



MEETING NOTICE

Monday June 7, 2004

6:30 - 7:15 Tour Video
6:30 - 7:30 Board Meeting
7:15 - 7:45 Food Served
7:45 - 8:00 Business Mtg.
8:00 - 9:30 Main Technical

C. Walter Tour Video:
Jan Bittner, RPT
Main Technical:
Richard Bittner, RPT

Meeting will be hosted
at The Piano Place
444 W. Maple Suite E
Troy, MI 48084
phone: (248) 269-6155

Directions:
North on Maple between
Livernois and Crooks,
next to Thunderbird Lanes.

CHAPTER PROJECT
The Chapter Project will be
canceled for the month of June
due to the numerous technical
exams that are scheduled
before the National Convention
in Nashville.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will act honorably and in a professional manner.
2. I will render the best possible service under the circumstances always keeping the best interest of my client in mind.
3. I will engage only in fair trade practices in the knowledge that I am reflecting the honesty and integrity for which the Piano Technicians Guild stands.
4. I will use the name and trademarks of the Piano Technicians Guild properly and will encourage others to do the same.
5. I will strive to upgrade my professional skills and I will encourage and help others to do the same.
6. I will promote, in any way that I can, good will toward my profession and toward the music trade industry.

I have found it necessary to print PTG's Code of Ethics for my Presidents message. It is important as a member to read and practice this document. You owe it to the music trade and to your customers.

Your President,

Richard Bittner, RPT

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Technical and Written Exams

Richard Bittner, RPT



MAIN TECHNICAL

- Hammer Boring, Hanging, and Tail Shaping - by Richard Bittner, RPT

If you've always wondered about the precision involved in grand hammer hanging and getting those hammers at proper angles and alignment, this is a technical you won't want to miss. And, if you already do hammer hanging, you may pick up some new tricks of the trade.

Richard Bittner will demonstrate his method of hammer hanging. Assisting will be Jeff Mossington and Richard Cromwell. Together they will show which hammers are best for the job. The hammer boring section will explain how to get the correct angle and strike. They will then show how to glue each hammer to the shank and lastly Richard will show how to taper each hammer.

Richard Bittner, RPT

Richard Bittner has given numerous chapter, regional seminars, and annual convention technicals. He has served on many PTG committees and also 5 years on the PTG Board. He is currently involved with the Chapter project and working as the Chapter President. Richard has a apprentice program at his shop for fellow technicians. Teaching piano tuning and rebuilding is one of his favorite passions. Together with his wife Jan, they sell new and used pianos at The Piano Place.

Applied Skills

There will be no Applied Skills class this month - instead there will be a videotape showing of the May 5th tour of the Charles Walter factory. For those of you who missed the tour this is for you. If you were there this is your chance to relive those memories. 25 persons including spouses attended. Guests who attended were Chris and Jim Brown from the Northern Michigan Chapter. Videos were taken by Jan Bittner..

There will be copies of the video for purchase at \$15 each. They will be on VHS tape. Proceeds of the sales will be donated to our Chapter.

TOP TWELVE LIST OF DUMB THINGS CUSTOM SAY

12. *Do I have to take everything off the top of the piano?*
11. *I always have my piano tuned every ten years whether it needs it or not.*
10. *Would it be cheaper if you just tuned the white keys?*
9. *Do I bring the piano to you or do you tune it here?*
8. *How are my knockers?*
7. *Will the vacuum cleaner bother you?*
6. *Can you do something about my loose stool?*
5. *My dog has perfect pitch.*
4. *Do you have to turn everyone of those pegs?*
3. *Do you accept cash?*
2. *The sostenuto pedal on my spinet does not work.*
1. *Do you have a regular job?*

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June meeting will be at The Piano Place in Troy, MI !

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<http://ptg-ch481.org/>

Please Note!

Voting on the acceptance of the Chapter Bylaws is scheduled for the June meeting. The Bylaws are available for viewing on the chapter website. Printed copies are available by request from Zen Reinhardt at (734) 971 6143 or at diskladame@provide.net.

Home Town Instructors in Nashville

Mark Haas - Player Pianos

Bob Scott - Tune Lab

Richard and Jan Bittner - Vertical Piano Voicing

Bob Marinelli - Grand Action Renovation