

THE SOONER TUNER
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COMING EVENTS:

JULY – The July meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21 at 8:30 AM at Edmond Music, located at 3400 South Broadway in Edmond, Oklahoma. Those who attended the convention in Kansas City in June will be sharing highlights of their week. The technical will be Customer Relations. Bob Scheer will be facilitating a discussion on how to handle no show customers, follow-up on string replacement, customer complaints, and various other situations that may occur between you and your clients. Please come and plan to share your ideas with everyone.

AUGUST – The August meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the home of David and Barbara Bonham, 10717 Eastlake Circle, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This will be a time to get together and HAVE FUN!!! Bob Scheer will be providing some type of “yummy” meat. Everyone attending is asked to bring either a salad or dessert. Drinks will be provided. There will be boating, skiing, biking on the water, fishing, or swimming in the lake. Plan to attend, relax and enjoy good friends and fellowship. Please call Barbara at 721-0566 by August 13 to RSVP so that Bob will know how much meat to prepare.

SEPTEMBER – The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September at 15 8:30 AM. The place and topic will be announced later.

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun.

Mary Lou Cook

Election of officers was held at the May meeting. The elected officers are as follows:

President – Bob Scheer; Vice President – David Bonham; Secretary – Nathan Sobel; Treasurer – Gary Bruce; and Newsletter Editor – Barbara Bonham.

A big “THANK YOU” to Keith McGavern who served as Chapter Secretary for a number of years. Keith did a wonderful job and is now passing the role of secretary to Nathan Sobel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Striving for excellence motivates you. Striving for perfection is demoralizing.
Dr. Harriet Braiker

SNAPPY ANSWER:

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO BE HAPPY

- Free your heart from hatred
- Free your mind from worries
- Live simply
- Give more
- Expect less

Tech Tip:

Vertical actions that are difficult to remove and reinstall:

You might appreciate this bit of information. "Don't" change the position of the action support bolts to make the action easier to remove. Instead, modify the action nose/retaining bolts, where the action bracket retaining forks hold the action in place, by forcing them upwards a bit.

After removing the action without changing the action support bolts (it can be done with the aid of hammer shank pliers and some tugging), use a regular claw hammer or such, and bend the offending bolts upwards by hitting them. Or use the handle of an extension tuning lever by sliding the handle onto the nose bolt, and bend the offending bolts upwards.

After a few attempts you will have them in just the right place, not too loose, and not too tight, allowing the reinstallation and future removal of the vertical action an easier task.

Keith McGavern, RPT
Shawnee, OK

It is good to have an end to journey towards; but in the end, it is the journey itself that makes the difference.
Ursula K. LeGuin

TO BE POPULAR:

Perhaps the most arresting bit of personal advice I ever encountered was this:
If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you. The point is that lasting popularity depends not on having good looks or other surface personality traits but upon inner qualities that somehow

communicate themselves to others. Such qualities include a friendly voice, a sense of humor, kindness, thoughtfulness of the other fellow's tender ego, sincere praise, gratitude and encouragement. How well would a blind person like you?

Author Unknown

Keith McGavern shares this little tidbit:

WHAT IS TALENT WORTH?

Consider this story about Pablo Picasso...A woman spotted Picasso sketching at a sidewalk café. She asked if he might sketch her, and charge accordingly. Picasso obliged. In just minutes, there was an original Picasso. "And what do I owe you?" she asked. "Five thousand francs," he answered. "But it only took you three minutes," she politely reminded him. "No," Picasso said. "It took me all my life."

REFLECTIONS:

Each month as I prepare the newsletter, I try to think of something profound to say to all of you. Most often, a particular thought does not come to mind; however, today I was thinking about the fact that next month we will be celebrating the birthday of our country – the United States of America. What an incredible nation we live in! We should all be thankful for the privilege of living in this blessed land. How often do any of us really take the time to stop and appreciate the abundance reaped upon us each day simply because we live in the land of the "free and the brave"? Whenever I see Old Glory flying high overhead and hear the strains of our national anthem, my heart bursts with pride that I am an American. As we celebrate our independence this year, take a moment to stop and remember those unsung heroes who have gone before us and given us the gift of emancipation because of their sacrifices. Say a prayer of thanks for the daily riches we receive and the blessing of liberty simply because we are Americans. We are a nation that is unique and different from any other place in the entire world. As we approach the birthday of this great land of ours, join with your neighbor in saying, "God bless America – our home sweet home." Let freedom ring!

Barbara Bonham
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