

The Buckeye Backcheck

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have definitely entered the busy season! So far I've been keeping up with private customers and everything here at the university. My busy season is probably a little different than most of yours, though. Since we are on the quarter system here at OU, all the students will be leaving campus before Thanksgiving and won't return until after the New Year. That has been a blessing and a curse for me. For the university, it is a great time to catch up on faculty and classroom pianos. But privately, everyone tends to leave town during those six weeks so my tuning schedule is generally pretty slow. I don't even really experience a

Christmas rush like most piano tuners. But I will be busy this November and that's the reason I'm telling you all this. I will be attending the Steinway touch and tone seminar in a couple of weeks so I will not be able to attend the November meeting. I'll be very sorry to miss Kim's presentation on hammer filing and I apologize to everyone for being absent.

I highly encourage everyone to take advantage of every continuing education offering possible. It's so easy to get overwhelmed with a busy schedule and put off additional training but I really believe that I have to MAKE time to attend as many as possible. I have learned so much from attending classes, seminars, and conventions. I don't think I have ever left one of these events feeling as though I had wasted my time. Watch the journal for listings of upcoming events and make a commitment to attend whatever you can make time for. And don't forget chapter meetings! We have a great lineup of technicals scheduled for this year. I'm sure you'll get something important out of each one.

Hope that your busy season is productive and manageable this year.

Chris

Upcoming Meetings

The next chapter meeting will be Nov. 16 (my postponed technical on Hammer filing tips).
Dave McDonald has invited us to the Piano Warehouse on Proprietor's Road in Worthington.

- Kim Hoessly

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Chapter Meeting Minutes October 19, 2010

by Chris Burget, Secretary

The meeting was held at Henderson's Music.

Attendance: Chris Purdy, Chris Burget, Kim Hoessly, Evan Bingham, Bryan Hartzler, Victor Wolfe, Mike O'Neill, Bob and Lou Grubb, Dean Nedvecki, and guest presenters Rick Parks and Mary Ruth Ianucci.

Old Business:

Details are still being worked out for the FortePiano Event. No firm date has been established yet but suggestions included having a Master Class for music majors on a Friday followed by a concert that evening. Then having a technical on the Saturday for technicians. A possible location may be The Church Of The Master in Westerville by Otterbein University. Also discussed was the possibility of receiving grant money from the National PTG for the event.

Mike O'Neill expressed interest in taking over Chapter Librarian duties from Ben Wiant. Mike lives in the Marysville area and arrangements are being made to accommodate any requests for library materials. Chris Burget has also expressed interest in taking any old Journal editions that may be redundant in the other library items.

Evan Bingham discussed his experiences at the International PTG Convention in Las Vegas. Some of the classes he liked were "Full Service Approach To Tuning" and "Strings and Things" as well as classes on Harpsichord maintenance. He also was the lucky winner of a Verituner, but already having one he offered it up for wager. Fred Sturm RPT was the the winner. The results of voting on the various proposals can be found in the October 2010 Backcheck.

New Business:

Future technicals for the next year have all been planned except for April 2011 (as of this writing).

Suggestions are welcome. Planned Technicals include: Hammer Shaping; Wapin Bridge Pins; Wes, Nickel & Gross Carbon Fiber Actions; and Reyburn Cybertuner and Cyberhammer.

Several issues from the latest Leader Letter were discussed. PTG dues will be mailed November 1 and are also payable online. PTG is also seeking any suggestions for it's Visually Impaired Committee. All nominations for Golden Hammer Award and Member Of Note are due by December 31.

The Chapter also recently voted to contribute a \$100 scholarship to OMTA's Summer Music Study Program. Auditions for this will be held April 2, 2011 at First Congregational Church downtown.

Butts And Flanges:

Mike O'Neill inquired about wooden elbows on a spinet. A lifter rod had broken off and part of it remained inside the elbow and it was desired to maintain the original wood elbows and not use a modern composite replacements. Various methods of removal were discussed including drilling a hole next to the broken lifter and removing it through the new hole and then replugging the hole afterwards (provided there is enough wood to do so). Or drilling a tiny screw into the broken stub and using that to extract it.

