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Spring Convention - April 15-17, 2005 Lynchburg, VA

Complete Information Included!!

The Convention is here. Here are the room reservation details!

When: April 15-17, 2005

Where: The Lynchburg, Virginia Ramada Inn is the Host Hotel for the Spring Convention of the Horological Association of Virginia. They are excited to be host hotel for the attendees of the Horological Association of Virginia and are pleased to extend special rates and services to you as you visit the Greater Lynchburg area.



How: Make your room reservations now. A block of 35 room shave been reserved until April 1st, when the size of the block of rooms is reduced to 25. Mention Group Code: HORO

Details: Room Rate: \$69.00 + tax
Single/Double Occupancy

INCLUDES A HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET!

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

- * On-site fitness center and guest laundry
- * Largest Outdoor Pool in Lynchburg
- * On-site full service restaurant and lounge
- * Rooms equipped with built-in hair dryer, coffee maker, ironing board and iron

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The President's Message

By Mike Frost

Can it be a year already? My how time flies when you get old! It seems like we just finished with last year's convention and now we are at it again. Training and education

is always welcomed no matter what time of the year.

This year, we again have the honor of two of the best speakers in the horological field, Laurie Penman and Herman Mayer. These gentlemen have graciously accepted our request to present their knowledge to us in areas we feel will be beneficial to all of us.

Laurie Penman will present an all day course Sat-

urday on platform, balance wheel, and floating balance escapements for clocks. How to identify them and how to determine what the problems may be and the course of action needed to correct those problems.

Herman Mayer will be speaking on Sunday morning about the Program of Education at the Lititz Institute at Lititz, PA as well as the use of training aides in the 21st century such as close up photography and video capturing techniques.

My usual call for participation goes out to one and all. We usually see the same people every year and that is good. We would like to see some new faces, so pack your bags and come join us in Lynchburg for this great event.

Directions to the Convention Location

Route 460 from Roanoke

Take route 460 East to Route 29 North/Wards Road. Bear to the right to travel on Rt. 29/Lynchburg Expressway. Travel two exits north to Odd Fellows Road-Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

From Washington, DC/Charlottesville

Take Route 29 S to Odd Fellows Road-Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

Route 460 From Appomattox/Richmond

Take route 460 West and exit at Route 29 North (Wards Road). Bear to the right, exiting North on Rt. 29/Lynchburg Expressway. Travel two exits to Odd Fellows Road-Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

From North Carolina/Danville

Take Route 29 N to Odd Fellows Road-Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

Lynchburg Ramada Inn-located at Route 29 at Odd Fellows Rd. (Exit 7)

Phone 434-847-7500 Fax 434 846-4965



REGISTRATION FORM CONVENTION 2005

Pre-registration is available for full package only

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|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Full Registration <u>before</u> Apr 4 | #-----@ | \$80.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Full Registration <u>after</u> Apr 4 | #-----@ | \$90.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Saturday only (With banquet) | #-----@ | \$60.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Saturday only (No banquet) | #-----@ | \$35.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Sunday only | #-----@ | \$50.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Includes Luncheon Sunday | | | |

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| Full spousal program | #-----@ | \$60.00 | Enter amount ----- |
| Includes tour, banquet, luncheon Saturday and Sunday | | | |

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| Banquet Guest Only | #-----@ | \$35.00 | Enter amount ----- |
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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ -----

Attendee's Name(s)-----

Guest(s) Names-----

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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.

Well I have to confess that I got bit by not having a proper backup. My second machine used to be my primary machine. I stopped making regular backups. I store all my working files in a folder I create instead of My Documents that I had copied to my new machine. My second machine now used primarily with Microset and some sewing stitch programs that my wife uses. The hard drive died hard. I could not copy anything from it. I could see files, but not pull data. I tried about 6 file recovery programs to no avail. I had a back up on 2 DVD's but neither would restore the files I wanted. Guess which files I needed. My 2003 Turbo Tax files. Turbotax stores tax files in it's own subdirectory. I had to reenter everything into Turbo Tax this year. Everything else, so far I believe I have copied over to my primary machine.

