

GOOD Vibrations

NEWSLETTER OF THE RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER OF THE PIANO TECHNICIAN'S GUILD, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wade Johnson, RPT

It was nice to see a goodly number of you at our "last hurrah" Chapter meeting (and celebration of Ruth Van Dine's new RPT status) at Avery Piano last month. Avery has been hosting most of our meetings for quite a while now, and they deserve our sincere thanks for their support. As many of you know, Avery now closes at 7 p.m., and unless someone on their staff volunteers to keep the place open later for us, we can no longer meet there. And the parking problem there has been on the increase.

So, our March 20 meeting will be at my place in Glocester, with Mike Morvan giving his Power-Point presentation...Glocester and Smithfield are very good at plowing and sanding, so barring a blizzard that day you won't have any trouble on the roads you'd need to take. And there's a good nearby restaurant for those who'd like to gather beforehand for supper...See directions next page. For the April meeting, on a trial basis, we're working on plans to meet at Larry Brown's new piano store in Middletown.

I hope you're considering plans to attend the NEECSO seminar in Nashua in late April, as I am...The New Hampshire Chapter always puts on a good show.

Wade

MARCH MEETING

Button and Mortise Replacement - Mike Morvan

The keyboard is a major focal point and is the player's interactive medium with the instrument; it is also the foundation of a well functioning action. Playability, and even tone, depend on consistent, efficient, and appropriate transfer of energy through the keys. When rebushing keys for the ?th time has left them sloppy and unstable with thick cloth, it is time to consider replacing some or all of the mortises and buttons on a keyboard. Blackstone Valley piano has come up with simple and effective methods which produce professional results. A PowerPoint presentation will be given with class interaction and samples.

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March 20, 2008

7:00 pm

Meeting at

Wade Johnson's Home

269 Snake Hill Road

Glocester, RI

Phone: 401-934-3049

PARK IN DRIVEWAY!!!!

Remember to join us for dinner
5:00 @ Gentleman Farmer Rest.
50 Danielson Pike (Rte 6),
No. Scituate, RI 401-647-7774

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Directions for March 20th meeting:

Directions to Wade Johnson's, 269 Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI (phone 401-934-3049): Your first step is to get to Interstate 295. From east or south of Providence, take I-95 north to the exit for "Routes 6 and 10 West – Hartford." Follow signs for Route 6 and Hartford...Route 10 splits off to the left about a mile down the road...Stay in the right lane. Once you're securely on Route 6, the next thing to look for (almost 4 miles up the road) is the exit for "I-295 North - Woonsocket," a right-lane exit. Once you're on that exit ramp, keep to the left, and **don't** take the exit for "Route 6 - Hartford." Just get onto I-295 North and take it to the exit for "Route 44 West - Greenville" (about 2 miles). When you get onto 44 West, proceed past Apple Valley Mall, past the traffic light at Route 5, and to the third traffic light after that, where you should be in the **left lane** and turn left onto Route 116 (Smith Ave.). There's an Episcopal Church on the far left corner where you turn. Your total distance on Route 44 will have been about 2 1/4 miles. Proceed 1.3 mile to **stop sign**. At that point, Rte.116 goes to the left but **you continue straight**, past Knight's Apple Farm, on Snake Hill Road, for 1.3 miles, to two light-blue vinyl-sided houses on the right, one behind the other, separated by a circular driveway. Wade's is the rear house. Just before the driveway you will have passed a black mailbox with "269" on it. **Parking:** For safety's sake, do not park on the pavement of Snake Hill Road. There's enough room around the driveways for the cars.

Directions to the Gentleman Farmer Restaurant, 50 Danielson Pike (Rte. 6), North Scituate (phone 401-647-7774): Follow the directions to Wade's as far as the stop sign on Rte. 116. There, instead of going straight on Snake Hill Road, **turn left** onto 116 and take it to the **second traffic light** (2.4 miles) where you should **turn left** onto Rte. 6. The restaurant and its parking lot are 4/10 mile up on the right.

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Parts Kit

By Ruth Van Dine, RPT

I just moved into my new parts bag. Here is what I was looking for: several trays for all kinds of parts, a large spot for tools that usually weight down my regular tool bag but I don't use too often, punching box location and something light weight.



I found the Flambeau® 5005 ST Tackle Station™ from **Bass Pro Shop**. Comes with five utility boxes, and top pocket about 5" deep, 4 side pockets, dimensions: 15"w x 10"d x 17"h. Fully loaded only 17lbs.

Tid Bits.....

"Beethoven wrote in three flats a lot. That's because he moved twice." — Victor Borge

PIANOS FOR SALE

Chickering Quarter Grand, 5'4", Ser. No. 130581 =1919. Pin block and soundboard very good. Orig. ivory & ebony keytops, good. New Abel hammers. Mahog. orig. finish, very alligatored. Piano very playable but could use new bridge cap in high treble. Located first floor of a small private residence in Newport. Owner Bob Tomassone will take \$1000 — a real bargain in Wade Johnson's opinion. Call Bob at (401) 580-5515.

Baldwin console, 36" high, fruitwood with period legs and matching upholstered bench, Ser. No. 707334 = 1961. Case in exc. condition. Very tunable but not tuned recently. Asking \$1200. Located in Cranston, RI. Call Joyce at 461-3111.

Hardman "Playotone" full-size upright, built 1925, thoroughly reconditioned 2001. Orig. mahog. finish, alligatored but not abused. Orig. ivories, good. Damp-Chaser system installed. Tuned. Owner Dave Longo is currently out of state but piano can be seen in Smithfield, RI by appointment by calling Wade at (401) 934-3049. Asking \$750.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 20 – Key Button and Mortise Replacement
- Mike Morvan @ *Wade Johnson's Home, Glocester*

April 17 – TBA @ *Larry Brown's Piano Store, Middletown*

May 15 – Website Design That Work and Why You Need One
- Gary Van Dine

June 12 (2nd Thurs) – TBA



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