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Central Oklahoma Chapter

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## *THE SOONER TUNER*

### Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, September, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Location: Kelsey's residence  
Address: [6417 Urschel Ct, OKC 73132](#)  
Time: 8:30 AM

Technical: We will be exploring string splicing and string replacement



### Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

Co-President - Doug Snook, RPT

Secretary – Maddie Magee,  
Member

Co-President - David Bonham, RPT

Newsletter Editor – Joseph  
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Treasurer - Gary Bruce, RPT





David Bonham, RPT

## President's Message

Dear Central Oklahoma Chapter friends,

Summer is nearly over, with Fall starting in just two weeks. For me, this past month seems to have gone by very quickly. Are you back in the groove of your regular work schedule? For many of us, this profession offers enough variety so that there isn't too much sameness. Each week can be unique, and this helps me from becoming tired or bored with routine.

Our next meeting is at the home of Kelsey Toole, one of our newest members. After the business meeting, we will be focusing on string replacement issues and techniques. What causes strings to break, and what, if anything, can we do to minimize string breakage? What supplies and tools should we have in our toolkit or car to make replacing strings an efficient process? When is tying or splicing a string a good alternative to replacement? These are a few of the questions we will be addressing in a collaborative lesson format. Please bring your own tools and be ready to share your experience on this topic. We will have a grand and a vertical piano on hand to facilitate hands-on learning.

Come enjoy the fellowship and learning available at our meetings, and see where Kelsey lives and does some of her piano work. She lives in a home about a mile south of me in the Lansbrook neighborhood. The house also serves as a storage place for a number of pianos that I own, and some of the instruments I am storing for clients are there as well.

See you next Thursday!

David Bonham, RPT



### *Technical Ideas, Anyone?*

After most of our Chapter meetings we, your Chapter officers usually meet the next Wednesday morning for breakfast and to brainstorm ideas for future technical presentations. However, we don't have to be the only ones coming up with these potential topics. You may have some great ideas for technicals that we haven't thought of yet. They might have to do with things like tuning by ear; working with felt, cloth and leather in pianos; dealing with clicks, buzzes and squeaks; regulating vertical pianos; all about pedals and trapwork, string splicing and replacement, concert prep; replacing hammers mice in pianos; etc. Or maybe things like growing your business, putting together work estimates, keeping the books, getting and keeping new clients, insurance needs, ways to organize your tools both in the shop and in the field, and so on. You are invited to make a list, short or long, plain or fancy doesn't matter, and share those ideas with us.

Thanks ,and see you at the next meeting.

Doug Snook, RPT



*How many times have you shown up for a piano tuning to find something like this?*

*What do you do?*

*Do you tell the customer not worth tuning and that the piano has exceeded it's life expectancy?*

*Do you just attempt to tune it?*

*If the customer still wants it tuned, do you ask how the piano is being used, ie. are Kids taking lessons?*

*Do you discuss restoration*



**PTG Central Oklahoma Chapter 731**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 21st, 2025



**Location:** David Bonham's Piano Shop  
10717 N Eastlake Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73162

**Members Present:** Gary Bruce, Doug Snook, Norman Cantrell, Joe Woolston, Bruce Johnson, David Bonham, Maddie Magee, Kelsey Toole, Steve Davis, Vince Mrykalo

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bruce

Call to order at 9:15 AM

Minutes presented by Gary Bruce. Minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report (as of 7/31/2025):** \$2,797.84

\$500 paid in June to Liz Ward for delegate duties (recorded in 6.19 minutes), plus \$10 paid to the boys who played piano for us at our June meeting.

**Old Business:** Reported that the regional council meeting was uneventful, but it would still be good to get a report from Liz to hear her perspective as delegate. The chapter acknowledged that we will have less representation on the regional council going forward, as Norman and Doug are no longer on the board.

Discussed the value of keeping our chapter website up and running. Next renewal will be in a little over two and a half years. Decided to review the website's traffic metrics at our next meeting.

**New Business:** Discussed some potential new members who have shown interest in visiting our chapter in the past couple of months. Decided that we need to review our current mailing list to ensure that all interested parties are receiving our newsletter.

Informal discussion time.

Business meeting officially adjourned at 10:44

**Technical:** Members who attended the 2025 Annual PTG Convention shared their convention experiences and what they learned in the various classes attended.

Two people are walking down the street.

One is a pianist; the other didn't have any money either.

## Upcoming PTG Events

### October 2025

#### [International APTTA \(Australasian Piano Tuners and Technicians Association\) Piano Technicians Conv](#)

Starts: Oct 3, 2025 08:00 (NZ)

Ends: Oct 5, 2025 17:00 (NZ)

Where: Christchurch Town Hall, 86 Kilmore Street, Christchurch, 8013

#### [Grand Action Regulation in 37 Steps](#)

Starts: Oct 16, 2025 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Oct 18, 2025 18:00 (CT)

Where: Piano Technicians Guild Home Office, 4444 Forest Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106

#### [One Day All-Star Seminar](#)

When: Oct 25, 2025 from 08:00 to 16:00 (CT)

Where: Steinway Piano Gallery, 4285 Sidco Dr, Nashville, TN 37204

#### [Exam Weekend at the PTG Home Office](#)

Starts: Oct 25, 2025 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Oct 26, 2025 17:00 (CT)

Where: PTG Home Office, 4444 Forest Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106

### July 2026

#### [2026 PTG Convention & Technical Institute](#)

Starts: Jul 22, 2026 08:00 (ET)

Ends: Jul 25, 2026 17:00 (ET)

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

### October 2026

#### [2026 Midwest Regional Conference](#)

Starts: Oct 3, 2026 08:00 (CT)

Ends: Oct 5, 2026 17:00 (CT)

Where: Washington University, 560 Center, St. Louis, MO 63130