In order to get my secondary machine up and running, I had to buy a new hard drive. Now I have a machine that does not have a lot of clutter on it, just the programs I reinstalled. It is connected to my cable Internet via a home network. This means that it had to have a Firewall and a good Virus protection program. Avast! is the free virus protection program that I installed on this machine after reading evaluations on the internet. It updates every time I turn on the machine and regularly after that. AVG antivirus is a free program that I use on my laptop and works pretty well, but the use agreement states that you can only use it on one machine. I use the firewall program ZoneAlarm on both machines. My old machine was a Windows 2000 machine, so there was a large amount of updates to download. It would



Photo by Bill Berger

have taken over 8 hours on my dial up connection, but just a few minutes on broadband.

A friend of mine asked me to look at a computer he uses at an office at a construction site. The CD-Rom was not working. I figured no problem as I had several old drives in old computers, so I took one out and went down to look at the problem. I could not believe the machine was still running. It had over 1/8 inch of dust and dirt all over everything inside. I took out the old CD-Rom and went to plug in the one I had. The machine was a Compaq. The connectors were very different from the ones every other company uses. The machine was too old to justify putting any more money in it.

The company bought a new machine. Now the problem was to get the company files on the new one. The floppy was working, but some of the files were too big for floppies. They used a Zip drive for archiving files. I plugged the Zip drive into the new machine, but Windows XP would not recognize the Windows 95 installation files or the device. The company machine is not connected to the Internet in any way, so I had to come home and download the updates. After getting the updates to the installation program, I went back and did the installation. I had to move the zip drive back and fourth from the two machines, but I eventually got everything transferred.

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.



Convention Program

Once again we will be in Lynchburg with an outstanding gathering of HAV horologists. Our goal is to improve our skills through expert presentations and interchange with other fellow members from throughout the state. We have outstanding presentations scheduled for both the clockmaker and watchmaker and will have a spouse's program.

For the clockmakers, we are fortunate again this year to have Laurie Penman, Internationally recognized clockmaker, author of several books on clock design and repair and currently teaching clock building and repair at AWCI. Laurie has been with us the past two years and given most informative presentations. His presentation for this year's convention will be on platform and floating balance escapements, a subject which will be of great interest to all clockmakers.

Hermann Mayer, head instructor at the Lititz Watch Technicum will also be back with us and give the presentation for the watchmakers. Mr. Mayer is well known on both sides of the Atlantic for his expertise in explaining the concepts of watch making and repair. His discussion will cover the program of education at the Lititz Institute and also the use of training aides in the 21st century using close-up photography and video capturing techniques. Also, after lunch on Sunday, there will be a session on antique timepiece preservation and restoration, which should be of interest to both clockmakers and watchmakers.

Friday, April 15th

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| 7:00 –11:00 | PM | Registration and President's Reception | Cash Bar and Light Hors d'Ouvres |
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Saturday, April 16th

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | AM | Registration | |
| 9:15 | AM | Departure – Spouses Program | |
| 9:30 - 12:00 | AM | Clock Repair Technical Session with Laurie Penman | |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | PM | Lunch "on your own" | |
| 1:00 - 3:30 | PM | Clock Repair Technical Session with Laurie Penman (continued) | |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | PM | Social Hour with Cash Bar | |
| 6:00 - 7:30 | PM | Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony | |
| 7:30 - 10:30 | PM | Auction | |

Sunday, April 17th.

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| 8:00 - 9:00 | AM | Annual HAV Board Meeting & Election of Officers (all are invited) |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | AM | Lititz Institute Program of Education with Herman Mayer |
| 10:30 - 1200 | AM | Use of training aides in the 21 st century with Hermann Mayer |
| 12:00 - 1:30 | PM | Luncheon |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | PM | Antique Timepiece Preservation and Restoration |
| 3:00 | PM | Adjourn |

Answer to know your fellow HAV member: John and Janet Dopler from Pittsboro, NC



Draft Minutes of the February 27, 2005 HAV Board of Directors Meeting - Courtesy of HAV Secretary, Lloyd Lehn, CC

Editor's note: These minutes will be draft until approved at the next HAV Board meeting

The Horological Association of Virginia Board of Directors meet in a Holiday Inn in Charlottesville VA from 1000 to 1235 hours 27 February 2005.

