



## MEETING NOTICE

**Monday September 13,  
2004**

**6:30 - 7:15 Applied Skills**  
**6:30 - 7:30 Board Meeting**  
**7:15 - 7:45 Food Served**  
**7:45 - 8:00 Business Mtg.**  
**8:00 - 9:30 Main Technical**

**Applied Skills:**  
**Greg Boyd, RPT**  
**Main Technical:**  
**John Dewey**

**Meeting will be hosted**  
**at Hammell Music,**  
**by Thomas Hoy**

**Hammell Music**  
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**Bloomfield Hills, MI**  
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**CHAPTER PROJECT will be on**  
**Saturday September 18, 10:00**  
**am. It will be held at The Piano**  
**Place, 444 W Maple, Suite E,**  
**Troy. North side of Maple**  
**between Livernois and Crooks,**  
**next to Thunder Bird Lanes. The**  
**Baldwin Hamilton project will be**  
**resumed. See you there!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is a chapter in a book called "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff..." Chapter 49 is called "Resist the Urge to Criticize." The reason I am using this as my President's Message is to try and communicate better harmony within our Chapter. This is not meant to point fingers but to help develop a better, more effective Chapter.

When we judge or criticize another person, it says nothing about that person; it merely says something about our own need to be critical.

If you attend a gathering and listen to all the criticism typically levied against others, and then go home and consider how much good all the criticism actually does to make our world a better place, you'll probably come up with the same answer as I: ZERO! It does no good. However, that is not all. Being critical not only solves nothing; it contributes to the anger and distrust in our world. After all, none of us likes to be criticized. Our reaction to criticism is usually to become defensive and/or withdrawn. Someone who feels attacked is likely to do one of two things: He will either retreat in fear or shame, or will attack or lash out in anger. How often have you been criticized by someone and then responded by saying, "Thank you so much for pointing out my flaws. I really appreciate it"!!

Criticism, like swearing, is actually nothing more than a bad habit. It's something we get used to doing; we're familiar with how it feels. It keeps us busy, gives something to say.

However if you take a moment to observe how you actually feel immediately after you criticize someone, you'll notice that you feel a little deflated and ashamed. Almost like you're the one who has been attacked. The reason this is true is that when we criticize, it's a statement to the world and to ourselves, "I have a need to be critical." This isn't something we are usually proud to admit.

The solution is to catch yourself in the act of being critical. Notice how often you do it and how bad it makes you feel. What I like to do is turn it into a game. I still catch myself being critical, but as my need to criticize arises, I try to remember to say to myself, "There I go again." Hopefully, I can turn my criticism into tolerance and respect.

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## MAIN TECHNICAL - Nifty Tips, Tools, and Techniques - by John Dewey

**In this class John Dewey will show some of the tools he has or has made that are ‘neat’ and will give some tips and techniques that he’s come across. Included will be a few items on Piano Disc installations. The class is aimed more at shop work than in home repair - however there should be a couple of interesting ideas in this class for everyone.**

### John Dewey

*John did part-time player and upright piano work and full time grain farming from 1967 to 1995. He’s been doing full time piano work since then. John describes himself as ‘a better than average shade tree welder, mechanic, and electrician as well as a decent carpenter’. One of John’s fellow Central Ill Chapter members said, "We think in wood, John thinks in steel". John is a mechanic, not a musician. He’s been a Guild member (allied tradesman, associate, etc.) since 1970. He has a one man shop and does mostly shop work with a few service calls. He does upright rebuilding, pneumatic player rebuilding, reed organ rebuilding, Piano Disc installation and service, and rebuilds Steinway action frames. John does not tune.*

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### Applied Skills

#### *Physical Perils and Pitfalls*

Carpal tunnel, tendinitis, and torn rotary cup are ailments connected with being a piano tuner. Sooner or later we all will be facing these and other afflictions. Greg Boyd has had first hand experience with these situations. He will share his knowledge concerning physical and health related matters. Be prepared to do some exercises and stretches that will help us through our perennial years.

## *Treasurer's Report*

*June 4 2004 -- Sept 13 2004*

### *Expenses*

<i>Newsletter (June) .....</i>	<i>\$61.40</i>
<i>Delegate to Nashville.....</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Alternate to Nashville.....</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Delegate meeting notice.....</i>	<i>20.64</i>
<i>Food for the meeting.....</i>	<i>51.30</i>
<i>Reimbursement for examiners.....</i>	<i>80.00</i>
<i>Application fee.....</i>	<i>15.00</i>
<i>Total amount.....</i>	<i>\$1028.34</i>

### *Income*

<i>Technical exams.....</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>
<i>Tapes of the Walter factory.....</i>	<i>105.00</i>
<i>Applications.....</i>	<i>60.00</i>
<i>Total amount.....</i>	<i>\$525.00</i>
<i>Current Balance.....</i>	<i>\$6,815.69</i>

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September 2004

September meeting will be at Hammell Music in Bloomfield Hills, MI !

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**Please Note!**

***It's Election Time!***

*Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held at the September meeting. A slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee Chairman, Clem Fortuna. The floor will be open for anyone who wishes to throw their hat into the ring.*

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***New RPT!*** *Jeff Mossington has passed all of his exams and is now our newest Registered Piano Technician.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF!!!**