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Central Oklahoma Chapter 731 Newsletter

Piano Technicians Guild

August 2014



Co-Presidents

David Bonham, RPT

Gary Bruce, RPT



At our May meeting we voted to elect David Bonham and myself as Co-Presidents. This is a new arrangement for us, having had separate offices, President and Vice President, for many years.

This came about after a discussion David and I had concerning the responsibilities each office was given and the desire to keep our Chapter and meetings vibrant and informative, helpful and inviting to current members and prospective members.

In the past the President has been responsible for much of the business side of our Chapter, including, but not limited to, presiding over the meetings, handling new member applications and communications with others in the Region and at the Home Office. The Vice President was mainly responsible for planning the location of monthly meetings and the content of the technical portion of those meetings.

Since we don't traditionally meet in July each year, this month's meeting will be the first time we have officially met with our new slate of officers in place. David and I have had busy summers, as probably most of us have, so we may be getting off to a slow start but we have had been in conversation about this new arrangement and look forward to a mutually, beneficial outcome for this next year; mutually beneficial to us and to the Chapter members who attend our meetings and participate in the life of our Chapter.

We've been grateful for excellent turnouts at most of our meetings in the past few months and look forward to another banner year in the life of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild.

See you on the 21st.

Next Meeting
August 21st
Thursday, 8:30am

The August meeting of the CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER of the PTG will be on the 3rd Thursday, August 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Music Department of Oklahoma Christian University.

Breakfast items will be provided by the Chapter as is our custom.

We will have our usual business meeting, discussing chapter news (recent, present and future).

After a short break those of our chapter who attended the National Convention and Institute (Bob Scheer, Jamie Marks, Norman Cantrell and Jordan Bruce) will share their experiences and insights.

All who are able will gather for lunch at a location TBD.



Secretary
Bob Scheer, RPT

The June 19, 2014 Oklahoma Chapter PTG meeting was held at Bob Scheers' shop in Edmond. The meeting began with a prayer by David Bonham at 9:05. In spite of stormy weather and a power outage, we managed to have a good meeting, and a nice turnout.

- Members present were Gary Bruce, Jordan Bruce, Brad Broomfield, David Bonham, Jon Edwards, Keith McGavern, Keith Morgan, Norman Cantrell, Jamie Marks and Bob Scheer.
- Treasurers report: \$2,766.96. \$100.00 was paid for the OMTA ad.
- Old Business: Lunch expenditures. It was decided that we would pay for our own.
- New Business: Discussion was made concerning a different domain name for the Oklahoma Chapter upcoming new name, Central Oklahoma Chapter. The chapter's web site started out as ptg.org/chapters/oklahoma in 2008, soonertuner.kamcam.com in 2011, and then, the current okptg.org 2012.
- Norman Cantrell explained the issues to be voted on in the Atlanta Council meeting.
- The technical was given by Jamie Marks and Bob Scheer demonstrating and explaining the installation of a new WNG action in a Steinway Model K upright.
- * Lunch was shared at Subway, NE intersection of Covell and Air Depot.

Bob



Schimmel Acrylic Piano

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Bob Scheer and Jamie Marks
show their progress
on the installation of WNG parts
in a Steinway upright

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2014 "Golden Hammer Award" Winner
Rick Baldassin's Speech

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Kohler & Campbell 52" Upright
Two colored sharps

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Every Good Boy Does Fine
(A Life in Piano Lessons)

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Blue Dog 1913 Model A Steinway & Sons

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## Piano Links

### [\*Upcoming Piano Technicians Guild Events\*](#)

(Regional and National events, 2014-15)

### [\*Piano Technicians Journal Media\*](#)

(These videos are referenced by the Piano Technician Journal)

### [\*YouTube Channel\*](#)

### [\*Virtual Piano Appraisal\*](#)

(This virtual-piano-appraisal link can save you some time and educate customers all in a very nice easy going way ... David Estey, RPT)

