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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV ANNUAL CONVENTION Williamsburg Marriott April 30 - May 1&2

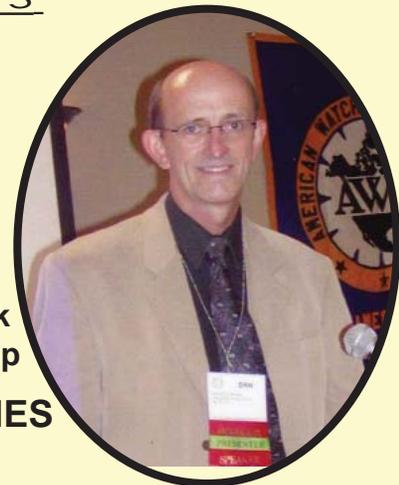
Featured Speakers

CLOCKS



Al Dodson
NAWCC

Al Dodson is an experienced clock-maker. He studied watchmaking and micro-precision machining at Parkland College. In 1978, he returned to Lexington, KY where he repaired clocks professionally. Al moved to Columbia, PA in 2008 and became the lead clock instructor at NAWCC's School of Horology.



Dan Fenwick
Swatch Group

WATCHES

Dan Fenwick has been with us several times. He is a Nationally recognized watchmaker employed by the Swatch Group. Dan always provides our watchmakers with valuable techniques on the repair of modern Swiss watches.

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HAV Convention at a Glance

When: April 30 - May 2

Where: Williamsburg- Marriott

Motel Phone: 800-442-3654

Convention Rate: \$109 + tax

Deadline: March 30 for Convention Rate

Registration:

See page 7 for registration form - options and prices

Deadline: Register as soon as possible

Save \$20: Register before April 6th

Schedule:

Friday Evening:

Registration and Social Gathering

Saturday:

Watches Technical Session - Dan Fenwick - Swatch Group

Clocks Technical Session - Al Dodson - NAWCC School

Spouses Program: Gayle Graves - coordinator

Banquet

Auction - Ronnie Spiggle - auctioneer

Sunday:

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Technical Session

Lunch

Adjourn

Convention Coordinator: John Enloe - 703-425-1524

Call for additional information.



The President's Message by Steve Leonard

It looks like our snowy winter is finally coming to an end. If you're like me, you've had enough with shoveling snow. As spring approaches, it's time to look forward to the annual HAV Convention. Please look at the material within this issue and sign up for what will be another great convention.

I'd like to share a few thoughts on the composition of our membership. Those attending the last Board of Directors meeting had an interesting discussion about the membership of some of our guilds. The majority of the members of the Potomac Guild pursue horology as hobby instead of it being their livelihood. Many of Potomac's new members come from the guild-sponsored clock class. So, the Potomac Guild is more clock-oriented and has more hobbyists. On the other hand, most of the Tri-City Guild's members have traditionally been professional horologists and in particular watchmakers. As we talked about this, the guild members admitted that they believed those not part of the majority groups likely felt left out. In fact, it may even be difficult to recruit new members that weren't part of these majority groups.

As we continued this discussion, it became apparent that no matter what the background or professional orientation, our guilds have a tremendous pool of talented

horologists as well as those new to horology that have a thirst for knowledge. Our professionals possess skills that they've honed over many years and in some cases over many decades. Even some of our "hobbyists" have learned a great deal, again over many years. They all have something to contribute. Those new to horology, whether watchmakers or clockmakers or whether embarking on a career or repairing clocks/watches in their spare time, have a desire to learn. As a living organization, I believe it's important to welcome all those interested in becoming horologists. Our members with the experience can teach, guide and/or mentor the "younger" members as well as teach each other new techniques. The new members provide the "new blood" that all organizations need to keep going. The health of the HAV depends upon growing these new members so they can follow in the footsteps of our long-time members. Please seek them out and welcome them.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 HAV Convention, where we all can look forward to learning something new and enjoying each other's company.

Steve

**HAV Board of Directors
Excerpt of Minutes of
21 Feb 2010 Meeting**

1 Opening

Steve Leonard called the meeting to order at about 1014. Charlie Soukup provided the invocation. Erik Funk was introduced as the new 2nd Vice President. This was his first BoD meeting. There were no changes to the printed agenda.

2 Attendees

Officers: Steve Leonard, Mike Creasey, Erik Funk, Stan Palen, Lloyd Lehn, John Enloe

Potomac Guild: Bob Stone, George Evans

Tri-City Guild: Charlie Soukup, Tuck Tompkins

Guests: Lowell Fast

3 Officers Reports

3.1 Treasurer's Report

Stan Palen provided the attached spread sheet. HAV has roughly \$15,000 in its accounts. Stan expressed concern that the bank HAV uses had been purchased by another bank and they had lowered the rates HAV is being paid on his certificates of deposits. He will look into the legality of that. The report was approved.

