

The Buckeye Backcheck

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Members,

Thanks to all made it to Brian's shop for our last meeting. Brian had some very interesting ideas to consider on soundboard replacement and refinishing. Really more information than we had time to cover in one evening.

I hope Brian would consider another technical at his shop this fall. As for the next meeting, my plans for a tour of the Muller Pipe Organ Company in Croton, Ohio did not work out in time for our meeting for June. They would love to have us come to their shop this fall. I will let you know as soon as I can work something out with John Muller. Since I didn't have a backup planned we will not have a meeting in June, July or August for that matter. Chapter picnic in September will be announced later. Have a great summer!

John Schmoll, RPT
President

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Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2012

The meeting was held at Bryan Hartzler's shop.

Attendance:

John Schmoll, Mark Ritchie, Ron Kenreich, Chris Burget, Chris Altenburg, Dave Gorsuch, Bob Grubb, Bryan Hartzler, Kim Hoessly, David Stang, Mitch Staples, Victor Wolfe

Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter has \$3,255.10 in checking.

Old Business:

As of the meeting there was still no Delegate for Council at the Annual International PTG Convention and no members had voiced any plans to attend.

New Business:

A meeting was tentatively planned (but later cancelled) for June 19, 2012, and John Schmoll was going to try and organize a tour of The Muller Pipe Organ Co. in Croton, Ohio.

Chapter Elections were held and the results were as follows:

President: John Schmoll

Vice-President: Bryan Hartzler

Treasurer: Ron Kenreich

Secretary: Chris Burget

Announcements

Kim announced that she was dropping her business phone land line, but her cell phone is still available. (614) 537-8596
khoessly@columbus.rr.com

Kim Hoessly also announced that she is still available for Associates who would like to take the written exam. Get in touch with her if you would like to take the test.



Any Requests...?



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Bryan Hartzler's Steinway A Restoration

Our newest Vice-President kindly hosted the May meeting and showed the Chapter his latest restoration project: A Steinway "A" refitted with a new Bolduc soundboard with sugar pine ribs. He demonstrated many things, including how he installed the board and set the plate height, and how he reinstalled the bridges with a self-made bridge locator jig. He also explained some of his methods of refinishing and showed what kind of dyes, shellacs, lacquers and sealers he likes to use. He even touched on refinishing damper heads and lacquering new agraffes to prevent tarnishing. He also adheres the fallboard sticker before lacquering so it doesn't peel away over time. He then fielded some general rebuilding questions. These points only scratch the surface of what he had to show. This could have easily filled an all-day seminar.





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...Down In The Dumps...



Photo Credit: Marcus Yam for The New York Times

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Article: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/30/arts/music/for-more-pianos-last-note-is-thud-in-the-dump.html?gwh=>

Slideshow: <http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2012/07/29/arts/music/077292012PIANOS.html?ref=music>

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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)!
- Chris Burget*

Upcoming Events Chapter Picnic

**Saturday, September 15, 2012,
1:00 to 5:00 pm**

Highwater Congregational
Church UCC
1213 Dutch Lane NW
near Newark, OH 43055

Please RSVP John Schmoll at:
jfschmoll@embarqmail.com

Meat & Drinks will be provided.

Map Link:
<http://goo.gl/maps/8Hf2L>

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