Evan Bingham also inquired as to various methods of cleaning between tuning pins. Some said they use a clean dry paintbrush and possibly in conjunction with a vacuum. Foaming carpet cleaner was also discussed for extreme cases but great care probably should be taken to prevent seeping into tuning pin bushings.

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Presentation:

The topic was "Supplemental Insurance For The Self Employed" and was presented by Dean Nedvecki and AFLAC agents Rick Parks and Mary Ruth Ianicci. A general overview was offered for their various programs like: Accident Protection for on, and off, the job accidents; Hospital Protection to help pay deductibles and co-pays for primary insurance plans; Cancer Protection for you or family members; Heart Coverage paying out money directly to policy holder at the time of stroke or heart attack and for each day spent in the hospital; Supplemental Dental and Vision; Life Insurance starting at \$1.79/week as well as Juvenile Life policies; Family Planning and Maternity Packages for those looking to have children. Each of these programs also have different levels unto themselves that can be combined with one another as one's individual or family's needs may dictate.

Rick also shared some anecdotes about various individuals who had multiple health problems and injuries, some within the same calendar year, and how having AFLAC helped/would have helped pay hospital bills as well as utilities, mortgage, food, etc.... He also touched on how these programs may or may not be compatible with some HSA's (Health Savings Accounts) and that some laws on that subject may change in addition to the other possible changes to our nation's health care as a whole.

Average turn around for payment of claims is 7 days.

Monthly premiums for any given programs, or combinations thereof, stay the same FOREVER or as long as those programs are held by the policy holder.

For more detailed explanations of programs or to schedule an appointment contact:

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Dean introduces our guests at the October Meeting

FOR SALE

From Mark Ritchie

This 1917 Knabe is for sale. It has new block and re-strung dampers and action rebuild, refinished w/bench.

Contact for information

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MASON & HAMLIN / WNG SEMINAR

I received this email for a seminar scheduled for Monday, 11/8. Boardman / Canfield, OH is about a two and a half hour drive from Columbus. I talked with the dealer and learned that the presentation will primarily be about the new WNG line of action parts. We are scheduled to have WNG here to speak to us at our May meeting and my guess is that this will pretty much be the same presentation. However, since Solich Music is now the dealer for Mason Hamlin (and Kawai) for this area, I thought some of you may be interested in attending. If you are interested in building a relationship with such a dealer, this would be a good chance to meet them and get your foot in the door. They sell in the Columbus area and will need technicians to call on for work in your area. Also, the seminar would be great to attend if you will not be able to come to our meeting in May or if you just would like to learn as much as you can about their carbon action parts.

(there is no charge for the seminar and there is a free dinner...)

Note, this is not a PTG sponsored regional seminar as is written. This is a Mason Hamlin / WNG technical presentation sponsored by Solich Music Co. PTG members and all other piano technicians are invited to attend.

- Chris

Mason & Hamlin pianos are coming to Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania! Bruce Clark, head technical designer for M&H, will present a PTG Regional Seminar on M&H Grand Pianos on Monday, November 8. In addition, Mr. Clark will also be demonstrating the new action components from Wessell, Nickel, & Gross. The complimentary dinner and Seminar will take place at the Hampton Inn 6690 Ironwood Blvd. Canfield, OH 44406 on Monday, November 8, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Solich Piano and Mason & Hamlin would like to invite everyone who is interested in learning about these revolutionary redesigned instruments to join us.

Everyone interested in attending should RSVP by calling 330-726-9400 or e-mailing TCSolich@aol.com by Thursday, November 4.

Could you please help us spread the word about this top-notch seminar by inviting your friends and colleagues as well? Thanks in advance. See you on Monday, November 8.

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

- David

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:30pm
The Piano Warehouse
6370-A Proprietors Rd, Worthington
(East side of the road)
Program: Hammer shaping
by Kim Hoessly

No meeting in December.
Happy Holidays and don't overwork!

*Many thanks to Chris Burget, Chris Purdy, Mark Ritchie
and Kim Hoessly for their contributions!*

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