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HAV 2008 Annual Convention April 25-27, 2008 New Location - Williamsburg, VA

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The HAV Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the 2008 Annual HAV Convention is here again! Scheduled for April 25-27, 2008, Convention Chairman, J. Rodney Graves, has organized an impressive schedule of events sure to please the watchmaker and clockmaker attendees. This year our convention will be held in Williamsburg, VA at the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel. Registration information was postal mailed to all HAV members but is reiterated here to ensure maximum dissemination.

First off, hotel reservations must be made by March 25th. The Williamsburg Marriott is one of the finest hotels in the area and rooms have been reserved at an inexpensive rate of \$89 plus tax. Call the hotel now at (757) 220-2500 or (800) 442-3654; internet users may visit www.Marriott.com for reservations and information.

Convention registration forms with registration options, prices, and directions to the Hotel were included in the last *Loupes and Tweezers* and also in the postal mailing to all members. If you don't have it or need it, call Rodney at (w) (757) 220-8353 or (h) (757) 566-2078. Please complete these and send them to Rodney as soon as possible so he can get a good head count for refreshments.

Two guest speakers have been arranged for your delight. David Lindow, a clockmaker who specializes in the manufacturing of 18th and 19th century reproduction click works, will speak on Saturday morning and afternoon. Check out his website at www.lindowclockmaker.com and you will see his beautiful clocks! The watchmaking speaker is Tom Schomaker. Also presenting on Saturday, Tom, a

watchmaking instructor for the AWCI and CMW21, will be discussing repair of newer chronographs, as well as some oiling procedures. He will also discuss the AWCI CW21 certification program. Biographies and photographs of both speakers are included on page 3.

Once again, the spouses' program will tempt even the clock and watchmakers. Tentatively scheduled for a trip to local historic Jamestown, lunch at a bed and breakfast will also be included.

The annual banquet, awards ceremony, and horological item auction will be conducted on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, everyone is invited to attend the HAV board meeting. Try attending and see what your board does for you. Afterwards, Wayne Simpson will chair a roundtable discussion of "Things that work and things that don't work."

A complete agenda is included on page 4 of this issue. If you haven't attended a Convention in the past, now is the time to try it out. A weekend of fun, learning, and horological camaraderie is awaiting you.

Past attendees expressed a desire to have the convention in a different location than Lynchburg - so now is your chance!



The President's Message By John Enloe



Fellow HAV Members

Does anyone know what next month is???
I'll give you a hint – it's the HAV Convention!!!
The dates – April 25-27, 2008; the place - Williamsburg Marriott. Rodney Graves has a great program planned for all our watchmakers and clockmakers Bill Bugert has included all the details in this issue of *Loupes and Tweezers*, so if you haven't already, make your plans now to be there and take advantage of a really first class event. And as a reminder, bring

all your extra Horological items for the auction!!!

Bob Stone is well into the planning for our fall seminar with August Cornell returning to give us a program for both watch and clockmakers. I believe that one of the main purposes of HAV is to offer educational opportunities for the membership. Both of these events are excellent examples of opportunities for all of us to increase our knowledge and skills. I hope you will take full advantage and plan to participate.

Looking ahead, we will be looking for someone to plan our 2009 convention. Year after year, we have been fortunate to have our members step up and volunteer to run our conventions. I am always amazed at the high quality of the convention programs as well as the social aspects that we all enjoy. I ask you to consider being a volunteer. It's really not that hard. Think about it!!

See you at the convention!!

John

Cartier Parts Restrictions By John Enloe

For those who haven't been following the dialogue concerning Cartier parts restriction, please note that information can be found on this issue through AWI-Matters or by contacting Andre Fleury. Mr. Fleury's email address is andre@fleury.com. Mr. Fleury has a law suit against Cartier/Richemont currently underway. This issue is similar in many ways to the DOJ/Rolux issue concerning parts availability and is one that our watchmakers, in particular, should be aware of.



David Lindow is a clockmaker who was born in 1970 in the farmlands of Illinois. He moved to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1988 to study theology at a small college in Clarks Summit. It was while he was in school that he met master clockmaker, Gerhard Hartwigs, who, in 1990, asked him to work in the shop during summer vacation.

Mr. Hartwigs restored clocks and manufactured 18th and early 19th century tall clock reproductions on a modest scale. David apprenticed with Gerhard for 5 years before moving to Salt Lake City, UT for about 1-1/2 years. There he worked in a low-volume manual machine

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Clock Speaker

David Lindow

shop, making and repairing parts for the salt and copper industries, as well as for others.

After this, he came back under the employ of Mr. Hartwigs in the winter of 1996. Gerhard died in December 1997, after which David took over the shop completely.

In the summer of 1998, the shop was moved from Paupack, PA to its present location in Lake Ariel, PA (about 20 miles east of Scranton) where David lives with his wife, Becky, and their four children. The shop consists of a wide range of machine tools that the computer age seems to have passed by.

