



Meetings Notice

Board Meeting
and Dinner
6:30 p.m .

Chapter Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 2003

Presenter:
LaRoy Edwards, RPT
of
Yamaha

Location:
Evola Music Warehouse
671 S. Saginaw
Pontiac, MI 48341-2858

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and directions
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THOUGHTS at LARGE

MAY 2003

Our chapter elections are slated for our May meeting (Monday, MAY 5, 2003). Greg Boyd has worked hard, going through the list of RPTs to fill the offices of President and Vice-President. Much time was spent urging members to step forward and lead the chapter for the next year(s). Many members responded in the negative due to commitments of family or other pursuits.

Thank you Greg for assembling the list of candidates listed separately in this newsletter.

Committing time to this chapter has been rewarding and frustrating for me these last two years with rewards far outweighing any other aspects. I have had good support from many and wish to thank Ken Miller, Ted McGuire, and Dave Foster for rounding out the chapter officers. Ken always said yes when asked to cover a base at meetings, introducing guests and offering advice at board meetings. Ted handled the minutes of chapter meetings maintaining a record of business meetings. Dave Foster has revamped the treasurer's position with reduced fees and an annual financial report for review by chapter members. Working behind the scenes was Dennis Penney processing paperwork for new members. Zen Reinhardt has organized technical and social functions for the chapter and has arranged locations and food for each chapter gathering. Special cyberspace thanks to Larry Young for creating and maintaining the chapter website www.ptg-ch481.org.

Each of these folks gave of their time to help our chapter function. By the nature of our work, we are a bunch of "loners" who work apart and gather periodically for social and educational reasons. Greg has found, this time around, is a growing reluctance of our members to assume a leadership role in our own chapter.

Please consider committing to a leadership position this year or in the near future.

Rick Bowen

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**Piano Technician's Guild – Detroit/Windsor Chapter
481**

April 7, 2003

Location: Hammel Music, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Rick Bowen, RPT
Attended by: 12 RPT's, 6 associates, 8 guests. A quorum was established

Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Dave Foster
As of April 7, 2003Balance \$7,550.99

Future Technicals: Zen Reinhardt, RPT
May 5 - Evola Warehouse, Pontiac - Laroy Edwards, Yamaha
June 7 - All day voicing seminar 10:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. - location to be announced

Exams

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

Nomination Committee - Greg Boyd, RPT

- Proposed officers:
- President - Richard Bittner, RPT
 - Vice President - Dennis Penney, RPT
 - Treasurer - Dave Foster
 - Secretary - Richard Davenport
- Election to be held May 5, 2003

Compensation for the Delegate Alternate
Motion for \$400.00 Compensation by Greg Boyd, RPT
Second by Dave Shonfeld
Motion Carried

New Business

The June Business Meeting has been moved to Saturday, June 7

Dave Kollar, RPT (President of Lansing Chapter PTG) has invited us to an all-day session at Jim Reeder's store/shop. Tuesday, May 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.. Light dinner included. RSVP Jim Reeder at 800-225-8641

Motion to adjourn by Richard Bittner, RPT seconded by Zen Reinhardt, RPT

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ted McGuire

TECHNICAL TIP

FROM Herman O. Koford of Los Angeles, (April, 1979 PTG Journal)

If the pedal action is too heavy on a vertical with pelican springs, move the spring outward, away from the pedal. Only two new holes are needed, one in the lever and one in the bottom board. The screw closest to the prop goes back to the other hole, both in the level and in the bottom. The prop remains in the same place. This gives greater leverage because the fulcrum has been moved

Map to March 10 meeting:

Evola Music Warehouse
 671 S. Saginaw.
 Pontiac, MI 48341-2858

The warehouse is on Saginaw, in Pontiac. It is the second building on the East side of the street, just North of South Blvd.

A GM plant is across the street and train tracks cross Saginaw just North of the warehouse.



NOTICE OF CHAPTER VOTE MONDAY MAY 5, 2003

The board has recommended moving the June business meeting to Saturday June 7, 2003. The June technical with Dave Roberts will be held on that date and the business meeting date change would eliminate a need to meet Monday June 2, 2003.

By-laws require a vote by RPT's to move a business meeting date. Please plan to attend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS MONDAY MAY 5, 2003

Chapter officers will be elected Monday 5, 2003. Greg Boyd, RPT has presented the following slate of officers for consideration for the election.

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| President | Richard Bittner, RPT |
| Vice-President | Dennis Penney, RPT |
| Treasurer | Dave Foster |
| Secretary | Richard Cromwell |

RECLASSIFICATION NEWS

Larry Young passed his tuning exam at the Pittsburgh Conference the weekend of April 5, 2003. Larry will become our newest RPT!

CONGRATULATIONS LARRY !!!!!

Tech Terms ??

1. Sound Board: Really uninspiring music



2. Sticker: Keys that won't go back up

3. Shift lever: What you use to put the piano in gear after depressing the left pedal.

4. Bridle Tapes: The lace fringe on the end of a bride's veil.

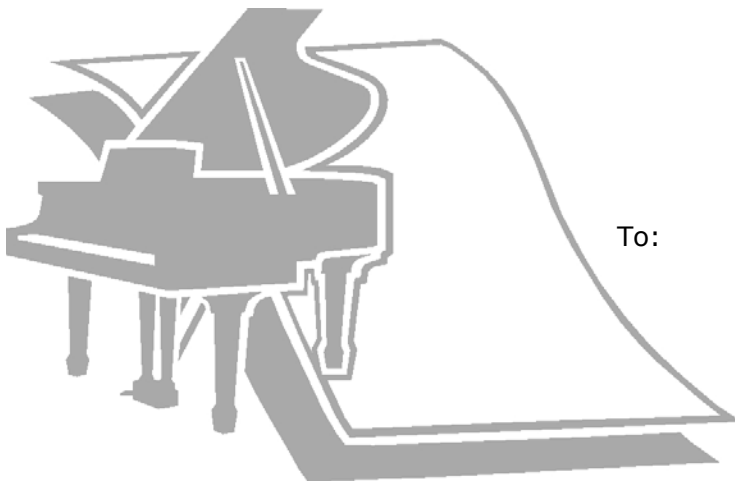


5. Bridge Cap: Dental work

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