

"THE SOONER TUNER"



Official Newsletter, Oklahoma Chapter 731
The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc.
NOVEMBER '95



NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 16th, THURSDAY, 9AM

Helpful Hints for Piano Teachers

by Darin Niebuhr, Associate Member
Darin is making a presentation to music teachers.
So, we will critique and add our 2¢ to the presentation

and maybe a mini-technical by Ross Trawick, RPT

LOCATION:

4132 Castle Rock Road, Norman, OK 73072, 405-329-2970
From I-35 & Indian Hill Road, Exit 114 (between Moore &
Norman), go west to 36th street, then south 2 miles to
Tecumseh Road,
then west to Castle Rock Road

David Bonham, President.....	405-721-0566
Tim Hast, Vice President.....	405-359-0440
Darin Niebuhr, Secretary.....	405-329-2970
Norman Cantrell, Treasurer.....	405-272-9687
Keith McGavern, Newsletter.....	405-275-8600

(PO Box 1585, Shawnee, OK 74802-1585)
(E-mail address: kam544@aol.com)

INTERNET STUFF

"PLUCKING STRINGS" conclusion
by Keith A. McGavern, RPT

The original question: Other than sustain, is there something that one can determine by plucking a string only, in determining the potential tone or voice of a piano?

After due deliberations on Pianotech: I have to concede, that done systematically (The Place of Excitation), with an unwavering instrument (The Mode of Excitation), it would be very possible to make some significant discoveries of the potential of any given piano by plucking its strings.

LAST MEETING

Thirteen persons were in attendance at Quail Springs Church of Christ. Thank you, Gary Bruce, for providing us this excellent facility.

As an early offshoot of the meeting, Tim Hast related the proper way to not handle gunpowder. Norman Cantrell reported \$1494.00 in the Chapter treasury. He also recommended the chapter consider ways to raise money for the future. They were 1) raise chapter dues, 2) have a chapter project, 3) sponsor a chapter seminar. We watched part of the Yamaha grand regulation video and had a "butts and flanges" session.

1995 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Dec 1: Christmas Party
Darin Niebuhr's house

January Technical: Keith McGavern, RPT
The Teeter-Totter Effect

Potential subject - Learning about key weight



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the road again--this time I'm moving pianos and furniture to Omaha and Sheboygan. I hope to see more fall foliage than I've seen in Oklahoma thus far this year.

I spoke with Donovan Barbara on the phone last week. He is a piano and pipe organ technician who has been working in Minnesota. He and his wife, Michelle, have recently moved back to Norman where he grew up. He has tuned during the past six years and has rebuilt about a dozen pianos. He has expressed an interest in joining the PTG. Let's show him the hospitality that we are known for!

See you at Darin's.

David Bonham

*** IN CLOSING ***

Recommended Reading

"The Internet and You"

by Ron Berry, RPT
(PT Journal, October 1995, pages 45-48)

The "Kick" Zone

(closely related to after touch)
from
Keith McGavern, RPT

"A remark generally hurts in proportion to its truth."
(Willi Rodgers, Humorist)

"Just do your part, and everything else will take care of itself."
(Kam, 10/13/95)
during a visit at The Studios Of Los Colinas

"One who wants milk should not sit on a stool in the middle of a pasture
expecting the cow to back up to him."
(found this hanging on a wall at one of those quick stop
type places north of Shawnee on Hwy 177)

This one submitted by Ross Trawick, RPT:
"One definition of insanity is always doing the same thing
the same way, yet expecting different results."
(William Tierney & Robert Rhodes)