

THE SOONER TUNER

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This Month's Meeting

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Oklahoma Chapter President
David Bonham, RPT

Fifteen days ago, while visiting my two sisters in Port Angeles, WA, we learned that our mother had suddenly, and unexpectedly died. Much of these two weeks has been about dealing with arrangements, planning her memorial service, and moving and distributing her possessions. We have come to know things about her that we didn't know before, such as how she nearly became one of the first women to become ordained as a minister in the Methodist Church. She had a full-ride scholarship to theological seminary, but before she finished her degree, she married our dad, and that caused her to forfeit the funds. She chose to devote her life to my dad's ministry, raise us kids, be a Christian educator, a choir director and teach piano lessons. I am very proud of her, and I am more aware than ever before how blessed I was to be born to such great parents. Deaths of loved ones are good times for reflection and rededication to living out our convictions. What really matters to you, and for what do you want to be remembered?

On the lighter side ... are you coming to our next meeting, which will be followed by the close-out auction at Albert Evan's store? I think we could all learn a lot together at that event. And how about the upcoming [South Central Regional Conference](#) event in Kerrville, TX, October 15-17. I will be teaching a class on piano moving which will involve Barbara and me hauling all our moving equipment (and perhaps our kayaks as well) to a beautiful part of the country. I encourage each of you to try to attend this as well.



Oklahoma Chapter Vice President
Gary Bruce, RPT

Next Meeting
Saturday
September 22nd

Locations

Grandy's Restaurant
8:45am

Albert Evans Piano Company
Absolute Real Estate & Inventory Auction
10:00am

Absolute Means: No Minimum Or Reserve Prices • No Bid-Ins Or Buy-Backs • All Property Will Definitely Change Ownership!

LARGE ABSOLUTE AUCTION
ALBERT EVANS PIANO COMPANY
4100 N. MACARTHUR BLVD & 4110 N. MACARTHUR BLD.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
INSPECTION: FRI. SEPT. 21ST FROM 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
SAT. SEPT. 22ND AT 10:00 AM
AUCTION HELD AT:
DAKIL AUCTIONEERS, INC. • 200 NW 114TH ST, OKLA. CITY
(W. Side Service Rd of the Bdwy Ext. between 122nd & Hefner)

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE AUCTION, BID LIVE AT WWW.DAKIL.COM

REAL ESTATE SOLD ABSOLUTE, FIRST AT 10:00 AM
SHOWN BY APPT. ONLY

PROPERTIES OFFERED SEPARATELY, THEN AS A WHOLE

4100 N. MACARTHUR BLVD, OKC: Approx. 5,500 SF Retail Store w/Approx. 2,000 SF Blacktop Paved Parking.

4110 N. MACARTHUR BLVD, OKC: Approx. 2,750 SF Retail Store w/Approx. 1,000 SF Blacktop Paved Parking.

TERMS ON REAL ESTATE: 5% down, 30 days to close. Closing cost and title ins. split 50/50. 10% Buyers Premium.

TO BE SOLD AT NOON

2008 Ford F450 Super Duty XLT w/V-8 Powerstroke Diesel w/Box & Platform Lift; 2001 Ford F250 Super Duty XLT Diesel Ext Cab w/Box & Hyd. Lift, 1992 Ford Super Duty XLT 7.3 Diesel w/Box & Lift, 1980 Ford 7000 Truck Custom Cab Cat V8 Diesel w/Box & Lift.

