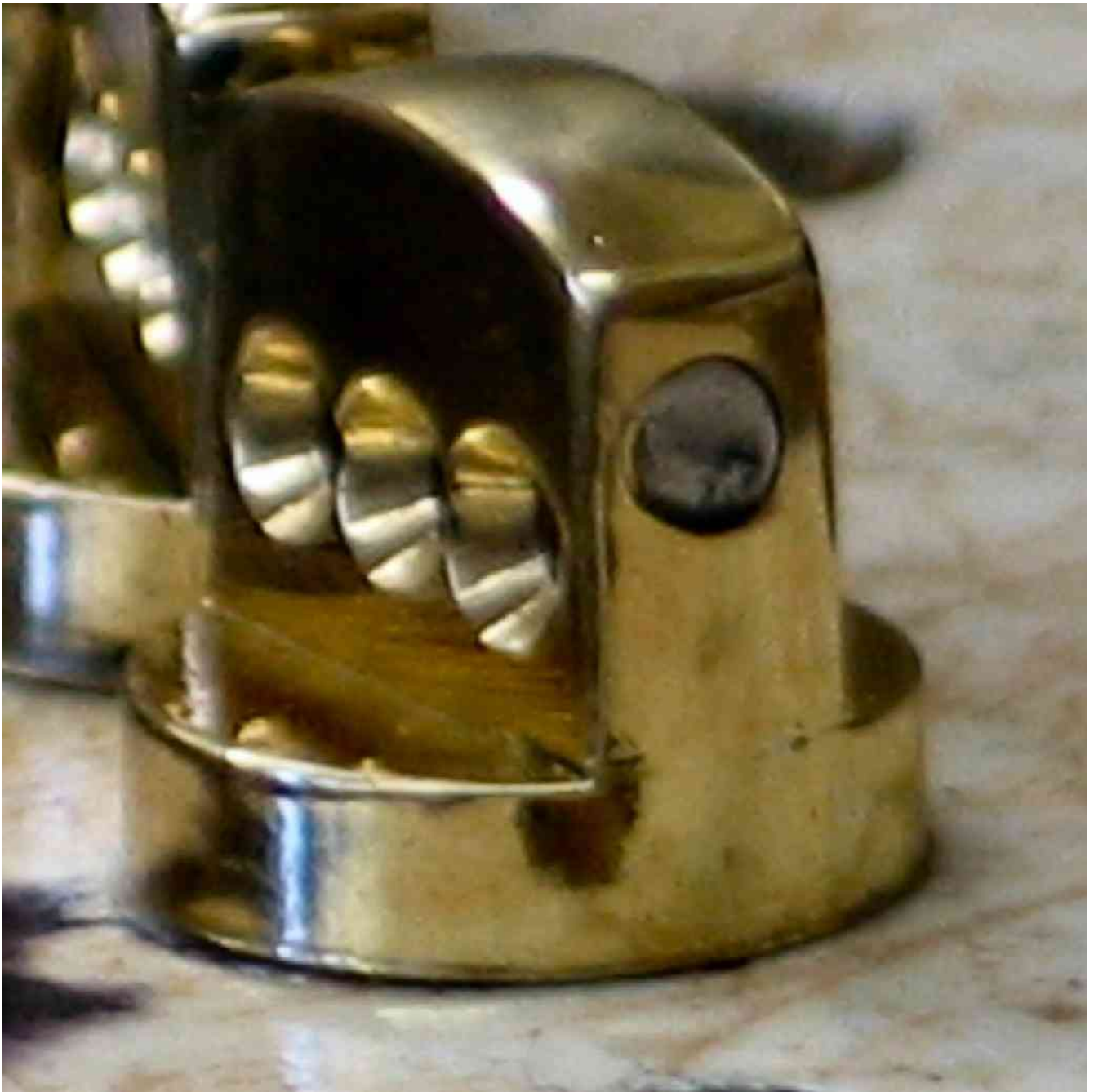
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Tenor After:
I added the brass half-round as a string rest.
The low tenor is much improved.
Notice the pinned agraffes - originals that I reconditioned.



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Enlarged pic of the original pinned agraffes



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Treble Before:
Yikes! That is quite the angle.
The top treble broke lots of strings over the years.
Tuning was a real treat.



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Treble after:
Lot's of grinding, and I moved the counterbearing rest forward
(toward the tuning pins) to decrease the angle.
I judged the decrease in angle
to out weigh the possible noise issues
that a longer duplex segment might present.



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Top Treble after:
grinding and moving the counterbearing bar forward
to decrease the angle.
Yes the old counterbearings are gone.
I used brass half-round pinned in place.
The angle is still too great, but it is better.



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~ Special Treat ~

The Cat & The Mouse

by

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