



The Voicing Tool

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Get off your couch and come to Davenport!

September 25 - 28, 2014

Clarion Conference Center, Davenport, Iowa

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It's September....Already? What's happening to the time?

Congratulations go out to Nathan Rau who has now achieved an RPT Status!

September 25th is fast approaching for the Midwest Regional in Davenport Iowa. The information for that conference is listed below, so be sure to read on.

See you at the meeting!

Stephen Francis

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Sept Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be at the home of Joe Wisner, 2515 N. Battin, Wichita, KS. If you get lost, please call 316-683-3037 and we will guide you in.

Meeting minutes for August 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by president J.D.Herschberger at 7:05 pm. Those present at the meeting were: Joe Wisner RPT, Marty Hess RPT, Larry Ray, Chuck Vetter, Ann Fell RPT, Roy Howard, Alan Crane RPT and J.D.Herschberger RPT.

Joe Wisner took notes for these minutes in place of David Norman, secretary.

Minutes of the July meeting as recorded by Mr Norman were read by pres. Herschberger.

A motion was made by Chuck Vetter to accept them as read. The motion was seconded by Larry Ray. The motion passed. Marty Hess, treasurer, reported an amount of \$4100.73 in the bank account. After some discussion a motion was made by Roy Howard to pay the delegate to the 2014 PTG Council meeting a \$350.00 for expenses. Mr Vetter seconded the motion and the motion passed. The delegate to the council meeting was Mr Crane.

Marty Hess made a report a short review of MRCO (Midwest Regional Conference) in the Quad cities area this September 25-28th. He noted that there will be good classes, exhibits and events. He asked who all would be attending. Also they need a piano mover and asked if J.D. would be available.

We paused for a few minutes for refreshments provided by Mr Hess.

Alan Crane provided highlights of the PTG council meeting this past July. Some of the topics included were: Enews at the PTG regarding ivory regulations pending. PTG is involved with/in the discussions at the government level as to the needs of piano related issues. Dues increase of \$3.00.

Code of ethics is now out of the by-laws and is now a separate standing document. It was noted that we should read and compare last years PTGJ supplement (by-laws) with this years when it is published.

Marty H., Ann F., and Alan C. talked about the classes they attended at the National Institute.

Next meeting will be 7pm the evening of September 11, 2014 at the home of Joe Wisner.

Joe Wisner RPT

Regional Seminar – Message From Malinda Powell

Please make plans to attend the Regional Seminar in Davenport, IA. On Sept. 25 – 28th, 2014. This is the first time that the Central West and Central East regions are combining efforts to have a spectacular regional for all of you.

Both registration and hotel fees are very reasonable.

Cost of early registration will be \$295 and hotel should be under \$75. Registration is now able to be done online.

There are many classes and instructors being coordinated, an exhibit hall, hands on classes, tuning and technical exams, and some fun and entertainment thrown in. Please visit www.midwestptg.com. It will continue to inform you as the information comes in.



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PTG Events

Midwest Regional Conference; September 25-28; Davenport, IA

<http://midwestptg.com/>

South Central Regional Conference; October 2-4; Burnett, TX

<http://scrptg.org/2014seminar/index.html>

Exam Prep on the Road; Oct. 2014—TBA; PTG Home Office, Kansas City

Kathy@ptg.org

Grand Action Regulation in 37 Steps; PTG Home Office, Kansas City

<http://www.ptg.org/37steps/>

Tools for Sale

For Sale: Tool and Material Collection of Piano Long-time Repairer/Restorer

Twelve tool boxes full of all sorts of piano repair materials. This collection belonged to a long-time Piano repairman. It includes: Stringing Tool Kit, Hammer Head Iron, dozens of action parts including whippens, bridge pins, solid brass desk knobs, dozens of flange shields, hundreds of cork tip bridle straps, dozens of adjustable stickers, dozens of drop lifter wood elbows, hundreds of spinet hammer shanks, multiple brand-new strings, dozens of white and black keys, hundreds of repair hammer springs, dozens of hammer heads, several bottles of pin block restorer, hundreds of wool front rail punchings, a full-size piano lift, as well as multiple other tools, and dozens of additional internal piano parts of which I do not even know the name. Everything is in very good or brand new condition. This set has an estimated value of \$1,500, but I am willing to sell it for \$850 or best offer. Contact: Anna Myers 316-323-4451, annabmyers@yahoo.com

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Anna Myers

Whitewater, KS

Piano to Give Away

If anyone is interested, a gal called me and wanted to give me an old Kimball up-right. She said that her technician told her it can't be tuned anymore. If any of you want this piano for parts, or firewood, please contact her:

Ginger Robson

316-617-1794

Unusual and More Unusual...er

I opened up this Lester piano to replace the elbows that were crumbling, and discovered a great way to add weight the back of a key that was evidently sticking at some point. I believe you can order these special weights from your supply catalog, or maybe your local hardware store can get them for you.

If any of you have some pictures of interesting "fixes" that you want to send in, please do and I will put them in this spot each month.



If you have news, articles, events, or anything to share with the chapter through our newsletter, Questions or Comments? feel free to contact Steve Francis:

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