1 Attendees

President - Mike Frost
First Vice President - Lowell Fast
Second Vice President - John Enloe
Secretary - Lloyd Lehn
Treasurer - Stan Palen
Immediate Past President - Bill Trapp
Directors/Alternates/Guests
Potomac - Ralph Smith, Dick Riegel, Bob Stone, Steve Leonard
Peninsula -
South Side - Wayne Simpson
Tidewater -
Tri-City - Tuck Tompkins
At Large - Stan Palen

2 Invocation

Wayne Simpson provided the invocation.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the 14 Nov 2004 meeting were approved.

4 Officers Reports

4.1 Treasurer

HAV has \$18,948.47 in the bank.

4.2 Secretary

We have received the AWCI Certificate indicating HAV is an affiliate member of AWCI.

5 Other Business

5.1 AWCI Video Committee

Lloyd Lehn provided a copy of the mid-year report the AWCI Video Committee submitted to the Board of Directors for their early February meeting. While we have not received a formal report from that meeting, informal conversations with three AWCI board members indicates that the BoD has authorized AWCI's staff to continue to sell the poor quality videos

commercially. The Video Committee may be disbanded if the AWCI BoD is going to ignore their

work. This report precipitated a discussion of the merits of continuing to maintain HAV's affiliate status with AWCI. No specific plan of action was spelled out to reach a conclusion on this issue. However, it was suggested that a survey be made of the other affiliates to determine their satisfaction with AWCI. This was not assigned to anyone at this point.

5.2 AWCI Clockmaker Standards and Practices Draft

Mike Frost has received a copy of the AWCI Draft Standards and Practices paper from Jerry Faier. Mike will send it electronically to the attendees.

5.3 2005 Convention

5.3.1 Date/Location

- April 15-17 Ramada Inn, Lynchburg VA

5.3.2 Speakers

- Laurie Penman will be the Sat speaker. He will talk about clock escapements.

Mike had an outline of his talk.

- Jerry Faier will be unable to attend as a speaker.

- Mike needs a "watch" speaker for Sunday morning. Several suggestions were offered.

5.3.3 Spouse Program

- Wayne is working on options for the Spouse program. He has reserved a van.

He would appreciate any ideas for the program.

5.3.4 Booklet

- John Enloe agreed to do the booklet for the convention. Lloyd Lehn will help with the roster and photos.

5.3.5 Banquet

- Banquet has already been set up. It will be the same as last year.

5.3.6 President's Award

- Presidents award - only one nomination was received. The election was for

either two choices - no award or the nominee. Wayne collected the ballots and will announce the results of the election at the Convention.

5.3.7 Election of Officers

- Elections of Officers - Bill Trapp has found a full slate of candidates with the exception of the 2nd Vice President. He would like a candidate from other than Potomac Guild since it already fills a high percentage of official HAV positions.

6 New Business

6.1 AWCI Annual Meeting

- AWCI annual meeting. The Board approved sending two (Lehn & Hardy) to the annual meeting under the same financial arrangement as last year. - Future

Meeting Schedules

6.2 2005 Fall Seminar

- Fall Seminar - Mike Frost will coordinate the event. Bob Stone agreed to help.

6.3 2006 Convention

- Steve Leonard said he and Bill Bugert were considering volunteering for running the 2006 Convention.

6.4 HAV Long Range Plan

- Dick Riegle expressed concern that we did not have a 3-year plan for all our events. Dick suggested we should know the dates of all events 3 years out and should have filled in who will be responsible as best as we can at this point. Others agreed such a plan was needed. Bob Stone agreed to draft the plan

7 Announcements

None

8 Next Meeting

The next BoD meeting will be held the April 17th at the Convention.

9 Prepared By

Lloyd Lehn, Secretary HAV



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As a continuing feature, the editor will feature a photo of a fellow HAV member for you to identify. The identity of this individual can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Who is This Handsome Couple?



Mark your calendar !

March 15, 2005 - Tri-City Guild meeting, Piccadilly Cafeteria, Richmond, VA
April 15-17, 2005 - HAV Annual Convention, Lynchburg, VA
April 17, 2005 - HAV Board Meeting, Lynchburg, VA (Open to all members)\
April 19, 2005 - Tri-City Guild meeting, Piccadilly Cafeteria, Richmond, VA
June 8-12, 2005 - NAWCC 60th National Convention, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

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.

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