3.2 Secretary-Minutes

Lloyd provided copies of the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as submitted.

3.3 1st Vice President

Mike Creasey said he was disappointed that his Loupes and Tweezers letter did not result in any volunteers to assist in the HAV Convention. He suggested we need to get younger members into HAV and encourage them to participate in volunteer activities. He complained that AWCI is not working with the local Guilds but did not offer a suggestion of what to do to increase the interaction.

3.4 President

Steve Leonard said he has not been successful in getting a new Secretary or a new Loupes and Tweezers editor.

4 Continuing Business

4.1 Convention Plans

John Enloe reported on the status of convention plans:

Date: April 30 thru May 2nd

Location: Marriott Williamsburg

Cost: John prepared three options. The Board selected the option in the attached registration form.

Speakers: Watches - Dan Fenwick: Clocks Al Dodson

Auction: Ronnie Spiggle

Booklet: Steve Leonard Preparing

Booklet Ads: 13 letters sent - 2 positive replies so far

Spouses Program: Gayle Graves planning

L&T material: In preparation

4.2 Fall Seminar

We still need a volunteer to replace Bob Stone who will not be able to attend the seminar. He has chaired the event for five years.

Bob Stone has not begun the process of getting a speaker. No one else has volunteered to do the job. There was a suggestion that we try to get members to put on presentations in lieu of paying for a speaker but others suggested it was good to have an outside speaker.

There was a lengthy discussion over the merits of having a seminar and a convention. One individual thought it was draining volunteer resources. The majority disagreed and believed that having both were worth the effort.

Stan Palen has put in a request to reserve Ivy Creek for Oct 17th.

4.3 Presidents Award

Three nominations were received by the Board. Two individuals were in attendance and were asked to leave the room while the Board discussed and voted on the nominations. In Wayne's absence, Steve collected the ballots. He will contact Wayne and arrange for the plaque to be prepared for the convention.

4.4 L&T

Lloyd expressed his frustration over the lack of interest in the web page contest in the most recent issue of Loupes and Tweezers. The contest was designed to encourage people to be aware of HAVHOME and its contents. He received no entries.

4.5 Job Descriptions

Steve Leonard provided a copy of his initial draft of the President's duties.

5 New Business

Steve Leonard suggested we might want to reach out to local shops to encourage them to participate in HAV activities. Charlie pointed out that he made a major effort at one time and found little interest. Tuck pointed out that most of them do not realize how much the local shops need advice and education but did not know how to overcome their reluctance.

6 Announcements

7 Board Meeting Plans

The next BoD meeting will be held:

May 2nd at the Convention.

Stan Palen has put in a request for reservation for the Ivy Creek facility for:

August 22 - BoD meeting

Oct 17 - Seminar

8 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned about 1150.

HAVhome.org Contest

The last issue of L&T included a contest intended to encourage HAV members to use HAV's web page HAVhome.org. The questions and the answers are shown below. Members are encouraged to go to the web page and locate the answers.

QUESTIONS: (one word answers only)

1. South Side Guild meets in what VA town? Hint: the President knows the answer.
2. Ivy Creek Foundation's Street is on what street? Hint: How did you get to the seminar?
3. First name of the Tri-City Treasurer?
4. First name of the President's Award winner in 2008?
5. First name of the guy wearing a flashlight on his head at the Potomac Guild May 2007 meeting?
6. How long (minutes) is the Atmos Clock Repair Video in HAV's library?
7. ZIP code of the address where new members mail their membership applications?
8. The current HAV Constitution was adopted in 1998. What month?

9. Minimum number of years an individual must be an active member of HAV in order to be considered for the award of "Life Membership" of HAV.
10. First name of the HAV member who was awarded AWCI's Lifetime Achievement Award in August 2004?

ANSWERS:

1. Bedford - President's note
2. Earlysville - last newsletter
3. Lowell - org chart
4. Dexter - 2008 convention pictures
5. Donny - May 2007 Potomac Guild Mtng Pictures
6. 105 - Library listing
7. 22485 - Member application
8. November - Constitution
9. 10 - Bylaws
10. Paul - L&T archive Oct 2004v

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 cause of the HAV.

The HAV was formed in October 1939 for the purpose of promoting cooperation among the horologists, principally watchmakers, through the Commonwealth of Virginia and surround 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 promoting of fair and ethical trade practices.



STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

This column includes hints, helps, suggestions and news for IBM compatible computers. vv

WINDOWS 7: I installed Windows 7 on my Vista machine. It was a piece of cake. I didn't have any problems. However, it took a while for everything to complete. I was able to install printer drivers for the printers on my network that are connected to an XP machine. My MicroSet timer program also works just like it did when the machine had a Vista operating system. All of my network connections are still working after the upgrade. The visual interface is neat. If you have several windows minimized and hover your mouse over the icon at the bottom of the screen, you will see several small windows that show each one large enough to tell which one you want to use. If you shake a window you are in, it will minimize all the other open windows. You can click on the right most box on the taskbar at the bottom and all the open windows will become transparent so you can see your desktop. That way you can easily open another application. If you right click on an application icon, it will show recently used documents so you can easily reload. The task bar at the bottom of the screen is significantly more useful. If you want more information, go to Microsoft's web site. Windows 7 is not on my main machine, so I have not played with all it's features yet. I bought the 3 license version because I intend to upgrade at least one more machine. I still recommend that you do not try to upgrade from XP to Windows 7.

ANTI-VIRUS: My main machine is a little over a year old. It came with CA Anti-Virus free for a year. It was pretty comprehensive. It pretty much covered all aspects of computer protection. After the first year, they want a substantial sum per year. It appeared to me that they wanted that sum for each computer. I might have done it if it would cover all my active machines. I uninstalled CA and went to Microsoft's web site and downloaded Microsoft's Security Essentials to my machine. If anyone knows the intricacies of Microsoft systems, it should be Microsoft. It seems to be doing a pretty good job and the price is right – Free.

TAXES: Do you do your taxes on your computer? It is strongly recommended that you move your tax files to a thumb drive or something similar. Copying them to the thumb drive is not good enough because it leaves a copy on your system. If someone gets into your machine, they look for tax documents. Hackers get more sophisticated every day. There are several programs that will permanently delete files available on the Internet. Just do a search on delete files. I have several years of Turbo Tax files on my machine and

I am going to take them off and run the program using the files on a thumb drive. The Undelete Free Disk Wipe program is free and should do the job just fine, but it will only do one disk at a time. There are lots of programs that will do selected files are out there, but there is a cost factor.

ROUTER: I purchased a new router to try and speed things up with my Internet connection. I tried to set it up, but it wanted to do things it's own way. I have several wireless devices in the house set up on a network I called W. The new router does not recognize it at all. I would have to reprogram all the devices in the house. One of these days I will try to connect the old router to the new one for all the old stuff that does not need speed. It will still mean reprogramming 3 computers and then getting them to talk to each other again. It took a while to get them talking the last time. Hopefully this will take less time than redoing everything. Aren't computers fun?

MISC STUFF: Did you know it is possible to detect the approximate geographical location of the user from an IP address? Enter the IP address at <http://ipgeoinfo.com> to see if it works for you.

Have you tried hooking up two or more computers with long cables? A member tried that and it took a while to discover that the first two cables were not working. A properly constructed network cable should work to at least 100 ft.

A friend bought a refurbished laptop from Leveno and could not get the wireless part to work. It took quite a while and lots of frustration before she was told that her model had a switch to turn the wireless on and off.

QUESTIONS: Please submit any questions to me at: a) 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485; b) email spalen@crosslink.net or c) phone 540-775-7027. My web page is: www.stanpalen.com.

HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION of VIRGINIA
REGISTRATION FORM CONVENTION 2010

Pre-registration is available for full package only

Full Registration before Apr 6#_____ @ \$130.00 Enter amount_____

Full Registration after Apr 6#_____ @ \$150.00 Enter amount_____

Saturday only #_____ @ \$ 100.00 Enter Amount_____

Includes banquet

Sunday only #_____ @ \$50.00 Enter amount_____

Includes Luncheon Sunday

Full spousal program #_____ @ \$80.00 Enter amount_____

Includes tour, banquet, luncheon Saturday and Sunday

Banquet Guest Only #_____ @ \$50.00 Enter amount_____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$_____

Attendee's Name(s)_____

Guest(s) Names_____

Address _____ City_____

State_____ Zip _____ E-mail address_____

Telephone ()_____ ()_____

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WE STILL NEED HELP!

We still have a vacant slot in the HAV organization:

We need a Loupes and Tweezers Editor or a Secretary

HAV is run by volunteers. It is organizationally dangerous to have two few people doing all the work. If one or more of them suddenly is unable to do their job(s), HAV could be in a world of hurt. It could simply become completely inactive. Each of you needs to think about stepping up to the bar and helping your fellow members run this organization.

WE STILL NEED HELP!

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