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NEW GRANDS: Young Chang Mahogany 5'2", Mason & Hamlin Ebony Polished 6'3", Pramberger African Pommele 6'1", Roland GP-7-PE Ebony High Polished. **NEW CONSOLES:** Pramberger LV-108 Ebony High Polished, Young Chang Y-112FC Cherry, Kurzweil PC L38 Ebony, Kurzweil SP4-8 Ebony, Kurzweil Mark 12-1 Ebony High Polished, Roland RP301-RW Ebony, Roland HP 302-RW Ebony, Roland HP305 RW-B Ebony, Roland HP305-PE Ebony High Polished, Roland HP307-PE Ebony High Polished, Roland HPI-6F-SB Ebony, Roland RM 700 Mahogany, Roland V-Piano Ebony, Roland RD-300NX Ebony. **CONSOLES NEW IN BOXES:** Kurzweil D Console PC3 LE8, Kurzweil D Console SP4-8, Kurzweil D SP4-8LB D Console, Roland Digital RM-700-MH Piano, (2) Roland Digital V-Piano, Roland RD-300NX Digital Piano. **USED GRANDS:** Baldwin (Rebuilt) Satin Black 9'0", Steinway M Walnut Satin 5'7", Steinway M (Rebuilt) Satin Black 5'7", Steinway M (Rebuilt) Hi-Gloss Black 5'7", Steinway M (Refinished) Hi-Gloss Black 5'7", Steinway M Black (Weathered) 5'7", Steinway M Walnut 5'7", Steinway M Black (Rebuilder) 5'7", Steinway M Antique Gold 5'7", Baldwin M Black (Rebuilder) 5'4", Baldwin Mahogany 5'8", Baldwin Black (Needs Refinished) 6'3", Baldwin R Black 5'8", Kimball Mahogany 5'6", Chickering Mahogany 5'8", Wurlitzer Walnut 4'7", Aeolian Stroud Player Mahogany 5' 2 1/2". **USED STUDIOS:** Yamaha Hi-Gloss Black, Kohler & Campbell Walnut, Yamaha Black (Needs Refinished), Aeolian "The Sting" Player Pecan, Aeolian "Cabaret" Player Oak, (2) Aeolian Duart Player Walnut. **USED CONSOLES:** Wurlitzer 2740 Oak, Mendelsson Walnut, Lowrey Oak, Baldwin Pecan, Baldwin Pecan, Baldwin Dk Pecan (Needs Refinished), Baldwin Acrosonic (Art Case) Dk Mahogany, Baldwin Acrosonic Mahogany, Fischer Black, Aeolian "The Sting" Walnut, Roland (Parts Only) Kurzweil (Parts Only). **USED SPINETS:** (2) Baldwin Walnut, Baldwin Mahogany, Wurlitzer Mahogany, Wurlitzer Walnut. **USED UPRIGHTS:** Steinway Mahogany (Refinished-Needs New Action), Gulbranson Player Walnut, Becker Brothers Player Walnut. **ORGANS:** Antique Victorian Pump Organ Dk Oak, Leslie Organ Speaker Mahogany. **USED PORTABLE KEYBOARDS:** Kurzweil SP4-8. **OTHER EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES:** Keyboard Accessories, Benches, Stands, Amps, Stereo Mixers, Etc. **SHOP & REPAIR EQUIPMENT:** Lots of Repair & Specialty Tools, Air Compressors, Band Saw, Drills, Spray Guns, Surface Planer, Joiner, Sanders, Clamps and Much More. **This is only a partial listing! See Web Site for Updated Listing & Pictures.**

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE AUCTION?
BID LIVE ONLINE

Register online at DAKIL.COM
and bid from the comfort of your home or office

Terms on Payment: Cash, Personal or Company Check with drivers license, Mastercard & Visa. All purchases must be paid for on day of sale. No Exceptions. Buyers Premium will apply.
If purchasing for resale or are exempt from sales tax: You must present a copy of actual tax permit or exemption letter when registering at auction.



Oklahoma Chapter Secretary
Bob Scheer, RPT

Minutes from Oklahoma Chapter PTG Meeting

The August 16 meeting was held at Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond . Oklahoma.

The meeting began with a prayer at 8:47 AM.

Members present were David Bonham, Norman Cantrell, Keith Morgan, Bob Scheer, Keith McGavern, Eric Williams, Gary Bruce, Jordan Bruce, and one visitor Brad Broomfield.

Treasurers report yielded \$3,266.11 in the Chapter account.

Norman gave a Convention report, including Yamaha's gift of the 37 Action Regulating Steps to the Home Office. Preparations are being made to offer this as a training seminar to PTG members and associates. Instructor training for conventions and Regional Seminars is also being planned in order to improve the quality of the classes.

