

THE SOONER TUNER

Official newsletter of the [Oklahoma Chapter 731](#)

[Piano Technicians Guild](#)

June 2012

Next Meeting

Thursday
June 21, 2012
8:30am

Location

[Oklahoma Christian University](#)

[Garvey Fine Arts Center](#)

[Directions](#)

405-348-3213

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President's Message

Greetings, fellow technicians. I have appreciated the monthly messages from Bob Scheer, our chapter president, over the past few years. I hope I can rise to the occasion, and get in the habit of sending out a monthly message worth reading. We are at the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, but at the beginning of our chapter's new year of elected leadership. Let's support each other and make this a strong start to a good year!

I was very proud of our group at our [last special event on May 19th](#). We had a great turn-out, with several members we rarely see, some apprentices and a few guests. I believe there were twenty plus persons in attendance including our presenter, Jamie Marks, from the Mason and Hamlin Company, who is one of our own. His presentation on the new composite action parts made and marketed by Wessel Nickel and Gross was very interesting to me, and I am looking forward to trying them out in my next rebuilding job. Spending the day together was fun as well as informative, and I was reminded of the welcoming atmosphere for which our group is known. Visitors of all ages, interests, and abilities are drawn in with warmth and personal attention, as they should be. My first exposure to the PTG was not in Oklahoma, and I didn't experience such a welcome. What we offer each other and everyone who visits our meetings is a blessing in fellowship, education and business opportunity.

I encourage each one of you to think about our group between meetings and to continue bringing ideas, questions, concerns and opportunities for creativity to the group. Sharing your thoughts in the Sooner Tuner is just one way to do this. Suggesting technical topics for presentations is another. Service projects are also ways we have pooled our resources and grown as a group.

I hope to see many of you at the next meeting.

David



Greetings, looking forward to assuming this task of publishing chapter newsletters. Sincerest appreciation goes to Eric Williams for making this activity happen since 2009.

We wouldn't have had a newsletter for these past years if it weren't for him. Kudos, Eric!

Please don't hesitate to [submit newsletter items](#) you feel worthy. All submissions will be considered for future newsletter publications.

Regards,
Keith McGavern

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A Technical Tidbit

posted in Pianotech, May 5, 2012
by Larry Lobel, RPT from Petaluma, California
on my.ptg.org



"Un-round" knuckle
(from a 1937 Lester baby grand)

His comments, "... I've never been sure about what would be the correct jack position under this type of knuckle. Would it be, as in the photo, with the rear surface of the jack aligned under the rear surface of the white under felt, ...?"

I commented to Larry, "I share your idea for a ball bark location, Larry. Or choosing to look at it from a different focal point of alignment, the front surface of the jack aligned with the vertical back edge of the flange. Seems both place the jack in the same initial location."

What do you think? ... [Editor](#)

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Thanks be to Willem "Wim" Blee, RPT out of Mililani, HI  
for this interesting piece of information:

"The chapter number is the first three numbers of the zip code of the chapter seat."