



MEETING NOTICE

Monday September 11, 2006

6:30 - 7:00 Board Mtg./Food
7:00 - 7:30 Business Mtg.
7:30 - 8:00 Techs'RoundTable
8:00 - 9:30 Main Technical

Main Technical:
Mark Haas, RPT

Meeting will be hosted by
Mark & Charmaine Haas at
Mark Haas Piano Service
3925 & 3927 Fort St.
Lincoln Park, MI 48146

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 SOUTH OF HAAS PIANO SERVICE!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back all from our summer recess! I look forward to another year, and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your chapter president. I see now why presidents often serve a second year - it takes a while to figure out what you're doing! I know I've dropped the ball on a few things last year (planning the banquet and the delegate meetings on time comes to mind), but I think I've kept the meetings running smoothly and quickly, and I'm told my president's messages are readable. As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions, or help. We've tabled the Applied Skills for the time being for lack of volunteers. However, I think sharing of ideas can remain a valuable part of meetings. After talking to several other chapter presidents at the convention, I have decided to try an informal sharing of technical tips and questions right after the business meeting. I'm sure many of us at all levels have questions or discoveries to share with the rest of the chapter. For example, I have found an effective, inexpensive and readily available product for bleaching ivories. Want to hear more? Then you should come to the September meeting to listen and contribute to our Technicians Roundtable. Not to mention a chance to learn how Mark Haas replaces an upright pinblock! See you there!

Your President,

Clem Fortuna, RPT

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Main Technical

- will be presented by Mark Haas, RPT -

After graduating from high school in 1972 Mark completed a two year program at 'The Piano Clinic & Training Center' in Batavia, New York. He was then employed for three years at Grinnell Brothers. Since then he has become a self-employed player piano restorer and has rebuilt or service over 1500 players. Over time his business has expanded to include refinishing. Additionally, 45 years of woodworking experience allows Mark to produce necessary case parts as well as new player components when originals are badly deteriorated. Haas Piano Service's 1400 square foot showroom offers used pianos for sale including several vintage players. Mark has been a member of the Piano Technicians' Guild since 1985 and has taught several classes at the local and national levels. Mark resides in Dearborn, MI with his wife of 24 years, Charmaine.

MAIN TECHNICAL - "Upright Pinblock Replacement" - by Mark Haas, RPT

Fasten your seatbelts ... you paid for the whole seat, but you will only need the edge! Mark's technical presentation will be an exciting event - he'll discuss upright pinblock replacement with a discussion on partial replacement and pinblock plugging. As an extra feature his key surfacing and notching machines will be on display in his shop! This promises to be an interesting technical!

Larry Young, Editor
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September meeting will be at 'Mark Haas' Piano Service' in Lincoln Park, MI !

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**Treasurer's Report for September 2006
(Submitted 08-23-2006)**

Balance Forward: _____ \$ 8666.53

Income (application fee) _____ 60.00

Balance Before Expenses _____ \$ 8726.53

Expenses:

- Newsletter: _____ \$ 43.33

- Online Fees: (May thru August) _____ 35.80

- Application Fee to Home Office _____ 15.00

Totals: _____ \$ 494.13

Balance Forward: _____ \$ 8232.40

Respectfully Submitted by Bruce D. Carter. R.P.T. & Treasurer