



The Voicing Tool

July National Convention

The 52nd Annual Piano Technicians Guild Convention and Technical Institute

July 15-19, Grand Rapids, MI
<http://www.ptg.org/conv/2009/>

Kudos to Wichita Chapter members who are presenting sessions:

Ron Nossaman, Alan Crane

Institute:

- Action Regulation (10 sessions)
- Business & Networking (12)
- Design & History (6)
- Health (1)
- Mini Technicals (9)
- Player (3)
- Rebuilding & Shop (13)
- Service & Repair (20)
- Tuning (11)
- Electronic Tuning Devices (4)
- Voicing & Concert Prep (11)
- RPT Exams classes (4)
- RPT Exam Prep all day (2)

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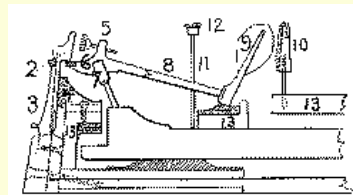
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RPT Examiner classes (2) Tribute to the Tuning Exam

Well, it was bound to happen sooner or later— I left my ETD at home. Of course it was the day I had 3 service calls in a community an hour from home. Of course I didn't discover it until I opened the van to take out my toolkit. After a brief pause I simply said to myself " I guess I'll tune aurally today." And all three tunings went smoothly, including the last one, with the talk-a-holic. I stayed on schedule, tunings took no longer than usual (75 to 90 minutes), and it was a nice day. Why? Because after training & practicing for and then passing the RPT tuning exam, I felt confident that I could do a professional job. When I restarted taking the RPT exams I did it because it would make me a better technician. Today was proof positive. Maybe next time I'll leave the ETD at home deliberately.
 Sheffey Gregory, RPT



Action by Andreas and Naretto (Stein), Streicher/Viennese escapement
 1. Key
 2. Jack
 3. Jack operating spring
 4. Cushion limiting rebound of jack
 5. Button and screw regulating escapement of hammer
 6. Hammer butt and operating face 7. Hammer butt pivot
 8. Hammer shank
 9. Hammer head
 10. Check
 11. Damper-lifter
 12. Damper-head
 13. Action-nails





What do you say when the customer is not responding well to equal temperament? I remember doing a half step pitch raise in Spokane for a voice teacher. When I finished she played it and had a strange expression on her face. It sounded so different, she thought there must be something wrong. I tried to reassure her the best I could, but John Reitan has some better ideas. He calls up one of several unequal temperaments placed in the innards of his SAT 3 electronic tuning device...And, do you know what happens? He gets phone calls saying "My piano has never sounded better! I really appreciate what you did!"



"I used the Thomas Young temperament because that sheet music wasn't composed with equal temperament in mind."



"I am going to tune the piano with the Vallotti temperament like the factory tuner!"



"Your piano wasn't designed to be tuned in equal temperament because equal temperament had not been invented yet."

For more information about why equal temperament is not always the cat's meow, see: "How Equal Temperament Ruined Harmony (and why you should care) <http://www.amazon.com/Equal-Temperament-Ruined-Harmony-Should/dp/0393062279>

Send your experiences with temperaments and alternative tunings to the editor: 2rhoward@att.net





Central-West Regional Seminar which was hosted by the Wichita Chapter at The Hotel At Old Town



The dinner was a big hit. All the conference attendees came to enjoy, food, talent, awards, and networking.



The Wichita Chapter provided a barbershop quartet that sang the PTG theme song in close harmony.



Marty Hess kept everyone alert with more piano jokes than you ever thought possible.

Calendar

June 11, 2009

7pm, Chapter Meeting at Jane Thronson's with technical session

July 15-19, 2009

PTG Convention & Technical Institute, Grand Rapids, MI

August 13, 2009

7pm Chapter Meeting and technical session

September 10, 2009

7pm Chapter Meeting and technical session



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“Tough times don't last...Tough people do! Plan for tomorrow!”

July 15-10, 2009
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- RPT Exams & Prep
- Special Events
- Institute
- Exhibits

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The Wichita Chapter will not hold a meeting in July.

Next meeting: August 13

