

GOOD VIBRATIONS

NOVEMBER 2011

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**NOVEMBER MEETING – THE COMPONENTS OF TONE, PART1: THE SOUNDBOARD ASSEMBLY**

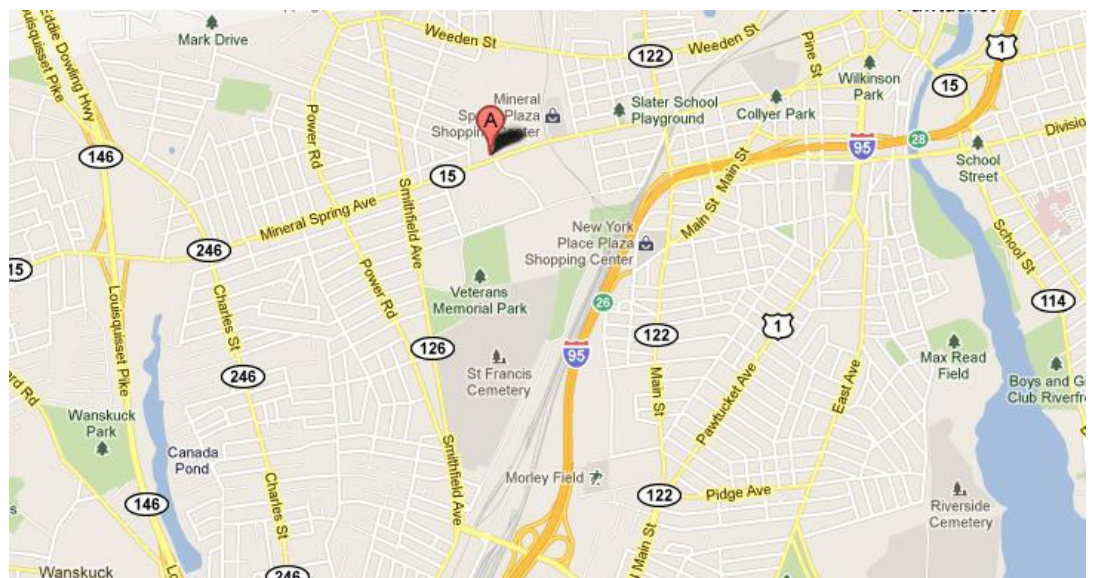
— JUDE REVELEY, RPT

At this meeting Jude will be sharing part of his upcoming class which he will be teaching at the PTG convention in Seattle WA, next summer.

This is the first in a series of planned lectures on the components of piano tone. Understanding the soundboard assembly in terms of both function and its relevance to piano tone is not only extremely useful to us as technicians but fundamental to our ability to analyze, diagnose and resolve the myriad of situations that each piano may present. Using models and slides, we will explore the physics and anatomy of the soundboard, construction techniques, the function of crown and downbearing, scaling, bridge location and more.

BUSINESS TG & TEHNICAL:

- Nov 17, 2011
- 7pm at Paul Dumont's shop, 601 Mineral Springs Ave, Pawtucket, RI 401-433-1269
- 6pm—pizza at Paul's shop

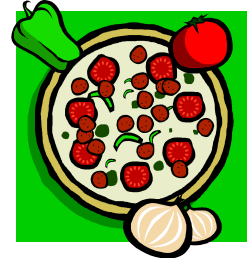


DIRECTIONS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING:

Meeting 7pm: Directions to Paul Dumont's piano shop: 601 Mineral Springs Ave, Pawtucket RI

Supper 6pm : Pizza at Paul's shop

Phone: (401) 433-1269



From South: Rte-95 north from Providence to EXIT 26 toward RI-122 / LONSDALE AVE. , Turn LEFT, north onto LONSDALE AVE / RI-122. (0.4 mi), Turn LEFT onto MINERAL SPRING AVE / RI-15. (0.5 mi)

From North: Rte-95 south from Mass to EXIT 27 toward RI-15 onto CEDAR ST. (0.3 mi), Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST. go 0.4 mi, Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto LONSDALE AVE / RI-122. (0.4 mi), Turn LEFT onto MINERAL SPRING AVE / RI-15. (0.5 mi)

*****Note:** This is Paul's new shop. Paul will be at this shop available to take anyone/everyone up in the freight elevator.

