



# The Bridge

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## The President's Message

Welcome to March. The year is going fast, but don't they all. How many of you spend much time on the PTG website (ptg.org)? I find that there is a wealth of information out there. Make a point to visit the site soon. Be sure to check out all of the information under resources. There is everything from specialty software to information on upcoming competitions. There are specific resources for RPT's as well as resources for associates. You can access the PTG Blog where many experienced members discuss and debate a myriad of piano issues. There is much knowledge to be gained by tapping into this resource. You can even find out about the upcoming national convention in Anaheim (June 18-22). I am hopeful that many of us will be able to attend. The national conventions are a wonderful opportunity to fill our brains with the fundamentals of piano technology...not to mention the cutting edge. So, my point, is to use the PTG site. It is just waiting for us to visit.

Jeff Mossington, R.P.T.

*PTG Chapter 481 President*

## **MEETING NOTICE**

### **Monday March 3rd 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 will be hosted at the

### **Haas Piano Service**

**3925 Fort St.  
Lincoln Park, MI 48146**

### **Feature Presenter:**

#### **Mark Haas, R.P.T.**

*"What is all this stuff and how do I get it out of my way to fix the piano?"*

Player Piano Service for the  
Non-Player Technician

### **DIRECTIONS:**

*Take M-39 (Southfield) to Fort St, turn RIGHT. Haas Piano Service is approximately 1-1/2 miles down Fort St. on the LEFT (EAST) side of the street. There is some parking in front and some behind the two buildings. Persons arriving BEFORE 7:00 pm may park at the 'Sweet Nothings' bakery approx. 1/2 block further SOUTH, on the EAST side of Fort St. Additional parking will be available after 7:00 pm in the Veterinarian's lot just NORTH of Haas Piano.*

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE  
'FANTASTIC SAM'S' HAIR  
SALON DIRECTLY TO THE  
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**January 2008 Meeting Minutes****Minutes from January 7, 2008 PTG Meeting****Detroit/Windsor Chapter**Attendance:

17 RPT's, 6 Associates

Minutes:

-Applied Skills presented by Clark Sprague, RPT – Yamaha 37 Steps to Grand Regulation: An Introduction

-Main Technical presented by Scott Nelson, RPT – Actions A to Z (concepts of leverage, friction, weight, and inertia to achieve both power and consistency)

-Scott N. requested that information regarding the Main Technical be included in the minutes for the November 5, 2007 Meeting; minutes otherwise accepted by general consent.

- Bruce C. announced the Treasurer's report; accepted by general consent.

New business:

-Denis I. made an announcement that he will be administering PTG tuning exams in Flint; he is there Fridays, and the piano is a 10 year old C3 (Flint Institute of Music).

-Mihee L. was announced as the newest RPT in the Detroit-Windsor Chapter. Congratulations, Mihee!

-PTG Dinner (Feb 4, 2008): Cal C. has offered to host the dinner and have the meal catered; jazz pianist to come play; likely to cost \$10 - \$18 per person; Clem F. to send out postcard/flyer reminder. If you will be attending the dinner, Cal would like 1 week notice prior to Feb 4; please indicate how many will be in your party.

-Scott N. announced that he has several technician's tools available for sale at the meeting tonight.

-Scott N. also announced that there are some tentative plans for upcoming meeting programs, but nothing definite.

-There was discussion regarding who in the chapter has previously gone through the program offered at the Little Red Schoolhouse (aside from Clark S., tonight's applied skills presenter); Dave Schoenfeld, Bill Edwards, and possibly one more person. Future applied skills presentations may be given following the LRS techniques.

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

Recorded and compiled by Jeremy Bielecki (Associate)

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurers Report for March 2008:

Balance Forward from January 2008:

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\$ 10684.72  
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Income:

Application fees                 \$ 75.00  
Dinner Receipts:                 \$ 330.00  
Error correction                 \$ .06

Total Income:

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\$ 405.06  
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Balance before expenses:                 \$ 11089.78  
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Expenses:

Yahoo online  
2 months                         \$ 17.90  
Dinner entertainment \$ 300.00  
Food and supplies                 \$ 463.17

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Total expenses:                             \$ 781.07  
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Balance Forward for March 2008                 \$ 1030871  
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Respectfully submitted:

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T.



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### **March Meeting Applied Skills**

Ed McCoppin, who is not yet a member, will be doing the applied skills portion of the meeting on tool sharpening, including some of the less well known woodworking tools such as gouges. He is very good at this type of work and we encourage members to bring some tools that they need sharpened for some hands-on skill building.