



**PIANO
TECHNICIANS
GUILD**

MEETING NOTICE

MEETING DATE

Wednesday, Sept 17

Meeting to be held at:
The Piano Place
1307 E. Maple ste E, Troy, Mi 48083
248-619-9027
North side of Maple (15 Mile)
just West of Stephenson Hwy

Charlie Sullivan's tools will be for sale

6:30 PM
Applied Skills: Richard Bittner, RPT
Piano Appraisals

7:15 Dinner

7:45 PM
Business meeting

8:00 Main Technical
PAUL REA, NATIONAL SERVICE
MANAGER, PETROF USA LLC

BRIEF NARRATED FACTORY TOUR IN PICTURES

PICTURES RECENTLY (MARCH
2008) TAKEN AT THE FACTORY
NARRATED BY THE NATIONAL
SERVICE MANAGER.

INTRODUCTION OF MAA SYSTEM

PERMANENT MAGNETIC
ACCELERATED ACTION OR MAA IS A
NEW FEATURE AVAILABLE ON
PETROF PIANOS. THIS WILL BE AN
INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM;

HOW IT WORKS AND HOW TO SERVICE
IT. WHAT MAKES MAA SO INTERESTING
IS THAT IT DOES NOT AFFECT TOUCH
WEIGHT AS OTHER SYSTEMS
INTRODUCED IN THE PAST. IT SIMPLY
ALLOWS THE PLAYER TO PLAY LONGER
WITHOUT TIRING AS QUICKLY. THIS
SYSTEM IS PERFECT FOR YOUNG
PLAYERS; BECAUSE IT DOES NOT
AFFECT TOUCH WEIGHT. STUDENTS
WHO USE THIS PIANO WILL NOT BE IN
TROUBLE WHEN GOING TO THE STAGE
PIANO AT A RECITAL. HOW DO THEY DO
THAT? COME FIND OUT!

PETROF EXPRESS PREP & VOICING

PREP WORK FOR THE PETROF PIANO
(AND OTHERS)

THIS IS HANDS ON TIME NOT JUST
SHOW....DO.

HOW TO PREP THE PETROF IN A
MANNER THAT IS QUICK, EASY, AND
LEES EXPENSIVE USING TOOLS YOU
HAVE SEEN & SOME YOU HAVE NOT.
WHERE TO GET THEM WILL BE
SUPPLIED..... AND IT'S NOT AT A PIANO
SUPPLY HOUSE.

A CD WILL BE GIVEN OUT WITH THE
REGULATING SPECIFICATIONS,
EXPRESS PREP & VOICING
PRESENTATION, AND THE FACTORY
TOUR.

THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PAPER FORM
DURING THE TECHNICAL TO TAKE BACK TO
YOUR SHOP FOR REFERENCE.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from May 5, 2008 PTG Meeting

Detroit/Windsor Chapter

Attendance:

23 Total Attendees (14 RPT's, 7 Associates, 2 Guests)

Minutes:

-Applied Skills presented by Clark Sprague, RPT and Scott Nelson, RPT – Yamaha's 37 Steps to Grand Piano Regulation (continued)

-Main Presentation by Jim Evola (Owner, Evola Music) – "The Teacher Was Right" a.k.a. What does the piano mean to society today?

-The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted by general consent

-The Treasurer's report from last month's meeting was accepted by general consent.

-Jeff M. mentioned that the 'early bird' rate for the upcoming PTG National Convention ends on May 23. This year's Convention will be held in Anaheim, CA from June 18 to 22.

-Scott N. reported that the chapter meeting in October will be an all-day technical, and will likely need to be held on a Saturday. Further details will be announced at the September

meeting.

-Next month, the Delegate Meeting will take the place of the standard chapter meeting. It will be held at the Piano Place in Troy; Clem F. will send out reminder cards.

-New business:

-By-Law amendments were previously mailed to chapter members. Bruce C. motioned to accept the By-Laws as amended; Clem F. made second motion to accept. By show of hands, the By-Law amendments were accepted.

-Jeff M. mentioned the upcoming seminar at UWO in London, Ontario on May 30 and 31, called "Tune In UWO".

-Nominations for alternate Chapter Officers were requested; no alternate nominations were made; each current officer was re-elected for the upcoming year by general consent; Jeff M. (President), Clem F. (Vice President, Newsletter Editor), Bruce C. (Treasurer), Jeremy B. (Secretary)

-Motion to adjourn (Clem F. – first; Dale H. – second)

Recorded and compiled by Jeremy Bielecki (Associate)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for September 2008

Balance Forward from May 2008:

\$ 13,170.98-----
Income: 00.00-----
Balance before Expenses: \$ 13,170.98-----
Expenses:Online:
4 months 5-8-2008 35.80Delegate:
Mihee Lee 500.00Action Jigs:
Keith Bowman 525.00Total:

\$ 1,060.80-----
Balance Forward for September 2008:

\$ 12,110.18-----
Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff Mossington, RPT

Getting Prepared

With summer now at an end and one of the busiest times of the year ahead, this is a good time to prepare. Consistently, each year, I have found that the fall is quite busy. How many of you have checklists for tools and supplies. It is so important to anticipate your customer's needs and always have the needed materials in your trunk. It can be quite costly (not to mention frustrating) to have to schedule a second appointment due to not having what you need with you. I recommend taking a few minutes to go through your tool case and just make sure everything is in order. Make sure that you have a supply of elbows, various size punchings, bushing felt, etc. As they say, 'an ounce of prevention'...well, you know the rest.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Clem Fortuna, RPT

A Romance on Three Legs: Glenn Gould's Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Piano, Katie Hafner

The story of Gould and the famous Steinway CD318, which Gould spent years having his technician refine, only to have it dropped and destroyed

Grand Obsession, Perri Knize

A woman's story of her quest to find the perfect piano, and to get it tuned and voiced to her liking once she gets it. Includes stories of many well known technicians, as well as visits to New York's "piano row" and the Grotrian factory in Germany.

How Equal Temperament Ruined Harmony (and Why You Should Care), Ross W. Duffin

A music professor's account of the history of temperaments

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