



Central Oklahoma Chapter  
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March

2022

## *THE SOONER TUNER*

### Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, March 17th

Location: David Bonham's shop

Address: 10717 N Eastlake Cir, OKC, OK 73162

Time: 8:30 AM

Technical: Producing a stable Tuning using interval tests, Proper hammer technique and hard blows. Gary will also demonstrate how to create custom offsets.

### Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

President - Doug Snook, RPT

Co-President - David Bonham, RPT

Treasurer - Gary Bruce, RPT

Acting Secretary – Norman Cantrell, RPT

Newsletter Editor – Joseph Woolston, Member

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### COK-PTG Chapter Upcoming Events

March 17<sup>th</sup> Tuning technical

April 21<sup>st</sup> Gary Bruce will present a technical on polyester touch up.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Jim Geiger will conduct a technical on Upright and Grand regulation.

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Doug Snook, RPT  
COK-PTG President

## President's Message

Greetings to all my PTG friends, and I hope you are enjoying these wild roller coaster weather months. Hopefully the relative humidity will make up its mind one of these days. In the meantime, happy pitch adjustment and tuning to all.

I need to start by telling you that I'm not intending to turn this month's letter into a devotional message. However, I did come across a verse in my Bible reading which I think contains some good advice for us professionally. It goes like this:

"The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know." -- 1 Corinthians 8:2

I was reminded of how much I thought I knew after a very short time of training with my Dad back in the 80's. Looking back, I sometimes wish I could revisit some (well, many) of those early clients to apologize and try to correct some (well, maybe most) of my work. Fast forwarding to today, I recently offered to tune a piano for a concert which I was a part of at a church in a little town in northern Oklahoma. I called the music minister at that church to offer my services, and he informed me that he had learned to tune last year and would be tuning it for the program. As expected, it began to drift early in the rehearsal, and by halfway through the performance it had deteriorated quite a bit more. I'm fairly certain it was not entirely the piano's fault.

Now, over forty years after first hanging out my shingle and starting a business, I realize that I often still... do not yet know as I ought to know. However, rather than discouraging me, that awareness motivates me to keep learning and working to improve the quality of service I can give to those who trust me with their pianos. With that in mind, the best source I have found for such learning and improvement continues to be my association with PTG and with this chapter in particular. I appreciate the willingness of so many with lots of experience and skill as technicians to teach me and others and to offer advice and assistance. It means more to me than my words can express. Thank you for your service, participation and friendship.

Looking forward,  
Doug

# Chapter Meeting Minutes

2/17/22

## Call to Order

A meeting of The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild was held at Bruce Piano on February 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

## Attendees

Members present: David Bonham, Gary Bruce, Jordan Bruce, Bob Scheer, Doug Snook, Joe Woolston, Norman Cantrell. and Ricki Klos RVP

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes presented and approved.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report Bank balance of \$3229.91. Same as last month.

## Old Business

Update on nomination for Golden Hammer was asked for by Bob Scheer. All is on track and has been turned in to the Nominating Committee on time.

Cory Melaugh is now an RPT having passed her exams while at North Bennett Street School. She is currently in her second year at North Bennett.

## Newsletter News

No change

## New Business

Discussion of the state of the Tulsa Chapter and its current status.

Need to put a group together for a Nominating Committee next month.

Input from Ricki Klos Winter Board Meeting one RFA that passed was to eliminate the Paper version of the Written Exam. It will be available online only going forward starting April 1. The liaisons to train the monitor will be Robert Guenther and Greg Cheng. This will necessitate a Written Examiner. A fee of \$25.00 for the exam is in the works.

Adjourn the Business portion of the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Components of the Competency Playground were made available by RVP Ricki Klos. These Playground Stations can be checked out to chapters. There are 7 stations available; creating tight string coils, hitch pin loops, learn to measure strings using a micrometer, wire bending, string splicing, key and flange bushings. Joseph Woolston took advantage of these and worked at two stations.

## Technical

The technical presentation was a joint effort by Jordan Bruce and Norman Cantrell dealing with finish touch up. Specific areas discussed included hazy spots on the finish due to cleaning and disinfecting during Covid. General cleaning and de-greasing of finishes was also demonstrated with an experiment on a single bench top and four different cleaning methods used side by side.

Minutes compiled by Norman Cantrell, RPT Acting Secretary

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## PTG Upcoming Events

### August 2022

#### [64TH ANNUAL PTG CONVENTION & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE](#)

Starts: Aug 3, 2022 08:00 (PT)

Ends: Aug 6, 2022 22:00 (PT)

Where: Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840

### October 2022

#### [Southeast Regional Seminar - SERC](#)

Starts: Oct 19, 2022 08:00 (ET)

Ends: Oct 22, 2022 17:00 (ET)

Where: Southbank Hotel, 1515 Prudential Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32207

### November 2022

#### [Midwest Regional Conference \(MRCO\)](#)

Starts: Nov 11, 2022 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Nov 13, 2022 17:00 (CT)

Where: Marriott Kansas City Overland Park, 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210