



Meeting Notice
Monday, January 13, 2003

Board Meeting
and Dinner
6:30 p.m .

Chapter Meeting
7:30 p.m.
"Key Covering"

Presenter:
Our very own
Cal Champine, RPT

Location:
Acromag, Inc.
30765 S. Wixom Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393
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Map and Driving
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THOUGHTS at LARGE

JANUARY 2003

Happy New Year!

I'm glad to have survived the year end madness and still have energy for future appointments. I hope all of you enjoyed safe and prosperous years as well. I have begun to wonder what some piano manufacturers were thinking of when designing some of the pianos we occasionally bump into.

Some Examples:

MINIPIANO, made in America by Hardman-Peck of New York.

MINI GRAND, made by Janssen; sold by Smiley Brothers of Detroit. A spinet with a body overlay resembling a grand piano. It's definitely a PSO.

Do you have any to add?

These items were posted in the December Leader Letter:

Instructors Needed

The Chapter Resource Committee is currently looking for instructors who have experience in teaching at the Chapter level. We are also looking for members who wish to be future instructors to participate in this worthwhile venture.

If you would like to help, please contact Chapter Resource Committee Chair Richard Bittner, RPT at richardb@atdial.net

Deadlines:

Membership Dues - Dues invoices were mailed in November and are due January 1, 2003 and will be considered delinquent if not paid by January 31, 2003.

Officer Nominations: The Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and for Regional Vice Presidents. Any chapter may submit a nomination. Any member in good standing may offer his or her name for consideration. Names must be submitted no later than February 1, 2003, to be included in the Nominating Committee report, which will be printed for the 2003 Council agenda book. Nominations should be sent to Nominating Committee Chair Ruth Phillips, 3096 Bristol Road, Warrington, PA 18976

Foundation Offers Scholarships: The Piano Technicians Guild Foundation Associate Scholarships are designed to assist Associate Members in advancing their education by attending the PTG Annual Convention. Further, they encourage these individuals to complete examinations to become a Registered Piano Technicians (RPT). The scholarships provide funds for the PTG Annual Convention member registration fee, as well as an examination fee to cover the applicant's choice of either the PTG Technical or Tuning Examination. See me for an application if you're interested.

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Piano Technician's Guild – Detroit/Windsor Chapter 481

November 4, 2002

Location: King's Keyboard House, Ann Arbor, MI

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Rick Bowen, RPT

Attended by: 10 RPT's, 11 associates, 3 guests. A quorum was established

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Dave Foster, RPT
As of November 4, 2002 \$5,135.78

Future Technicals: Zen Reinhardt, RPT
January: Cal Champine - "keytops"
February: Party

Social: Zen Reinhardt, RPT
Chinese restaurant possible for the February party. Motion to approve \$100 deposit on restaurant by Zen Reinhardt, RPT. Seconded by Paul Hornberger. Motion was carried.

Chapter Web Page

Zen has distributed an information form for the web page and the newsletter on e-mail for downloading and asks members to return completed forms to her.

Exams

- A. Technical/written - Richard Bittner, RPT - no report
- B. Tuning - Zen Reinhardt, RPT - no report

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Bittner, RPT seconded by Paul Hornberger, RPT.

Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.

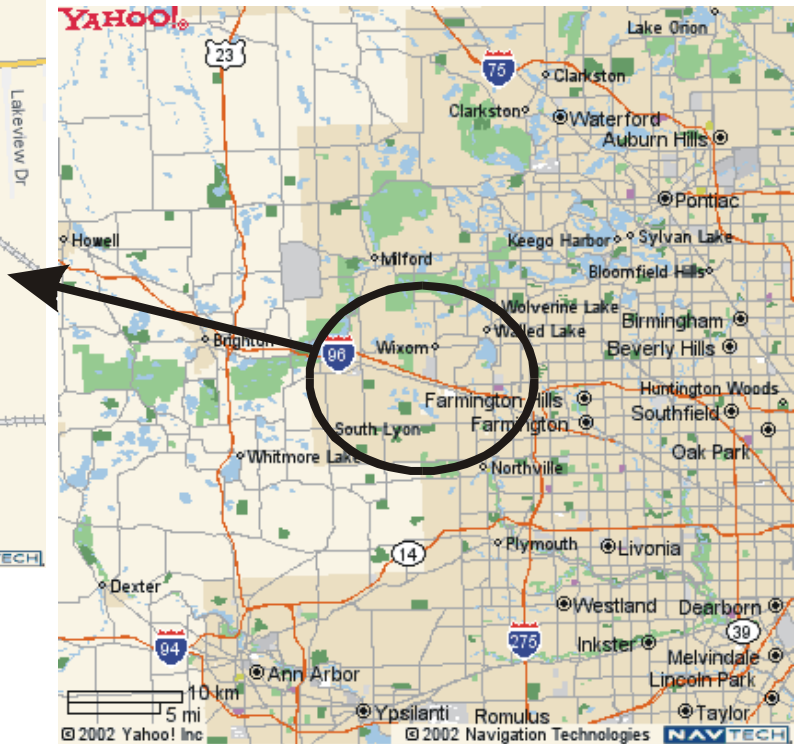
Respectfully submitted by Ted McGuire

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

A newsletter editor is needed to compose, print and mail the monthly document of knowledge and general information.
CALL RICK BOWEN AT 248-524-4713

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Our Tip of the Month . . .

(From the Southwest Florida Chapter newsletter, edited by Duncan S. Ritchie)

Removing an action from an older Acrosonic spinet can be really frustrating if the pickup fingers slip out of the guide rail. To prevent this, raise the pickup fingers of the first and last note in the center section of the piano. Remove the last two damper blocks in the treble section. Slide them on the pickup finger guide pins and tighten them as close as possible to the guide rail. Then remove guide rail screws and action bracket bolts. When replacing the action, press the keys down in front of the capstans with the keyslip. Push pickup finger abstacks onto the capstans and replace guide rail screws and damper blocks.

Mike Knoblock suggests that white rings in a piano finish can be removed with toothpaste on a damp cloth.

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