There are three employees working full-time at this point. The shop produces tall clocks, banjo clocks, regulators, and now skeleton clocks on a small scale.

(David's biography and photo was obtained from his internet website at www.lindowclockmaker.com)

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Watch Speaker

Tom Schomaker, CMW21

Watchmaking Instructor/Certification Coordinator

AWCI Training Center



Tom Schomaker received his initial watchmaking training at the Ohio Valley Watchmaking Institute, and later became their instructor. He also has made several trips to Switzerland for additional training. In 1981, Tom earned the AWI Certified Master Watchmaker designation; he upgraded his certification to AWCI's CMW21 in 2006.

Twenty-five years in the trade have afforded him a great deal of experience at all levels of watch repair trade-work, luxury watch retailers, business owner, and brand specific modern service centers.

Before joining the AWCI staff, Tom was already an active member of AWCI. He had been the evening watch course instructor since that program began. He also has presented seminars at AWCI's Conventions, is a member of the AWCI Board of Examiners, and is trained as an assessor for the AWCI CW21 exam.

Tom is a life-long resident of the Harrison, Ohio area, along with his wife, Melissa, and their three children. In his spare time, Tom pursues his passion for cars and drag racing.



2008 HAV Convention Program
April 25-27, 2008
Williamsburg, VA

FRIDAY – APRIL 25, 2008

7:00 - 10:00pm Registration – President’s Reception
Cash Bar – Light Hors d’oeuvres

SATURDAY – APRIL 26, 2008

9:00 - 4:00 Spouses Program - Jamestown
(Lunch provided at a local Bed and Breakfast)

9:00 - 12:00 Clockmaker Program – David Lindow

9:00 - 12:00 Watchmaker Program – Tom Schomaker

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch – (on your own)

1:00 - 4:30 Clockmaker Program – David Lindow

1:00 - 4:30 Watchmaker Program – Tom Schomaker

4:30 - 5:30 Auction set-up

6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour – Cash Bar

7:00 - 8:30 Annual Banquet and Awards

8:30 - 11:00 Annual Horological Auction – Ronnie Spiggle – Auctioneer

SUNDAY – APRIL 27, 2008

9:00 - 10:00 HAV Board Meeting – Open to All

10:00 - 12:00 Group Discussion – Wayne Simpson – moderator
“Things That Work And Things That Don’t”

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (Provided)
Convention Adjourns



Stan's Komputer Korner

By Stan Palen

This is a regular column for Loupes and Tweezers. It includes computer information for IBM compatible computers in the form of hints, helps, suggestions and news. Please submit your questions to Stan Palen, 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485 or via email to spalen@crosslink.net. Please note that this column is often submitted for publication 30 to 60 days before publication. I now have a web page located at: www.stanpalen.com. My columns will be posted there when I have completed them.

Microsoft is coming out with an update for Vista which should solve a lot of problems people are having with it. Beta testers have had it for a while. They were about to release it to everyone and they discovered some incompatibilities with some user systems. I believe they held back the release.

Is your computer talking to you? A neighbor's computer is beginning to talk to him. He first noticed that he could not change the volume on his computer. Several programs will not quit when he tries to shut them down. It appears to be getting worse. The last thing that cropped up was that the only way he can turn off the computer is with the power switch. He has carefully backed up everything. His belief is that the operating system is being corrupted.

The machine is eight years old. I gave him several solutions: Reformat the hard drive or replace it, Reinstall the operating system and Replace the system. Spending money and/or a lot of time on an old system such as this is not recommended. He has a full complement of virus, firewall, spam filters, pop up blockers and spy removal tools, so he is pretty sure those areas are covered. His operating system is Windows 2000. He will probably get a new machine.

I have another friend that has a business that

depends on a large spread sheet. He has been faithfully backing up in several places. All of a sudden the file would not open. It would open as a blank page. Two other back ups did the same thing. One older one would open, but not save or edit. He was able to copy sections and paste it into a new file and update only the last several weeks of data. The moral of this yarn is that you should change the name of the file from time to time. Once a file gets messed up by anything such as a power surge, a bad bit of memory either on the hard drive or your machine memory the file can become unusable very fast. I usually add a date on the end of the file.



Last week my scanner died. I figured just go to a local electronics or office supply store and grab another one. Most places I went they either did not have one or they had a real expensive one. Most wanted to sell me a combination printer, scanner, copier and Fax. I already have a fax in my computer and several printers.

There is a new program called HDDlife that monitors your hard drive. It can give you warnings if your hard drive is about to fail. One of the many things it measures is hard drive temperature. If the temperature is rising, your hard drive is nearing failure. With this program you can modify how the hard drive operates to prolong its life. Read more about it at www.hddlif.com. It is not a free program. The review I saw thought it was a very worth while program.

