



The Bridge

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The President's Message

"Cool"

What is "cool"? What makes a cool person... well...cool? At various stages of my life I have asked this question. The answer, as you can imagine, keeps changing. I used to think being cool meant being tough and unafraid. Later, I came to believe that being cool is based on many traits, but one of the most important traits is to be capable. What do I mean by "capable"? I have always respected people that were able to handle many kinds of tasks and solve all kinds of problems with apparent ease. I am always amazed at people who can re-wire a house or single handedly build, say, a garage. The good news is, all of us can become capable or increase our level of capability. As piano technicians and professionals, we should always strive to become more capable. In that way, we can offer more and more to our customers. I would like to challenge each one of you to pick a skill (or two); maybe something for which you lack capability, and focus on improving. It will certainly build your confidence (and probably your pocket book, too). If nothing else it will make you more "cool".

Jeff Mossington, R.P.T.

PTG Chapter 481 President

MEETING NOTICE

Monday November 5, 2007

6:30-7:15 Applied Skills
7:00-7:30 Dinner
7:30-8:00 Business Meeting
8:00-9:30 Main Technical

Meeting to be hosted at:

King's Keyboard House
2333 E. Stadium Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
TEL: (734) 663-3381

Feature Presenter:

Ron Torella

University of Michigan

Legal and ethical issues for the piano technician: contracts, warranties, liability, etc.

Applied Skills Presenter:

Larry Musil

Piano moving techniques for efficiency and safety.

Directions: From the east, take M-14 or I-94 to US23. From 94, go north to exit 37. From 14, go south to exit 37. Go west on Stadium Dr. about 2 miles (past the Wash-tenaw turnoff). Do not go north on Washtenaw! Store is on the north side of the road.

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**October 2007 Meeting Minutes**

The Detroit Windsor Chapter met on October 1st, 2007 at Richard & Anne Doerfler's house in Toledo. Dinner was served. Attending were 11 RPT's, 5 associates and 2 guests. A quorum was present. Meeting was called to order by president Jeff Mossington. Motions were passed to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as published in the newsletter. The technical committee announced that our November meeting would be at King's Keyboards in Ann Arbor. The speaker will be former member Ron Torrella, speaking on legal issues. We will also be bringing back the applied skills, with Larry Musil speaking on piano moving. Jeff asked for members to submit ideas or to volunteer for future applied skills presentations. An announcement was made regarding the Central East Regional October 4th-7th in Madison Wisconsin. Richard Bittner made a motion that dinner would not be automatically included at our meetings; the host has the option of providing dinner, otherwise a restaurant will be suggested for those who want to meet for dinner before the meeting. Second by Jan Otto; motion passed. Bylaws committee reported that changes to bylaws will be mailed out soon. Motion to adjourn by Clark Sprague, seconded by Bruce Carter. After the meeting, Tom Kaplan from Yamaha gave a very informative technical and demonstration on voicing.

Recorded and compiled by Clem Fortuna, R.P.T.



Treasurer's Report

Nothing submitted.



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ATTENTION: Tools for Sale!

Mark Haas, R.P.T. has several items for sale that could be useful to members including:

2 Collapsible Vertical Piano Tilters

1 Action Cradle

1 Pair of Center Pin Pliers

1 Center Punch Set

And more...

Please contact him for pricing and additional information at

313-274-9525