



The President's Message

Happy New Year

Welcome everyone to a brand new year – 2008. I trust you all made it through the holidays unscathed (if not a few pounds to the plus side). To me, a new year represents new opportunities and new challenges. It is a good time to evaluate last year and set goals for the new. I, like many people, make (or at least consider making) “New Years” resolutions. I don’t always keep them past the 2nd or 3rd week of January, but, at least, I look my goals in the face and set a direction to meet them. In the interest of providing thought starters to all of you I have come up with a list of suggested PTG related New Years resolutions. You can take them or leave them, but please, at least, consider them-

1. I will attend all/most chapter meetings this year
2. I will attend the chapter holiday dinner this year
3. I will volunteer to present an “applied skills” this year
4. I will humor the chapter president even though he is obviously a bit nutty
5. I will attend the national convention (or at least a regional convention) this year

I will volunteer to take on the role of social chair for the chapter

Well, again, Happy New Year. I hope 2008 brings much success and happiness to you and your families (as well as your piano pursuits).

Jeff Mossington, R.P.T.

PTG Chapter 481 President

MEETING NOTICE

Monday January 7, 2008

6:30-7:15 Applied Skills
7:00-7:30 Dinner
7:30-8:00 Business Meeting
8:00-9:30 Main Technical

Meeting to be hosted at:

Evola Music Warehouse
45222 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48341
TEL: (248) 332-7055

Feature Presenter:

Scott Nelson R.P.T.
Evola Music

Actions A to Z:

This is a new class that was presented to the Northern Michigan Chapter in September. It includes an overview of actions using the concepts of leverage, friction, weight, and inertia to achieve both power and consistency. Stanwood PTD's will also be discussed.

Applied Skills Presenter:

Clark Sprauge R.P.T.
Yamaha 37 Steps to Grand Regulation: An Introduction

Directions: Take I -75 to Square Lake Road. From Square Lake, turn right and going north on Woodward.

From here, go past St. Joe's Hospital. and past South Blvd. The warehouse is about 1 1/2 blocks north, on the right, in the parking lot for the carpet business. Go around to the back, to the left.

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**Minutes from November 5, 2007 PTG Meeting****Detroit/Windsor Chapter****Attendance:**

11 RPT's, 7 associates, 3 guests, 2 presenters (Larry Musil, Ron Torella)

Minutes:

-Jeff M. announced that he will send this month's newsletter to those who have not yet received it.

-Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted by general consent.

-Jeff M. announced that Treasurer's report from last month was not included in the newsletter. Bruce C. reported the following:

Previous Balance: \$10,511.85

Expenses: \$8.95

Current Balance: \$10,502.90

-Treasurer's report was accepted by general consent.

-Scott N. spoke about future PTG meeting programs. Please send Scott your ideas for Applied Skills topics, and let him know if you would be interested in presenting. Damper regulation was offered as a potential topic for a future meeting.

-New business:

-Shar brought in various used tools, materials, and books for sale at today's meeting.

-Richard B. indicated that there is a need for a new hammer jig and key bushing jig for administering technical exams; authorization to purchase new jigs was accepted by general consent.

-The banquet will be February 4, 2008. Various ideas were discussed for this year's banquet, including a potluck (either at someone's home, or at a Co-Op club house), a traditional restaurant, or attending an event such as a DSO concert. After some discussion, Jeff M. indicated that he and Clem F. will look into restaurant options and will make an announcement on their findings at the January meeting. They will try to find a restaurant where it is possible to order anything off of the menu the night of the banquet, as opposed to preselecting (and pre-paying) from only two or three menu options.

-Motion to adjourn (Bruce – first; Dale – second)

Recorded and compiled by Jeremy Bielecki (Associate)

Treasurer's Report

TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2008

Balance Forward from November 2007:

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\$10,502.90

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Income:

Exam Fees: \$ 210.00

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Balance Before Expenses:

\$10,712.90

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Expenses:

Shipping for jigs: \$ 10.22

Yahoo online 2 months: \$ 17.90

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Total Expenses: \$ 28.12

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Balance as of December 28, 2007:

\$10,684.72

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Respectfully Submitted

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T.



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HOLIDAY BANQUET

February 4th 2008

Details coming soon...