### [\*Determine The Condition of Your Piano\*](#)

(This .pdf won't make you an expert, nor will it solve your technical problems, but it will help you spot a nightmare in the making ... David Estey, RPT)

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Central Oklahoma Chapter  
Newsletter Editor  
Keith McGavern, RPT

## ~ High Lights ~

[Francisco Tarrega, Harpist](#)  
(Recuerdos de la Alhambra)

[Darcy Oak](#)  
(Jaw-Dropping Dove Illusions)

[Mihaela Ursuleasa](#)  
(Franz Listz – Piano Concerto – Part 1)

[Cooper Loves Ice Cream](#)  
[Hiromi Uehara, Piano Solo](#)  
(Old Castle, by the river, in the middle of a forest)

[Sammy Davis Jr. 60th Birthday](#)  
(Tube Chop - Sammy Davis and Gregory Hines)

[La Solitudine](#)  
(Laura Pausini & Lara Fabian)

[Rachel Crow](#)  
(TubeChop - I'd Rather Be Blind)

[Kenny Werner](#)  
(A Master Class in Playing Jazz)

[Michael McIntyre](#)  
(People with no kids don't know)

[Tedeschi Trucks Band](#)  
(Midnight in Harlem)

[Kevin Spacey](#)  
(Impersonations on the Actor's Studio)

[Diana Krall](#)  
(The Look of Love)



Executive Outlook  
August 2014  
**Building from the Foundation Up!**  
*Norman Cantrell, RPT*  
*PTG President*



Have you ever toured a building under construction? Most of the time we enter buildings and don't really give a thought to what has gone into the structure we are enjoying. Certainly there are as many variations on architecture as there are buildings in your locale, but all of them have a few things in common. To keep this discussion simple, let's consider what goes into building a modest three-bedroom home.

Before the construction ever begins, a set of plans must be drawn up. From those plans we gather the appropriate information to begin building. A lot of time goes into the preparation and excavation necessary to lay a proper foundation. This foundation is important because all of the rest of the structure depends on it being adequately designed. It needs to be properly constructed to bear all the loads and stresses placed upon it by the force of the house and the forces that act against it, from the soil and from storms, and from other surprises that nature places upon it from time to time.

The next item is the framework. This phase of construction often proceeds quickly, and from the framework we can begin to see the definition of where the rooms will lie in the structure and how they will be laid out. Once the roof and exterior coverings are installed and the mechanical systems are in place, we can begin to install the wall coverings. Finally, we finish with trim, paint and floor coverings.

PTG is also like a house in its structure. Our foundation is found in our Articles of Incorporation. These legal documents define who we are and the manner in which we are required to operate. PTG also has a framework structure in our bylaws. This document further outlines how we will operate internally and what divisions, such as chapters (rooms), leadership (mechanical systems) and committees (windows and doors) are needed. We also have our regulations and codes and our policy manuals. Each of these basic systems can be changed, but like your house, the amount of effort required to change them is directly related to their function and structure. If you are planning to add a room to your house, you will probably have to add to the foundation, expand the walls and update the floor coverings. If, on the other hand, you simply want to change the color of the room, you only have to invest in a can of paint. Policies and procedures are easily changed, like painting a wall. A policy in question may need to be updated because of a change in technology. The board looks at the proposed change and approves or disapproves it. On the other hand, the bylaws which change our structure require a formal procedure plus an affirmative vote of Council to change.

Over the last three years our bylaws committee has been working hard to revise the bylaws. They have streamlined language, moved items that should be in regulations and codes to those places, and they have recommended that some items move from regulations and codes to policy documents. A lot of work has gone into this effort, and many thanks go to those who have helped make this possible. Next time your chapter thinks we need a change, think carefully about which level of change needs to be addressed and make your proposals accordingly.

I'm looking forward to serving you again this year in PTG.



January

Steinway Calendar pictures

February

