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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE 2007 HAV PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Bill Trapp, the Active Past President of the HAV, is soliciting for submissions for the 2007 HAV President's Award. This is your chance to formally recognize the contributions members make to the HAV. Anyone can submit a nomination and all nominations will be voted on by the Officers of the HAV. Past recipients of this award from 1967 are listed in the 2005 or 2006 HAV Annual Convention Program.

Here is an extract of the letter Bill sent to various members of the HAV. "I am requesting your input in selecting a recipient of the 2007 Presidential Award. As all of you know, this award is usually given at the Annual Convention. Although there is no requirement that there be an award every year, it is an opportunity to give proper recognition to one of our fellow horologist who has distinguished himself in the field of horology or by providing service to their local guild or to HAV. Your nomination must be in writing indicating clearly why you are recommending this individual for the Presidential Award for 2007. All nominations should be sent to me at 6226 Kellogg Drive, McLean, VA 22101 no later than Saturday February 17, 2007. Nominees will be voted on and the award recipient selected at the Board meet scheduled to be held on February 25, 2007. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor."

William F. Trapp
Past President, HAV

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2004 President's Award - Ralph Smith

Photo by Bill Bugert



Photo by Bill Bugert

The President's Message By Lowell Fast

To all from Lowell: Mary De Viney is the only person I am aware of that followed up with a letter on the Department of Justice comments on the US Government and Rolex (see *Loupes and Tweezers* 2006 Issue Number 3, page 2). I'd like others to see someone reads the mail.

From Mary to Lowell: "Thanks for the phone call. I believe it is important to promote and protect our livelihood and profession

You are welcome to put a copy of the letter sent to me by Sen. John Warner in the *Loupes and Tweezers*. It is a response promoted by me sending him your letter in the last *Loupes and Tweezers*."

Mary De Viney

Ms. Mary Loose De Viney

December 8, 2006

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Dear Ms. De Viney:

Thank you for sharing with me a copy of Mr. Lowell Fast's letter to the U.S. Department of Justice. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delayed response. Despite our extensive efforts to ensure that all mail is answered promptly and efficiently, we still make some mistakes. With the thousands of letters I receive weekly, I know you will understand that a letter can occasionally be mishandled or misplaced. I appreciate you taking the time to write and allowing me this opportunity to respond.

With respect to *United States of America v. the Watchmakers of Switzerland Information Center, Inc., et al*, the formal public comment period regarding the Final Judgment entered by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on March 9, 1960, ended on June 12, 2006. The Department of Justice is currently reviewing the more than 150 comments that have been submitted on this issue before the Court makes its final decision. While the public comment period for this case has ended, you may wish to file a formal complaint regarding alleged antitrust violations with the Department of Justice at the following address:

Citizen Complaint Center
Antitrust Division
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Room 3322
Washington, DC 20530

Additionally, the Senate Judiciary Committee has oversight authority over antitrust and competition policy laws, including antitrust enforcement policies of the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. While I am not a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I will certainly keep your views in mind should related legislation come before the full Senate.

Again, thank you for the benefit of your views.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,
John Warner



Treasurer's Report Summary

Presented by Stan Palen, Reviewed, and Approved by the HAV BoD on November 19, 2006

This summary was summarized by the Editor from the information presented by the HAV Treasurer, Stan Palen, to the Board of Directors at the November 19, 2006 meeting in Charlottesville. It represents a snapshot in time of the HAV yearly finances and serves to give the membership an idea of the total funds available in the HAV treasury.

Total Expenses: \$2,689.57

Includes:	Loupes and Tweezers	\$ 49.62
	AWI delegate	\$1,649.86
	Board meeting	\$ 233.09
	Insurance	\$ 218.00
	Return of dues	\$ 539.00

Total Income: \$1,019.00

Includes:	Dues	\$ 619.00
	AWCI	\$ 400.00

Miscellaneous:

Interest	\$ 8.93
Seminar deposit	\$ 570.00
Seminar check	\$ 110.00

Total Funds Available: \$17,006.13

Includes:	Certificate of Deposit:	\$12,977.81
	Current check balance	\$ 685.78
	Uninvest balance	\$ 3,342.54

Ultrasonic Cleaner For Sale

I am helping a friend sell some clock/watch cleaning equipment. The items are an L & R ultrasonic cleaning machine, 11-quarts, Model Quantrax 280 and a stainless steel auxiliary cleaning pan. Both items are in excellent condition.

Prices \$200 & \$32. Contact:

Bob Bruckhart

watchbob1960@aol.com

HAV Report of the 2006 AWCI Annual Meeting Available on The Internet

Many thanks to Stan Palen who allocated space on his website for Lloyd Lehn's report of the 2006 AWCI Annual Convention. Here is the link to that website:

<http://www.stanpalen.com/HAV/2006> AWCI Annual Meeting Aug 2-6.pdf

Or at:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?K17025B3E>><http://makeashorterlink.com/?K17025B3E>



Obituaries

C.W. Smith

Bill Trapp has informed us that one of the long time member of the George McNeil Potomac Guild, Clarence W. Smith, died on Thanksgiving Day. His funeral was on Monday, November 27th. Donations can be made to Project Hope in C.W.'s name. If anyone wishes to express sympathy to his wife Betty, the address is 18011 Mill Creek Drive, Derwood, MD 20855-1024. Their telephone number is 301-948-6493.

