

APRIL 2012

Chapter Meeting-March 2012

The meeting took place on March 5th at the home of Pete Knobloch in Tempe. Prior to the 7 o'clock start time, Pete treated the arriving guests to an automated performance of his impressive theater organ setup. President Peg Browne began with discussion of a few items of chapter business: a sheet was handed out defining the procedures to check out items from the newly revitalized chapter library. To reaffirm what was agreed upon last June, a vote was taken to earmark the sum of \$200.00 from the treasury toward the purchase of new materials. The invitation stands once again for members to make suggestions on those purchases. Also, a plea goes out to those in possession of any of the chapters action models. Thanks for keeping them in protective custody, folks, but perhaps it's time to blow off the dust and put them back to good use for the sake of some of the newer members? Please contact our librarian, Steven Gevirtz at 480-518-3941. Peg briefly shared her thoughts and experiences of the Westpac seminar recently held in Salt Lake City, and reminded us again to start thinking ahead to next year when our chapter will host the event. Finally, the subject of nominations came up. It's going to happen at the April or May meeting, and the participation of all is requested again-we will be requiring a new president and/or vice president, as Peg has graciously given us two terms and will be stepping down.-just a heads up to all you RPTs out there!

The Technical-Player Pianos



Our attention was then directed to our host, Pete Knobloch for the technical portion of the meeting. He is the local, if not regional expert on pneumatic player pianos and has an extensive background in the organ field as well. Pete began by giving a most valuable bit of advice; test the player to make sure it works *before* doing any type of service! He had several pianos on display and compared the differences in design and construction of their mechanisms. The function of many parts and controls was explained and we were shown how to remove and reinstall some of the various components in order to gain access for tuning and other service. We all gathered around as Pete began pulling apart a 65 note Aeolian spinet-perhaps the most nightmarish piano to attempt a tuning most of us have seen! Thanks to Pete for the very informative session-it's good to see that such a fascinating aspect of historic technology lives on in his very capable hands. He can be reached at 480-820-7093.

The Next Meeting-

Will take place at Az Piano on April 2nd-7 o'clock PM Larry Messerly will be discussing 'myptg.org'.

Treasurer's Report-

Wendell Smock reports as of March 5, 2012:

Jan. seminar receipts.....	\$1765.00
Expenses	\$550.76
Library	\$69.22
Chapter balance..	\$10263.18



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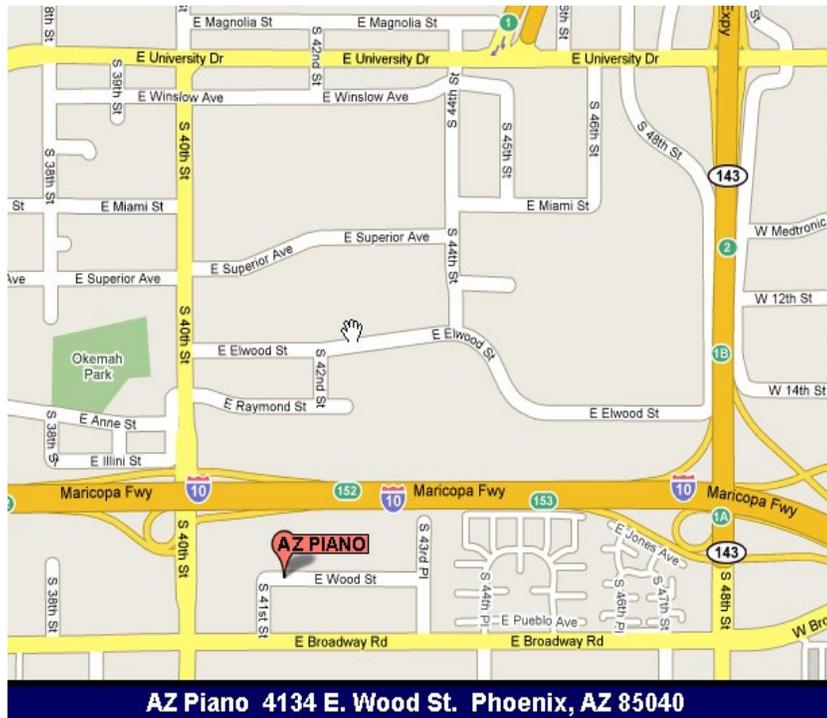
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Map to our next meeting :

**Monday April 2, 7:00 PM
At Az Piano**

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