A motion to suspend the October meeting was moved and seconded, due to the upcoming Regional Seminar in Texas.

Norman Cantrell gave a thorough and interesting technical on "Voicing the hot pressed hammer".

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Oklahoma Chapter Newsletter Editor
Keith McGavern, RPT

~ High Lights ~

[Yuja Wang](#)
(classical pianist)

[Celine Dion](#)
(Canadian Singer)

One Direction - What Makes You Beautiful
(5 Piano Guys, 1 piano)
(submitted by Dale Probst)

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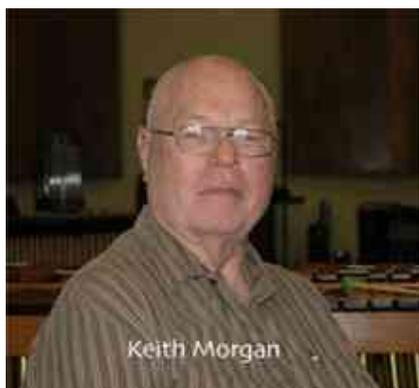


SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE (SCRC)
October 15-17, 2012
YO Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX
Contact: Dale Probst
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www.scrptg.org

SOME PICS FROM AUGUST MEETING

A Demonstration of Fazioli Voicing Techniques
by Norman Cantrell, RPT
(video excerpts)

Business Meeting
(video excerpts)



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Executive Outlook

Submitted by [Norman Cantrell, RPT](#)

PTG Vice President



Continuing Education

Norman Cantrell, RPT

PTG Vice President

I am committed to being a lifetime learner. There is simply not enough time to experience everything so I must make a commitment to learn new things. It broadens my perspective and enhances my worth in the marketplace. By being a member of PTG each of you has made a commitment to learning. If each member has made a commitment to learning it is incumbent upon the organization as a whole to provide opportunities for learning to take place. Not only should we be committed to provide opportunities but we should be committed to making each avenue contain quality content so that every member receives the best return on his or her investment.

How does PTG do that?

The Journal continues to provide excellent content covering a broad range of topics. The editorial staff is always on the look out for additional input. As this is a member driven organization, that content should be coming from you. While you may not consider yourself a gifted writer each member can at least contribute an idea to the Tips Tools and Techniques section. Others have the ability to explore a topic at length and provide a complete article or series of articles for the readership.

Our seminars and conventions are also a source for continued education. As we examine the approach to our education we must always be asking ourselves, "Is this the best approach or can we improve?" Over the past eighteen months the Board of Directors has been looking at partnering with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training or IACET with a goal of improving our educational offerings. This organization has been around since 1968 and provides certification to a variety of organizations for their continuing education processes. This endeavor will make PTG evaluate the way we offer continuing education and make adjustments accordingly. This can be compared to PTG as an organization taking the RPT exams to see if what we think we know really passes muster when compared to the educational principles and protocols in the marketplace. Ask any RPT if they learned things during the exam process that made them better technicians and you will get a resounding, "Yes!" Ask any person who has attempted the exam process and come up short of passing if they learned some things in the process, and if they answer honestly they will also reply, "Yes."

Why should PTG even bother to pursue IACET certification for our continuing education? Honest evaluation of who we are and what we do will always lead to a roadmap for improvement. The reality is that convention attendance has been declining over the past few years. There are a multitude of reasons why but if we continue to do the same thing over and over expecting different results we will have achieved the definition of insanity. If as a result of this pursuit the quality of classes offered at conventions goes up, perhaps the motivation to attend will also rise. Better education benefits all and gives us more value in the marketplace. Individuals must be committed to being lifetime learners and organizations need that same commitment as well.

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Adventures

BY ALAN HALLMARK

**NBC COVERS THE OLYMPIC'S NEWEST
LINKNOW TRACK AND FIELD EVENT.
"THE PIANO TOSS"**



Sooner Tuner Classifieds

For Sale

Hamilton Grand

Serial #120786, 1926, 5' 2"

(built by Baldwin)

(listed by Keith McGavern, RPT)

(Oklahoma Chapter member)