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HAPPY EASTER! † † †

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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E a s t e r
Bunny or April Tom
Foolery have taken our
beloved president out
of pocket and as of
this writing there are
no words of wisdom to
share with us as a
chapter. I am sure
that he would like to
be sure to invite all
of you to the next
meeting on Saturday
April 17th at Norman
Cantrell's Shop. The
meeting time is 2:00
p.m. See ya there! †

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EASTER--AN EMPTY TOMB!

*He was despised and forsaken of men.
A man of sorrows and acquainted with
grief; and like one from whom men hide
their face, He was despised, and we did
not esteem Him. All of us like sheep
have gone astray, each of us has turned to
his own way; but the Lord has caused the
iniquity of us all to fall on Him.*

Isaiah 53:3,6

*And the Angel answered and said to
the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know
that you are looking for Jesus who has
been crucified. He is not here, for he is
risen just as he said. Come see the place
where he was lying.*

Matthew 28:5-6

*But when this perishable will have
put on the imperishable, and this mortal
will have put on immortality, then will
come the saying that is written, "Death
where is your victory? O Death where is
your sting?"*

I Corinthians 15:54-55

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NORM'S NONCENTS

It is interesting to see just what appeals to people and sparks their interest. Last month the newsletter included "C M DUCKS". I have received more mail concerning that tidbit of information than any other single item during the last two years as editor. If I had known it was that easy to provoke your imaginations I would have run it earlier. I guess it is like business advertising; you don't really know what medium works best but if you don't spend some money at it your sure not to have any business.

The last month has been very interesting personally. I lost a good friend and customer to a brutal murder. I have also benefitted from a competitor retiring and acquiring a large volume of player parts and equipment. If you come to the meeting this Saturday pardon the mess I'll be quite some time sorting and cataloging all my "treasure?". On the balance life goes on.

Norman Cantrell, ED

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Who's Who?

A SHORT STORY

It was a bright, hot summer day in the early 60's. I stepped through the door of the "V. O. club" in Edmond to tune the piano. As I stood there engulfed in darkness, waiting for directions, a soft sweet voice said, "Well, Hel-lo the-re."

"Hello," I replied, (my mind racing a hundred miles an hour, she doesn't know me, why is she talking to me in that tone of voice?)

"What have you been doing?"

I replied, "Just tuning pianos and keeping busy."

"Where have you been all my life?" she said. By this time my eyes were beginning to focus in the 25 watt lights, and I could barely see the lady that I was conversing with...talking on the telephone!

Ed Hanby

PIANO PROVERBS

If I were given eight hours to chop down a tree, I would spend six hours sharpening my axe.

Abraham Lincoln

in memory...

This edition of the Sooner Tuner is dedicated to the memory of piano teacher Nancy Neal whose untimely death was March 24, 1993.

TUNER TALK

WITH

Bob Barnhoff



Hello this is Bob Barnhoff and this is Tuner Talk. Since our last installment we have gained corporate sponsorship. Tuner Talk is proud to introduce BFI Systems as our sponsor. Perhaps you have seen one of our beautiful blue trucks motoring around the city. The next time you see one of these beauties just remember two things; first they are a great sponsor, second BFI Systems is a company whose business is always picking up. Enough about our sponsor, let's check the mailbag.



Dear Bob:

I was shopping in Wal-Mart the other night and saw some Naval Jelly is it useful for pianos and just what is it anyway?

Wandering in Wal Mart

Dear Wandering:

Yes, Naval jelly is a useful substance in piano work. It can be used for removing rust from hardware. There is another form of Naval Jelly which is much more rare and is not recommended for piano work. This form of Naval jelly is imported from

Japan and is produced in the training camps of Sumo Wrestlers. The technique is to place a single grape in the naval of each opposing wrestler and the impact produces pulp from which jelly is made. This form of Naval Jelly is quite expensive and considered a delicacy.

Dear Bob:

I have always had the greatest respect for your advice, and I was wondering if you could help me with this problem.

I have two brothers. One played football for the University of Oklahoma, and the other died in the electric chair in Florida. My father has been a narcotics pusher since I was three years old. One of my sisters is a highly paid prostitute in Reno, Nevada and the other is a common-law wife of a local Mafia hit-man.

Recently, I met a wonderful girl who was just released from prison after serving time for smothering her illegitimate child. We are very much in love and expect to marry as soon as her venereal disease is cured.

My problem is this: Should I tell her my brother played football for the University of Oklahoma?

Perplexed in Texas

Dear Perplexed:

While I cannot give you absolute advice. My recommendation is that you tell her only what you can bear to sleep peacefully with her knowing.

Dear Bob:

A B C D Puppy
D L M R A Puppy
O S M R
C M P
L I E

Signed, A Noni Mouse

Dear Mouse:

In the words of Larry King, "What's the Question?" I can only guess that this represents something to do with the waste disposal practices of a particular gender of dog. This may require further study.



The next meeting will be April 17th at 2:00 pm at Norman Cantrell's shop at 221 N Douglas Ave. The technical presentation will consist of two mini technicals. The first will be a demonstration on the Effects of Treble String replacement as it relates to tone, and other related string--tone relationships. The second technical by Ross Trawick remains a mystery but should be quite informative.

May will hold an opportunity for an introduction to and or upgrade of computer use. Tim Hast will host and teach this technical which could result in either enlightenment or a system crash.

June is a switch to Thursday evening. The place will be announced later, but the technical presentation will be over touching up those unsightly dents, dings and scratches on both a piece to be refinished as well as on one that is only a touch up. Come watch the magic!

WHAT COMING UP!

APRIL 17TH CHAPTER MEETING AT 2:00 P.M. AT NORMAN CANTRELL'S SHOP 221 N. DOUGLAS AVE. 2 MINI TECHNICALS

MAY 15TH CHAPTER MEETING AT 2:00 P.M. AT TIM HAST'S PIANO SHOP COMPUTER USES FOR TUNERS

JUNE 17TH CHAPTER MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED REFINISHING--BURN IN AND TOUCH UP, TRADITIONAL AND NEW AGE METHODS

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