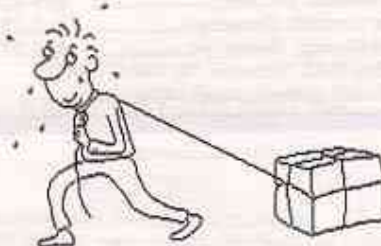


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NEXT MEETING

August 24th, Thursday, 7PM
David Bonham's home
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on a Steinway Grand
presented by David Bonham, RPT

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TECH TIP

To avoid damaging or lifting finishes with masking tape, apply the tape to yourself first! Sticking the tape onto your clothes a few times will load the tape with lint and reduce the tack.

(From Richard Anderson, RPT, Chicago Chapter)

LAST MEETING

There was an terrific turnout for the Oklahoma Chapter picnic at the Bonhams'. And oh, was the food and fellowship a-plentiful! The lake was a wee bit lower than customary, so water skiing did not take place. However, that did not dampen the spirits of us present. For those who were unable to make it, you were missed. It's not often when the Oklahoma Chapter has a chance to take a break, kick up its heels, and get to know one another in a different kind of way. The picnic get-together is one of those times. Maybe next year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing you from my van as I drive between Spokane and Seattle. I am hauling an antique player grand restored by Tim Hast, Norman Cantrell and David Wallace to a home on Lopez Island in the San Juans. I will spend most of tomorrow on US and Canadian ferry boats to deliver it. The trip also includes swapping a grand and a spinet between homes in Manhattan, Kansas and Cheyenne, Wyoming, seeing my sister in Port Angeles, Washington and attending a high school friend's wedding in Boulder, Colorado.

At an average of about 650 miles per day driving alone, such a trip is not leisure. But the discipline and concentration of doing one thing well until it is finished remind me of part of what I like about tuning. Sometimes I fear the beginning of a tuning. I've reassured the client and now I have 230 (!) strings to tune to get the result we both want. Knowing that I had at least 4500 miles to travel made the start of this trip intimidating also. But mile after mile, string after string, the imagined goal draws nearer. And Life is not waiting at the destination--it is the journey itself.

David Bonham

1995 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None

CONVENTION NOTES

by Keith McGavern, RPT

It turned out to be an excellent week for weather in Albuquerque. The Council Meeting went well and the Technical Institute was outstanding. Social activities abounded with conversation and good times.

David Wallace and Don Sloper, Associate Members were on hand to gather in the goodies from such an event. Arnold Lukowitsch, RPT and Mel Sutter, Associate Member from the Tulsa Chapter were in attendance as well. Mel is quite a talented individual and his presence at the convention contributed greatly to many others.

The main classes I experienced were Computer - The Tuners'
Other Keyboard by Ron Berry; Digital-Audio Tuning by Dean
Reyburn; The Dilemma of Modern Trapwork by Norman Neblett; Piano
Moving by Jim Geiger & family (2x); Turbo Charging The Vertical
Action by Jack Wyatt ; plus a little bit of a whole lot of others.

Also, had a few one-on-one moments with several special people, one in particular comes to mind, Harry Lydall from Edinburgh, Scotland, where birdcage type pianos are the norm, not the extreme. Quite a individual! Thank you, Harry, for being there so this Okie could reap the bounty!

I came away knowing there would be changes to incorporate when I returned to Oklahoma and the surrounding communities...ail for the better of everyone whose path I cross from this day forward.

Next annual conventions - Dearborn, MI 1996...Orlando, FL 1997.

*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

Elephant Under Glass:

The Piano Key Bleach house of Deep River, Connecticut

(by David H. Shayt, Specialist, Crafts & Trades, Smithsonian Institute)

(PT Journal July 1995, pages 17-28)

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)

from

Keith McGavern, RPT

"Speak softly.

Those who cannot hear an angry shout,

may strain to hear a whisper."

(from a Star Trek, The Next Generation episode)

"Blessed are those who give without remembering and receive without forgetting."

(from church marquee on Hwy 62 between Paden and Prague)

"Downsizing is only right when you can do something powerful with what's left."

(from an advertisement in Fortune July 24, 1995)

(page 26, Mercer Management Consulting, Based on Reality)

"Attitude is the mind's paintbrush, it can color any situation."

(banner at New Covenant Life Church, Shawnee, OK)

"...it is characteristic of the perfectionist that the task at hand, or the one just completed, is the most important task of all."

(from Fortune Magazine, Managing: Ideas & Solutions by Peter Nulty)