



Central Oklahoma Chapter  
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2023

## *THE SOONER TUNER*

### Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, January 19th  
Location: David Bonham's Shop  
Address: 10717 N Eastlake Cir, OKC, 73162  
Time: 8:30 AM

**Technical:** Isaac Sadigursky, RPT recently passed away. Isaac immigrated from Russia in 1973 and became a part of the Piano Technicians Guild along the way. Isaac lived in the Los Angeles area and served the local chapter in many ways along the years. Isaac was an instructor at many PTG conventions and conferences over the years. In 2010 Isaac was inducted into the PTG Hall of Fame and in 2021 he was the recipient of the Golden Hammer Award. Those of us who were privileged to get to know him personally over the years were blessed indeed. One of the classes he offered at PTG conventions was entitled Isaac's Six Pack of Technical Tips. Fortunately for us this class was recorded during the pandemic as a Zoom chapter meeting presentation. This month we will have the opportunity to continue to learn from Isaac and get a taste of his unique perspective and humor as he gives a lot of practical advice for every day piano service.

### Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

President - Doug Snook, RPT

President - David Bonham, RPT

Treasurer - Gary Bruce, RPT

Secretary – Norman Cantrell, RPT

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David Bonham, RPT  
COK-PTG President

### President's Message

How do you answer the question when you are asked “How long should a piano tuning last?” or “How often should I have my piano tuned?” There are so many ways to answer, and we must consider the context and the person who is asking in order to respond appropriately. Do they really want a detailed lesson in piano technology? I generally tell them that manufacturers suggest twice a year for most pianos. I often go on to say that many of my customers are happy with one tuning per year and a number of them wait two or three years. If they still seem interested, I explain how changes in indoor relative humidity are by far the biggest factor in causing a piano to go out of tune and that the tuning can get better or worse as the indoor humidity moves closer to or further away from what it was when the piano was last tuned. If their eyes still haven't glazed over, I may talk about the soundboard, the expansion and contraction of the wood, and how seasonal changes are so unpredictable here in Oklahoma. Some clients even want to hear more about the inverse relationship of temperature and relative humidity and how our furnaces and air conditioners change those numbers, and how they can strategize somewhat to help keep their pianos in better tune. Sometimes I introduce information on Damp Chaser piano climate systems...

I hope to see you at the meeting Thursday!

David Bonham, RPT

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

11/17/22

### Call to Order

A meeting of The Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild was called to order by Call to order 8:55 a.m. at Bruce Piano by Gary Bruce  
David Bonham gave the opening prayer

### Attendees

Members Present: Doug Snook, David Bonham, Gary Bruce, Joseph Woolston, Jordan Bruce, Norman Cantrell, Steve Davis, Bruce Johnson, Garrett Olberding, Guest Ben Sutter and Caleb Bendull  
Ben is in the process of joining the Guild.

Minutes presented: and approved

### Treasurer Report

Current Balance is \$3510,41

Caleb Bendull introduced himself and indicated that there are about 70 pianos in inventory at UCO (including a mere 10, 1098's). One of his jobs is taking care of the Jazz Lab

### Newsletter Report

Thanks to Joe for doing a great job and keeping us informed.

Christmas Party upcoming Dec 16 at 6:00 p.m. Friday night. Invitations will be sent out and will be asking for RSVP. So be nice and respond, Se Vous Plez! Dirty Santa with a \$20 limit.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Notification for Dues have been sent out

SCRC registration is up and online.

Service Stories were exchanged

Business Meeting Adjourned

### Technical

The Technical Presentation on Tuning Pins, Pinblock design and drilling techniques and tuning pin repairs was presented as a round table discussion.

Minutes reported by Norman Cantrell, Secretary

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## PTG Upcoming Events

### March 2023

#### [2023 South Central Regional Conference](#)

Starts: Mar 7, 2023 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Mar 10, 2023 18:00 (CT)

Where: Holiday Inn & Suites North, 6200 N Robinson Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

### July 2023

#### [2023 ANNUAL PTG CONVENTION & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE](#)

Starts: Jul 26, 2023 08:00 (ET)

Ends: Jul 29, 2023 22:00 (ET)

Where: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202