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## Chapter Meeting Minutes March 21, 2017

The meeting was held at Orange Johnson House Museum in Worthington.

### Attendance:

Mitch Staples, Ron Kenreich, Chris Burget, Kim Hoessly, Mark Ritchie, and Dwight Hansen.

### Treasurer's Report:

\$1369.99

### Old Business:

Future technicals were discussed and tentatively planned for:

March - Tröndlin Fortepiano at the Orange Johnson House in Worthington

April - "Lettoff is Everything, Drop Happens" by Phil Walters, at Graves Pianos

May - Plastic keytop repair by Larry Messerly, CERVP, at Columbus Piano Leasing

Sam Stahl is back in Columbus and has joined the Guild and will be transferring his membership to our chapter.

### New Business:

The Chapter made its annual donation to the OMTA in the amount of \$150 toward a scholarship for its summer program.

The May meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 23**, which is the **fourth Tuesday** of the month instead of the third. This is when Larry Messerly was able to come.

### Technical Presentation:

There was no technical presentation given because our contact at the Orange Johnson House never arrived to let us in to view the Tröndlin Forte Piano. As of publication, no arrangements have yet been made for another visit.

## For Sale

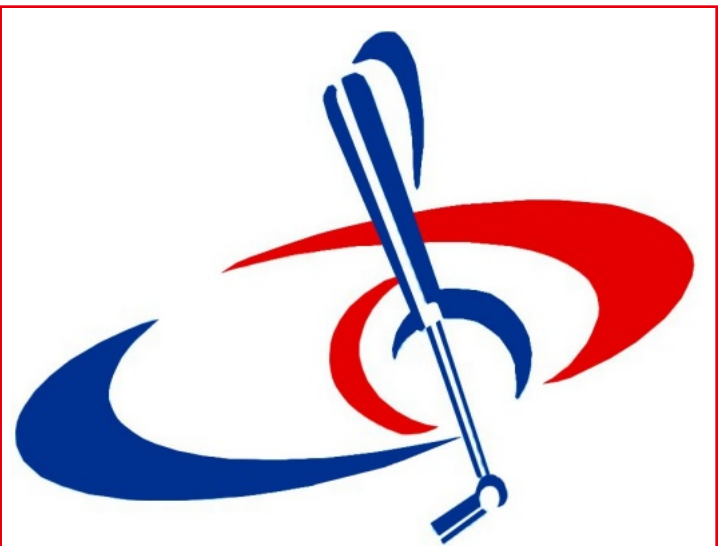
The following was sent to me by Mark Ritchie, and he asked that I forward this to the Chapter and other techs who may be interested.

"Andy Launer called me and said he is moving and is no longer going to have room for a shop. He would like to get rid of his shop supplies.

Interested persons should contact him at [614-442-7893](tel:614-442-7893) or cell [614-581-6859](tel:614-581-6859)

His move is planned in the couple of weeks. Would you forward this to the mailing list and also include it in the newsletter."

Thanks



**PTG MARC 2017**  
Harrisburg - Hershey, PA  
Thursday 4/27-Sunday 4/30

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## ~ In Memoriam ~

### Thomas Herbert Harr

BAINBRIDGE: Thomas Herbert Harr, of Bainbridge, Ohio, died Friday, February 13, 2015 after a very short diagnosis of cancer.

Tom was born in Hamilton, Ohio December 6, 1943, and graduated from Ohio University. He was a National Merit Scholar, and majored in Philosophy and Logic, which he taught at Ohio University after graduating. Quickly tiring of having to teach students elementary English in order to decipher their papers, he studied piano tuning in Cleveland and became a piano technician. He became an expert at repair and reconstruction of many keyboard instruments, including pianos, harpsichords, harmoniums, nickelodeons, organs, and even theater organs. He traveled all over Ohio for his company, RSVPiano Services, and wrote many articles for piano publications.

After retiring from piano tuning and repair, Tom became known as 'The man who walks' around Bainbridge. He spent his time reading and raising opinions.

Tom is survived by his sisters, Betsy and Edie; his brother, Bill; nephew, Will; nieces, Heather, Holly and Katie; and his cat, Marty.

Tom was a lapsed atheist, so there will be no service. He was cremated, and in the spring will be interred with his parents, Bill and Mary Harr.

In lieu of flowers, please donate a cat to a neighbor. Tom would have liked that. He rescued cats his whole life. You might give up smoking, also.

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Editor's Note: I just recently discovered this and think that some of the Chapter members may not have been aware as this was two years ago. For those who didn't know him, Tom was a former Chapter member who also contributed many pictures and articles, some of which can be found on his Tom Tuner Flickr page on the Chapter website at:

<http://www.ptgcolumbus.org/links.html>

<http://www.ptgcolumbus.org/technical-photos.html>

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/tom\\_tuner/with/1520067731/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/tom_tuner/with/1520067731/)





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## Chapter Meeting

**Tuesday, April 18**  
**7:00pm**

**Graves Piano & Organ Co.**  
5798 Karl Road  
Columbus, OH 43229  
[www.gravespianos.com](http://www.gravespianos.com)

**Topic:** "Let-off is Everything;  
Drop Happens" by Phil Walters

**Map Link:**  
<http://goo.gl/maps/hoXHi>

## Chapter Meeting

**Tuesday, May 23**  
**7:00pm**

**Fourth Tuesday of May!**

**Columbus Piano Leasing**  
6493 Proprietors Rd  
Worthington, OH 43085  
[columbuspianoleasing.com](http://columbuspianoleasing.com)

Pizza & Drinks at **6:30pm**  
Meeting at **7:00pm**

**Topic:** Acrylikey Repair. by  
Larry Messerly, CERVP

**Map Link:**  
[goo.gl/maps/aQFWAu1wbhT2](http://goo.gl/maps/aQFWAu1wbhT2)

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