



The Buckeye Backcheck

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21 @ 7:00 PM

Kawai Piano Gallery

1540 Polaris Pkwy #104
Columbus, OH 43240

Master accordion technician Tim Swanson will give a presentation on the workings and repair of accordions. Tim trained as an accordion repair technician at Liberty Bellows Accordion Shop in Philadelphia. He has started his own accordion repair and servicing business, Capital Accordion Company. This is an opportunity to hear from one of the best in the field.

We will also be discussing the plan to have an all-day technical at Stanton's Music where we, as a group, will service the performance piano in the recital hall. This is especially geared toward those who are new to the industry and need some training and information about this kind of work.

News and Announcements

Marilyn Ritchie

It is with great sadness that we report on the recent passing of Marilyn Ritchie. A Memorial Gathering to celebrate Marilyn's life will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11AM at the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home in Lancaster, OH officiated by Pastor Todd Noland. Family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. A full obituary can be found [at this link](#).

Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023 7:00 PM - Graves Piano & Organ Co.

Attendance:

Wayne Strautman, Chris Purdy, Francis Zengel (OU student), Dainis Tondel, Doug Atkins, Ron Kenreich, Vic Wolfe, Morgan Sieg, Andrew Kovaleski, Mark Ritchie, Marilyn Ritchie, Walter Bagnall, Josh (Wayne's student), David Stang, Kurt Mehl. Additionally, there was a pair of people from central Illinois, a group of people from Dayton, a group of Chris Purdy's students, and a group of Morgan's students.

Treasurer's Report:

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Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Invoices for annual dues will go out on the first of November.
- Discussed monthly meetings in November and December.
- Stanton's has a Baldwin L at their store which needs help. Wayne would like to have a technical meeting to have the new folks regulate its action.
- Wayne proposed a chapter visit to the Charles Walter factory in Indiana. He has access to a 15-seat van to get there.
- Andrew is on the Chapter Health Committee and will report on its activities.

Butts and Flanges:

No Butts and Flanges this meeting.

Technical Presentation

Tool Demonstration and Giveaway







Photos courtesy of Walter Bagnall

Many tools were given away from the estates of Morris Strousse and Greg Cook. Many thanks to their respective widows, Nancy Strousse and Becky Cook.

Members lined up and took one tool at a time from the tables filled with tools, then stayed and socialized in the hall for a while. Members are encouraged to send thank you notes to the widows at the following addresses :

Nancy Strousse
2278 Arcadia Avenue
Lima, OH 45805

Becky Cook
1372 E Lytle Five Points Road
Centerville, OH 45458

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