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THE SOONER TUNER
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Hello all! It's time to wash our cars I hope everyone survived the blizzard of 2011. This month's meeting is to be held on Thursday February 17th 2011 at 8:30 in the am at Larsen music located on the Northeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Nw 63rd street in Oklahoma City. Breakfast will be served and fellowship shortly after the meeting. This month's technical demonstration will be given by Bob Scheer RPT. He will be Talking about piano structure relating to tuning stability.

Take the time to get to know the other technicians in the Oklahoma chapter of the PTG we are here for each other.

From the President

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Winter has arrived! I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. As the saying goes "Every [snow] cloud has its silver lining." Now is a great opportunity for wrecker services, auto body shops, and plumbers, but it's also a great opportunity for piano techs as well. The problems that arise from low humidity, ie; pitch drop, tight damper guide rails, loose hammers, tight key bushings etc., keep us hopping. It's also a good time to educate our customers about the importance of installing a complete humidity control system on their piano[s]. As we know, cold weather outside, and low humidity inside, can cause major structural problems as well as minor nuisances.

I wonder how many unprotected pianos are out there? Humm?

Stay Warm,
Bob

Chapter officers are as follow

Bob Scheer -President

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Arguments are to be avoided; they are always vulgar and often convincing.

Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

Don't stay in bed, unless you can make money in bed.

George Burns (1896 - 1996)

REBUILT PIANO DEFINITION

A used piano that has been disassembled, inspected, and repaired as necessary with replacement of all worn or deteriorated parts, re-assembled, tested, and approved to at least the same tolerances as a new piano of like manufacture.

RECONDITIONED PIANO DEFINITION

A used piano that has been put back in good condition by cleaning, repairing and adjusting for maximum performance with replacement parts where specifically indicated.

PIANO TUNING DEFINITION

Piano tuning is the aligning of the musical pitch of the various notes of the piano, by adjusting the tension of the piano's strings, in order to achieve a desired musical effect. Preferences in desired musical effects and methods in achieving those preferences will vary. Piano "tuning" does not involve the functioning of a piano's key mechanism. (The "tune-up" of an automobile engine may involve keeping machinery running smoothly, but piano "tuning" by itself does not.)

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If it helps . If you want you can be called cowboy tuners instead of Sooner Tuners go ahead. I prefer to be associated with winning. Although the cowboys have come on strong. Just kidding Cowboy tuners.