

# The Buckeye Backcheck

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Thank you, Justin and Nathan for hosting our September meeting. It looked like everybody enjoyed themselves. We had a great discussion, thanks to everybody for your contributions, especially Morgan for sharing thoughts and information from the August Convention. Thanks to our guests for tolerating our long technical meeting, but I think they had a pretty good time in the other room anyway.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming meetings this fall, I hope we can all benefit from getting together and exchanging ideas. I want to emphasize to our newer members that it's always good to ask questions even if you think they may be elementary ones. I promise the more experienced members will not judge you, and will in fact be enthusiastic to volunteer as much information as they can to help you. Often questions are not as simple as they may seem, and discussions will lead to things that are new to many people. Ben Wiant, even after a lifetime of experience, would say there is always something to learn. So please don't feel intimidated about asking questions; you're among friends.

Wayne Strautman announced at the meeting that he passed his tuning exam. Kudos and Congratulations, Wayne!

David Stang

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## Chapter Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

The meeting was hosted by member Justin Swain at his home.

### Attendance:

Andrew Kovaleski, Chris Purdy, Kim Hoessly, Mark Ritchie, Wayne Strautman, David Stang, Justin Swain, Morgan Sieg, Ron Kenreich, Evan Bingham, Victor Wolfe, David Chadwick,

### Treasurer's Report:

\$2285.76

### Old Business:

N/A

Congratulations to member Wayne Strautman on the passage of his RPT exam at the National Convention this summer - bravo!



### New Business:

The chapter voted to run a full inside page ad in the PianoRama program this November. The ad costs \$50 and benefits the Ohio MTA. The graphic used for the ad was designed by Chris Purdy's wife.

Andrew and Justin were reimbursed for food expenses from the September meeting at Justin's house. Andrew was reimbursed \$48.50 for pizza, and Justin was reimbursed \$XXX for cheese, crackers, and other refreshments.

### Butts and Flanges:

Justin Swain took home the music desk from an Apollo grand in which the hinge screws on the rack had stripped out of their holes, and he was not sure of the appropriate way to align it so that the rack was supported by the desk. Members puzzled with it for a while to find an alignment in which the bottom of the rack was supported against the back side of the tray, although all agreed that this was a poor design which puts too much strain on the hinge screws.

Evan Bingham was having trouble finding parts for newer Baldwins, and finally succeeded by contacting North American Music, Inc at [USAPianos@yahoo.com](mailto:USAPianos@yahoo.com), with a contact named Gary. For example, Evan was able to find a slow fall mechanism through this contact. Evan also has contact info for an individual in Texas who bought all of the old stock Baldwin parts.

David Chadwick recently replaced leg bolts on two Yamaha pianos due to movers who lost them. The chapter had a discussion on always recommending piano-specific movers for any piano. For long-distance moves, an effective strategy is to hire local piano movers at the departure point and destination to load and unload pianos from the moving truck.



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### **Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 19**

**7:00 PM**

**Refreshments will be provided**

**Meeting will be hosted at:**

**Graves Piano and Organ**

**5798 Karl Road**

**Columbus, OH 43229**

**Technical - Bring a tool or two that you like and other people may not be aware of, or a tool you're not sure how to use. We'll demonstrate on one of the pianos there.**

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