



# The Bridge

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## The President's Message

In preparing my message for this month I decided to look at past newsletters for ideas and inspiration. I quickly noticed somewhat of a pattern. Two of our past presidents focused on the same theme for their October messages. That theme is 'Volunteering'. Apparently, my two distinguished predecessors realized the importance of volunteering within our chapter, at the same point in the season. I, too, will dedicate the October message to this very important topic.

As all of you know, all of the roles and functions within our chapter are served by volunteers. We wouldn't have a functioning chapter without volunteers. As I stated in my last Presidents message, I am excited and have high hopes for the coming year. One of the most important 'success factors' for a strong year is the level of volunteering that we receive. Our chapter, this year, will only be as good as we all make it.

If you are wondering where we need help...please consider:

1. Assisting our program chair in developing and scheduling technicals.
2. Delivering an applied skills presentation.
3. Taking on the role of social chair to help plan our holiday dinner in February.

There are many areas where we need help. While I am on a roll, borrowing ideas from others, let me use a famous quote (modified for chapter use). 'Ask not what your chapter can do for you...rather, ask what you can do for your chapter'. I know, a little corny, but you get the idea.

Lastly, I want to challenge each and every one of you to make a commitment to participate in all of the meetings this year. This is your chapter. We need your involvement in the meetings and events. Remember, you are paying dues to the chapter. Please come out to the meetings, let your voice be heard, get involved and get the value out of what you are paying for. Thanks for reading.

Jeff Mossington, R.P.T.

*PTG Chapter 481 President*

## MEETING NOTICE

Monday October 1, 2007

6:30- Dinner

7:00- Business Meeting

7:30-9:30 Main Technical

### Main Technical:

Topics to be covered: Tom Kaplan from Yamaha will give a presentation on concert voicing of Yamaha grands.

**The Doerfler Residence**  
**4112 Talwood Lane**  
**Toledo, OH 43606**

**Directions:** From US 75 take 475 West (exit will be marked Maumee, Ann Arbor). Travel west about 3 1/2 miles (after the Secor exit) to the Talmadge Road exit. Turn left on Talmadge. Watch streets to the LEFT. We are the third street Talwood with a "No Outlet" sign. Go to far end of Talwood, 4112, a circular drive. Please park in a double lane around the driveway.

Take US 23 south to the Central Avenue exit, turn right on Central traveling east about 2 1/2 miles to the traffic light at Talmadge. Turn left on Talmadge. Talwood (a "No Outlet" street) will be the first right hand turn. We are at the far end on the left with a circular drive. Please park in a double lane around the driveway

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**September 2007 Meeting Minutes****September 10, 2007 PTG Meeting****Detroit/Windsor Chapter**Attendance:

14 RPT's, 5 associates, 1 guest, 3 others

Minutes:

-Jeff M. announced there were no minutes from previous meeting.

-Bruce C. gave the Treasurer's report.

-Scott N. announced that the next PTG meeting will be in Toledo, OH. Tom Kaplan will be guest technician, and will give a seminar on concert voicing and prep.

-Jeff M. announced that Applied Skills will likely be back for the November meeting.

-Chapter By-Laws discussion:

-During the June chapter board meeting, the board members reviewed and accepted most of the By-Laws changes recommended by the home office.

-Clem F. will mail out copies of the By-Laws showing the proposed changes. Several copies were also available to take home from the meeting. These will be discussed at the October meeting.

-A vote on the By-Laws will take place during the November meeting.

-New changes to the By-Laws must be made by the end of November

-If you are not receiving standard mail or emails for meeting announcements, please notify Richard C.

-Jeff M. made an announcement regarding Clem's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Anyone is welcome to attend.

-Bruce C. announced that he knows a harpsichord builder who is trying to sell a 9' Baldwin (in pieces) for \$5000. Please contact Bruce if you are interested.

-Scott N. will be performing for a recital on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm. All are welcome.

-Ernie Fenna was a guest at today's meeting. He is currently working with Richard B.

-Motion to adjourn (Bruce C. – first; Clem F. – second)

Recorded and compiled by Jeremy Bielecki (Associate)

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance Forward from September Meeting:		\$10616.85
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Income:		No Income
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Balance before Expenses:		\$10616.85
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Expenses:		
Online	\$ 8.95	
Meeting Food	\$95.05	
		\$ 95.05
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Balance Forward for October Meeting:		\$ 10511.85

**Treasure's Report from last month:**

Balance Forward from June 2007:		\$10,493.70
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Income:		
2 Application Fees		\$ 150.00
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Balance before Expenses:		\$10,643.70
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Expenses:		
Online services 3 months		\$ 26.85
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Balance September 4 2007		\$10,616.85
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Respectfully submitted,

Bruce D. Carter R.P.T.



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