The author is retired from the Navy as a Supervisory General Engineer. He has been involved with computers since the early sixties. He used to purchase all the hardware and software for a group of 40 scientists and engineers. He has marketed Swim Meet programs nationally. He was an associate editor of the Apple II section of the Washington Apple Pie a computer users group based in Washington DC.



Draft Minutes of the February 24, 2008 HAV Board of Directors Meeting

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at about 10:05 by HAV President John Enloe.

2 Invocation

Wayne Simpson

3 Attendees

Officers: John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Mike Creasey, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen, Lowell Fast

Potomac: John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Lloyd Lehn

South Side: Wayne Simpson, Robert Harris

Tri-City: Mike Creasey, Charlie Soukup, Tuck Tompkins

At-Large: Stan Palen

Guest: Bill Trapp

4 Officers Reports

4.1 Secretary Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Stan Palen provided a spread sheet for the budget and the cost of the April convention. There is roughly \$16,483 available for HAV use. Stan's financial report was provided.

5 Continuing Business

5.1 HAV Certificates

Wayne Simpson brought in a sample of a new certificate. It was acceptable. Wayne will order 500 copies for \$175 and send them to the Secretary. Wayne will pay initially and Stan will reimburse him.

5.2 2008 Fall Seminar

Bob Stone was unable to attend the meeting but sent word that the Fall Seminar planning is well underway.

Date: October 19, 2008

Location: Mechanicsville, same location as last two years

Speaker: August Cornel

5.3 2008 Convention Plans

A summary of agenda and budget was provided.

There was an issue over how much AWCI will pay of the speakers' costs. This will be checked out.

Wayne said that Ronnie Speigle was planning to be the auctioneer again. However, Wayne had just learned the Ronnie had slipped and broken his leg last Friday. Hopefully he will be up and about by the time of the Convention.

5.3.1 Presidents Award

One nomination was received for the President's award. The Board conducted a secret ballot. The Board may or may not elect to give out this award. Wayne Simpson acted as the election clerk and will take care of the plaque if one is needed. The Guild making the nomination is responsible for making sure the nominee attends the convention.

6 New Business

6.1 Watch Spare Parts Lawsuit

Support of spare parts lawsuit by Andre Fleury. Mike Creasey suggested everyone support this suit. Lloyd pointed out that AWCI had taken the position that it would not support it as an institution but members could support it if they desired. While the Board did not vote on it, HAV's position was the same.

6.2 AWCI news

Lloyd Lehn gave a brief summary of the early Feb AWCI board meeting. He passed around the new Perpetual Fund manager's brochure on the efforts he will put forth to make sure the fund makes money but also increases in buying power.

The Education Committee's proposal to hire another full time clock certification person was turned down by the AWCI board: a) the need for this person was not identified last summer when the current budget was put together and b) there is thus no funds currently available for this purpose.

6.3 Loupes and Tweezers

The Board commended Bill Bugert for the fine job he has done putting out the HAV's Loupes and Tweezers newsletter. Bill has done a real professional job.

6.4 Cost of Meeting Room

The Holiday Inn drastically increased the cost of the meeting room for the last meeting. This meeting was more reasonable. No one at the Holiday Inn seems to know why we were charged more last time. Hopefully that will not happen again. Lloyd mentioned that he thought the motel management was a bit disorganized.

7 Board Meeting Plans

The next Board meeting will be at the annual convention.

8 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned a little after noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Lehn, CC

Secretary, HAV



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HAV Mission

The Horological Association of Virginia is dedicated to the advancement of the Art and Science of Horology. We will provide opportunities to our membership to advance their skills and knowledge. We will support our members by providing educational opportunities at our Conventions and Seminars. We will support our local guilds, wherever possible, in their efforts to advance the causes of the HAV.

The HAV was formed in October 1939 for the purpose of promoting cooperation among the horologists, principally watchmakers, throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and surrounding locales. In the ensuing years, HAV's spectrum has broadened to include clockmakers, bench jewelers, retail jewelers, collectors, and hobbyists associated with this precision industry. The scope of HAV has grown by expanding its offering of education to its members in the latest techniques, training in the use of advances in technology, and continued prompting of fair and ethical trade practices.

**Check out the HAV website
on the internet at
<http://www.havhome.org>.**

How can you tell your clock plates are not parallel?

Per J.M. Huckabee, you can't necessarily tell by looking at them. Place a ruler on a plate and slide a piece of paper between the ruler and plate. If you are easily able to move the paper, your plate is not flat. Often the case mounting twisted the plate and it is best to start with adjusting the mounting lugs and pillars.

Mark your calendar !

April 25-27, 2008 - HAV Annual Convention, Marriott, Williamsburg, VA (all invited)

June 11-14, 2008 - NAWCC National Convention, Springfield, MO

August 7-10, 2008 - AWCI 2008 Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO

October 19, 2008 - HAV Fall Seminar, Mechanicsville, VA (all invited)

November 7-8, 2008 - NAWCC Mid-Eastern Regional, York, PA



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