

# The Buckeye Backcheck

Newsletter of the Columbus Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



So this month, I have several end of the year odds & ends. I participated in a conference call with several other chapter presidents and our RVP Maria Pollock (she is a hard worker organizing these chats). We discussed the upcoming council session. She took questions and comments about the by-laws proposals and clarified a few things. Most of the comments lined up with our discussion at the last meeting. We all agreed that the proposal to eliminate the word Annual in regards to the Convention (opening the door to the possibility of a biennial Convention) would probably be the most hotly debated item. The dues increase is only three dollars due to an amendment (which Maria said was her suggestion) to raise dues according based on the cost of living increase (this was a bylaws amendment last year, I believe. See National by-laws, Art. II, section G) Maria said there was discussion about having the RVP elections being held electronically so that more members could participate in that election. Currently, the election is done at convention. I did ask about a salary breakdown for the staff at the Home Office and she said she thought that was reasonable and would request that (others participating in the conference call agreed). Maria will not be standing for re-election as RVP. She told us that Larry Messerly, who has been serving as the Western RVP, has moved to Wisconsin and would like to continue serving on the board as our Central East RVP. As he has experience and is willing to take on this job (and no one else has come forward), those of us in this conference thought that sounded like a good plan. We'll find out more at the Regional Caucus.

As will probably be noted in the minutes we decided not to have a picnic this year. Reasons cited were low attendance and busy schedules. If the members so decide next spring, we may bring it back. Doesn't hurt to take a year off once in a while.

If you have topics you'd like to see presented at meeting technicals, please contact me or any other board members. I'm hoping to have a board meeting sometime before September to go over that item. If you are interested in participating in that discussion, let me know that as well. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings, I just need to know in advance so I can include you in the email.

We are still planning to have Robert Murphy come down. Right now I am looking at Saturday, Oct 3 (so this would replace our regularly scheduled Oct. meeting). This will be another topic at the summer board meeting.

According to a teacher client of mine, the OMTA is going to phase out its paper directory. This coming year they will have a minimal directory that will only have dates and members listed. They will no longer be doing advertising. Susan is supposed to get back to me about a type of membership category that individuals can use, like store owners and technicians. I will forward that to the membership when I get that. I'm assuming the AGO will be the same.

Have a great summer and we will see you in September if not before.

Kim Hoessly, RPT

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## Chapter Meeting Minutes May 19, 2015

The meeting was held at Classic Pianos Columbus.

### Attendance:

Kim Hoessly, Ron Kenreich, Chris Burget, Chris Altenburg, Ben Peters, Mark Ritchie, David Stang, and host Gary Oliver of Classic Pianos, and guest Ray Chandler of Yamaha/Bosendorfer.

### Treasurer's Report:

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### Old Business:

No update on status of the Chapter Library.

No update on the Fortepiano mini seminar in September or October.

Kim Hoessly may be Delegate to Council this year.

### New Business:

There will be no picnic this Summer. Turnout has been low to the last couple, and the topic will be revisited in the Spring.

### Chapter Elections:

- President - Kim Hoessly
- Vice-President - Vacant
- Secretary - Chris Burget
- Treasurer - Ron Kenreich

Bylaws proposals, and their descriptions, can be found in the supplement to the May 2015 issue of the Journal and won't be detailed here. Instructions for Kim Hoessly, Delegate to Council are as follows:

- 1: Tuning Exams - Yes
- 2: Inactive Standing Committees - Yes
- 3: Annual Convention - Defer to Kim
- 4: RVP as Ex-Officio Member of Chapters in Region - Defer to Kim
- 5: Payment Deadline for New Members - Defer to Kim
- 6: Chapters - Defer to Kim
- 7: Membership Applications - Yes
- 8: Financial Authority - Defer to Kim
- 9: Ethics Violations - Defer to Kim

## In Memorium: Don Carle



Don had been a member of the Chapter for several years, although due to his location outside of Columbus, and his military service, he had not been able to attend many meetings in a while. Kim Hoessly has suggested that the Chapter possibly make a donation in his memory to the PTG Foundation.

Donald Carle, 51, of Ashville passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Ohio State University Hospital. He was born on August 9, 1963 in Columbus to Lawrence and Dorothy (Bumgarner) Carle. He attended OSU and was a member of the marching band, he was serving in the US Army, a veteran of Iraqi freedom and served as an Army recruiter and a member of the Army band, he was the owner of Donald Carle Piano Tuning, accomplished amateur photographer, loved classical music, politics, history, nutrition and fitness and dog lover. He was preceded in death by his parents. Donald is survived by siblings, David (Clarice), Thomas (Laureen), Michael (Mary), James (Vera) and Pat Carle, Martha (Randy) McCoy, Donna Findley, Janet Matthews, Rosemary Kirk; special friend, Tom Downard; faithful companions, Argon and Jarmo; and by many nieces and nephews. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 134 West Mound Street, Circleville Ohio 43113 Wounded Warriors P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675 or Fisher House Foundation 111 Rockville Pike Suite 420, Rockville Maryland.

Online condolences can be made to

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## The Takeaway

by Kim Hoessly

Here's what folks took away from the May Meeting:

David S.

I enjoyed Ray Chandler's presentation about Bosendorfer. I did already know that Bosendorfer rims are not hardwood, however I didn't realize the structural beams are also made of spruce! This was a big surprise to me - you might as well have told me that my car suspension is made of spruce.

Chris B.

One takeaway for me was how Bosendorfer recommends filing their hammers in one direction only, passing right over the crown. Also, it was amazing how soft their hammers appeared to be in the video. They looked so easy to needle... must save money on the band aids!

Mark R

The info on the metric wire was informative and GC in Canada (I believe that he is referring to JD Grandt Piano Supply in Richmond Hill, ON. Mark, correct me if I'm wrong-Kim) as a possible supplier for replacement bass strings in the Bosendorfer.

Ben P.

Hello. Sorry it has taken soooooo long for me to get back to you. The thing that stood out most to me was the fact that there is such a thing as standard and metric piano wire and our need to be conscious of that when replacing a string. Hope I didn't get this info to you too late.

Kim H.

Have to say I ditto comments about the piano wire and the hammer filing technique (wish he had gone into more detail about why they thought that was better). Also found it informative to hear about Yamaha's update of the Conservatory series. Good things to know when chatting with customers who have questions.





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Mark Ritchie says you can still enjoy  
grandma's piano for many years to come!



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the Buckeye Backcheck and the  
web page are always welcome,  
(even if they are only  
peripherally related to pianos)!*  
- Chris Burget

Chapter Meeting  
**Tuesday, September 15**

**Location To Be  
Announced**

**No Chapter Picnic  
this Summer**

**See you in  
September**

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