Bob Rogers

Robert Cassius Rogers, Jr. 63, of Edinburg, VA died at the Winchester Medical Center. Bob was born July 9, 1943 in Front Royal, VA, the son of Robert Cassius Rogers, Sr. and Louise Martin Bowers. He retired as a civilian employee with the Department of Defense. He apprenticed in England under a master clocksmith and had been a clockmaster for 42 years. He opened Shenandoah Clocks in Edinburg 10 years ago. He was 32nd degree mason

with Hunter Lodge in Edinburg and the Scottish Rite. He was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and the Horological Association of Virginia. Bob married Adrienne Mary Rogers on Dec. 7, 1996 in Yancey County, NC.

Surviving with his wife are his mother and her husband, John Bowers of Front Royal, VA; two daughters, Michelle Hyers and Ludia Sarmast of Annapolis, MD; a son, Andrew Samarst; and four grandchildren. A daughter, Aileen Sarmast is deceased.

Barry Boling received this note from his wife, Adrienne: "Bob Rogers passed in November in my arms in the hospital. We do have some clocks and tools that I will be selling at a later date. We had so much illness the past 5 years that our life was taken up with work and staying alive. We have enjoyed your news and keeping up with the guild." Donations can be made to the Bob – the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Coming this April - 2007 HAV Annual Convention

Here are the some early details

When: April 20-22, 2007

Where: Lynchburg, VA at the Ramada Inn. This is the same location as the past number of years.

Lodging: Make your own room reservations by calling (434) 847-7500. Forty rooms are reserved for us at a special rate of \$69 (single or double). Mention group code HORO.

Cost: \$98 for the full pre-registration package. Partial package prices will be announced with full details in the next issue of the *Loupes and Tweezers*.

Speakers:

Clock speaker: Bob Ockenden, Valley Clock Works, Minnesota.

Watch speaker: TBD.

Spouses' program: Wayne Simpson will organize it again this year.

Other activities: Awards banquet, auction, spouses' activities, reception, etc.

Plan your calendar now to attend if you haven't already. Past Conventions have been well planned and well attended. This year's promises to be just as good. Here is the schedule outline:

Friday: Early registration and reception. We will possibly have a Hermle plant tour (being coordinated) in the afternoon.

Saturday: All day clock session, spouses program, evening banquet, awards ceremony, and horological item auction.

Sunday: Morning HAV membership meeting, all day watch session, and luncheon.



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.

The computer that was failing in my last column is working much better now. I took out all the cards and reseated them as well as the memory. It still does crash if I leave it on for a while, but that is usually after a day or two. I was thinking I might be in the market for a new computer, but now I can wait a while longer. The prices keep going down and the specifications keep getting better. I do not like to depend on one computer.

In my last column I mentioned that the free AVG would not be supported after January 15, 2007. It turns out that the folks that maintain the software do not speak English very well. They just meant that you needed to upgrade to their latest free version (7.5). The version before that was 7.1. I did get rid of AVG on my laptop. I went with AOL's free security package. All you need to do is sign up with AOL and get an email address that you do not need to use except for this use. AOL is allowing free use of all their software these days. They are getting their income from advertising. Using just the security software, I have not seen any advertising. A side note – if you have high speed Internet from some source other than AOL and you are also paying for AOL – you can stop paying AOL. They are taking a big gamble, but you might as well take advantage of it. My mom has AVG on her computer and I successfully updated it to the latest version.

I sat down to my computer the other day and noticed that the icon for my McAfee Security Center was black instead of red that it should be. I clicked on the icon and brought up the Security Center and it showed that my virus, firewall, and privacy service was all turned off. It claimed that my subscription had expired. I could click on virus and it verified my subscription. The firewall service would not verify until I rebooted. To restore



Photo by Bill Bugert

privacy service, I had to go to McAfee's web site and let their system verify my account. I had this happen about a year ago also. I ran virus scan and it found no problems.

I find it quite disturbing that the above could happen. I am not sure how long my system was not protected or how the protection got turned off. There are some worm or spy programs that can cause this, but I could not detect any on my machine. Hopefully it was a program glitch.

Several of the computer newsletters that I read are recommending that you have automatic updates turned on. I have recommended that you do not. The problem is that there are so many security updates that you really need. If a security hole is found by anyone, the Internet can distribute how to exploit it quickly. Microsoft gets out updates on a fairly regular basis.

In order to keep up with current events in the computer world, I subscribe to Computer Shopper, Neat Net Tricks, and Windows Secrets. I also get several free newsletters from folks like CNet and Download Dispatch. If you need more timely information, these are great ways to keep updated. I like Download Dispatch because they thoroughly check out downloadable software for hidden ads and spyware. They evaluate software and tell you of it's pro's and con's and tell you what it can and cannot do.

