

The Buckeye Backcheck

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



In the absence of our fearless leader, I took the reins for the May meeting. I would like to commend Chris Purdy for a well-served presidency of the Columbus Chapter. His fore planning for interesting technical presentations, and organized business meetings made the evenings a pleasure to attend. I would like to thank Chris for his time, and travel to support the Chapter and wish him well in his new position. Congratulations to Evan Bingham for accepting to step into the leadership position.

As in many organizations, there are never enough people willing to commit the time and energy to the cause. The Columbus Chapter has been fortunate that many have taken on that commitment through the years. A portion of the May meeting was dedicated to a possible Associate Day training seminar. The Chapter is seeking input on items deemed the most value to Associates proceeding with the testing process. Associate members should have the most to gain by attending meetings.

Six RPT's were present with well over 125 years of combined experience in piano technology willing to share information and knowledge. Why was there only one associate member there for the meeting? We assumed free food wasn't enough of an incentive! Without new member's ideas, questions and leadership a Chapter cannot remain viable.

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Chapter Meeting Minutes May 17, 2011

The meeting was held at Donatos Pizza in Westerville.

Attendance:

Mark Ritchie, Ron Kenreich, Chris Burget, Chris Altenburg, Evan Bingham, Kim Hoessly, John Schmoll, Ben Wiant

Treasurer's Report:

Our big CD \$1687.43 came due and is deposited in our checking which is now \$2560.37. Our other CD is worth \$620.29 today. It is due November 5, 2011. Total in the bank Checking and CD = \$3180.66

Old Business:

The Piano Forte Event planned for this Fall has now been put on hold until other funding arrangements can be made, or the Home Office makes more funding available.

New Business:

Delegate's Agenda:

1) Chapter Dissolution/Asset Conveyance - The Chapter agrees with the Board and Bylaws Committee on changing the language in the Bylaws Article VIII, Section I. This would make accounting easier for the PTG Foundation upon receipt of any dissolved Chapter's assets. And it would also give dissolving Chapters more freedom in liquidating their assets as they see fit.

2) LaRoy Edwards Dedicated Instructor Award - The Chapter agrees with the Board and Bylaws Committee to defeat the proposal for the new award. Despite unanimous respect for LaRoy Edwards and all of his accomplishments, it is felt that another award will only serve to dilute the importance of the others as well as consume even more resources in the volunteer Awards Committee and Home Office Staff.

3) National/Regional Elections - Most positions are unopposed with the exception of the National Vice President. The Chapter chose to support Laura Olsen of Chicago Chapter 601.

4) Dues Increase - The Chapter disagrees with the Board's proposal to increase annual dues by \$20.00.

Chapter Elections:

Evan Bingham was elected to be Chapter President since Chris Purdy stepped down before moving out of state. All other Officers maintained their positions. Mark Ritchie is Vice-President; Ron Kenreich is Treasurer; and Chris Burget is Secretary.

Chapter Picnic - Scheduled for Saturday September 10, 2011. Exact location and time is TBA.

Associate Test Preparation - Also discussed was how the Chapter may address some of the needs of Associate Members who wish to take the RPT Exams. No firm plans were made but the possibility of a Training Day Seminar(s) was discussed, or possibly meeting before normal meeting times for some instruction on various tasks and procedures. Associates may want to think about what areas they feel they need the most help.

Butts & Flanges:

John Schmoll relayed his experience tuning a rare Wurlitzer Grand that did not have a pinblock. The pins were merely mounted into the plate and he said the pins were extremely tight. So tight that he thought of the possibility of damaging his tuning hammer.

Kim Hoessly found a new use for an extending antenna magnet. She needed to measure the string height in a customer's piano but didn't have a string height gauge with her. So, she improvised by extending the magnet down into the piano and marking the shaft of the antenna magnet with a marker and then measured the distance with a ruler after removing the magnet.

Ron Kenreich worked on a Baldwin Grand with a key that would play normally except on very hard repetitive blows. Some of the theories posited were: the jack may have been too far forward in relation to the knuckle; the repetition lever spring may have been too weak; incorrect repetition lever height or incorrect jack height in the window. Any combination of these may affect repetition causing the jack to trip out from under the knuckle prematurely, or not allow the jack to fully center itself under the knuckle on hard repetitive blows.



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Our Condolences Mr. Baldassin

www.abc4.com/mediacenter/local.aspx?videoid=2307896



Umm... Damp-Chaser, Anyone?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpKT_eeCVNI

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*Contributions and pictures for
the Buckeye Backcheck and the
web page are always welcome,
(even if they are only periph-
erally related to pianos)!*

- Chris Burget

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Chapter Picnic

Location and Time TBA

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