601 Mineral Spring Ave. Pawtucket RI is in the Providence Metalizing Building. Parking is in the front of or to the left of the building. Shop is located on the 4th floor. Elevator is available for anyone who would need it.

Tid Bit —

"Music is what feelings sound like."
- Unknown

TECH TIP: ROLLING OWL CHAIR

BY RUTH VAN DINE, RPT



Have customer in the market for a Piano Stool?
Try these - I purchased one and I love the comfort, adjustability and light-hearted style.

I picked mine up at the Providence Fine Furnishings Show. They are available for order online in many more base colors and wood choices. Prices start around \$300.

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Stonington, Maine 04681
207.367.6555

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CORY PRODUCTS FOR CLEANING SMOKE

A question raised: "Any advice on **a good product/procedure for getting rid of cigarette smell?** Grand piano, was in a smoker's house, doesn't smell too good." Cory Fire-Clean Tobacco Odor Eliminator. Depending on how thorough you wish to address your cleaning procedure, we have a couple other products that will aid in that regard. (from Dave Swartz of Cory Keyboard Products) ... *and here's a Testimonial:*

The Cory products work very well. I am doing my second smoke-damaged action now. Here's how I used the Cory products.

1. "Dry" chemical sponge-- First wipe down the parts dry to remove smoke residue. For cigarettes there probably is not much need for this sponge, though.
2. Negate Odor Remover-- Next mix with 3 to 1 with water and use it to wipe down the bulk of the piano.
3. Pre-Treated Smoke Odor Towelettes-- Now use these small wipes that are impregnated with a product that encapsulates the odor at the source. Use them to wipe in all the small spaces and crevices you can physically reach.
4. Smoke Odor Eliminator or Destroyer for Fire Odor Termination-- Both products work well. After using the wipes, spray one of these two products all over the piano where it is hard to reach (e.g. action parts).
5. Thermal Fog-- You can build a temporary fogging tent and fog the action. Leave it overnight. The small atomized particles will settle in areas your wipes and sprays couldn't reach.

The Cory website www.CoryCare.com also has some great videos that show Dave Swartz cleaning up pianos in real time, explaining what he is doing along the way. They are worth watching.

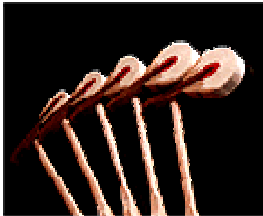


FOR SALE



FOR SALE: Steinway Model I, called a "Monitor." Unique 7' grand, one of only 7 of this model made. Rosewood veneer, built in 1873, fully rebuilt and refinished by Acousticraft, Inc. in 2008. Has contemporary legs and lyre as originals are missing. Priced at \$57,000. More photos available.

Contact David Flanders, RPT, at 401-792-3245, or flanderspiano@verizon.net.



For Sale: a set of bored and shaped **American Steinway hammers** for Model A/B, new inbox \$500

Please contact Barbara Renner if interested. bjprenner@cox.net

Falcone Grand 7'4" for sale \$25,000 - Truro, MA

One owner, selling due to health issues, ivory keys, ebony sharps.

High gloss ebony finish.

Good condition

Rich bass

Serial#1044

Call Warren, owner 508-349-2185



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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- **Nov 17th** – The Components of Tone - Jude Reveley, RPT @ Paul Dumont’s shop, 601 Mineral Springs Ave, Pawtucket RI
- **December** – No chapter meeting
- **January 19** – TBA
- **February**– No chapter meeting

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