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 November 19, 2006 HAV Board of Directors Meeting

1. Call to Order. President Lowell Fast chaired the meeting.

Invocation. Charlie Soukup provided the invocation

Attendees: Officers: Lowell Fast, Steve Leonard, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen, Bill Trapp, Bill Bugert. Potomac Guild: Bob Stone, Dick Riegel, George Evans. South Side: Wayne Simpson, Robert Harris. Tri-City: Charlie Soukup, Tuck Tompkins. At Large: Stan Palen.

2. Minutes of last meeting. Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Stan reported that we have \$17,006.13 available. Several bills have come in since this figure was compiled.

4. Continuing Business. Counting AWCI members in HAV. Lloyd Lehn pointed out that AWCI does count how many members we have in HAV that are members of AWCI. We need to be aware of how many AWCI members we have so that we do not fall under some administrative minimum on some AWCI event/service. We should be working toward an administrative procedure to count AWCI membership. No specific tasks were assigned.

5. Future Business.

5.1 2006 Fall Seminar. Bob Stone reported on the fall convention. 19 people paid - 10 were pre-registered (\$5 less), total income was about \$900. Paid roughly \$625 for the primary speaker - Gow. Motel expense was roughly \$300 - did pay for Lehn's room. Overall, we lost about \$225 for event. Everyone agreed the motel facilities were acceptable. Bob thanked Keith Clark for helping get Gow as speaker. Disappointed that no NAWCC attendees were there. There were lots of positive statements about the seminar.

5.2 2007 Convention Plans.

What - HAV Annual Convention.

Where - Ramada Inn, Lynchburg, VA - 40 rooms have been reserved at \$69 (reserve room early since big event in town that weekend). Food cost the same. Same room arrangement as past couple of years.

Cost - Registration will be near \$100.

When - April 20-22, 2007.

Who - Steve and Bill have agreed to run it again, John Enloe agreed to do advertising part, Charlie will help with "watch" speaker, Bob Ockenden will do clock presentation, Wayne will do spouse program again, Wayne will check with Ronnie about being auctioneer again.

Steve will investigate going to Hermle plant again - Helmet Mengold is the POC. Wayne mentioned some concerns about the condition of the Ramada and that in the future we might want to try an alternate site. We have paid deposit for Ramada already. Dick Riegel suggested we might find a central location based on location of all of the members. George Evans pointed out that attendance at conventions dropped when we moved away from Lynchburg.

5.3 2007 Fall Seminar.

When - October 21, 2007

Where - Same location in Mechanicsville, VA

Who - Bob will chair it again if someone finds the "watch" speaker. Charlie Soukup volunteered to take on that task.

5.4 AWCI Annual Meeting Rep. Steve suggested that perhaps we need to document a set of rules about how we select the HAV representative to the AWCI annual meeting since some members expressed concern about the amount spent to send a representative to the Seattle meeting. Opinions varied from let the President decide to having a specific set of rules. This year the President had the Executive Committee (officers) vote on the issue. No tasks were assigned.

5.5 2007 President's Award. Bill Trapp will be sending out call letters for the nomination of the President's award for 2007. We will have to vote on it at the February meeting.

5.6 2nd VP Nominees. Bill Trapp said he needs a nominee for the 2nd VP position. However, he believed that he had found one based on private conversations at the meeting.

5.7 Current HT News. Student Scholarships - The AWCI affiliates director announced that the affiliates want to establish a scholarship fund using the AWCI ELM Trust to administer it. Lloyd suggested he could not recommend supporting this until such time that the program is better defined by a "prospectus" of some sort spelling out additional details. The substance is in the details.

5.8 Affiliate News - The affiliates director asked that affiliates send him information on their activities so that he can build it into his monthly HT column. Bill Bugert is sending the L&T to Lucy at AWCI. (Lloyd has forwarded a copy of the latest electronic HT to Wes Cutter.) AWCI Board of Directors nominations are due by December 1, 2006.

6.0 Next Board Meeting. February 25, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Monticello, Charlottesville (same location).

Lloyd Lehn, CC
Secretary



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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.

Northern VA Clock Repair Course

George Evans and John Enloe are again sponsoring a clock repair course. Classes are from January 22, 2007 through May 9, 2007 on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout that period with the exception of February 19th and March 21st. As they did last semester, when you sign up you are signing up for both classes which is a potential of thirty classes if you come every evening. The time will remain the same 7PM - 10PM. The fee for the class will be \$150 tuition and \$15 for supplies for a total of \$165. Sessions will be held at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, the former Green Acres Elementary School, located at 4401 Sideburn Ave, City of Fairfax. To register for the class, contact George Evans at (703) 978-6154.

Mark your calendar !

February 17, 2007 - Nominations due for 2007 president's Award (Details, see page 3.)

February 25, 2007 - Next HAV Board of Directors Meeting (all invited), Charlottesville, VA

April 20-22, 2007 - 2007 HAV Annual Convention, Ramada Inn, Lynchburg, VA

June 6-9, 2007 - NAWCC 2007 National Convention, Chattanooga, TN

August 2-5, 2007 - AWCI 2007 Annual Convention, Cincinnati, OH

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



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