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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV 2011 Convention April 29 - May 1

Featured Speakers



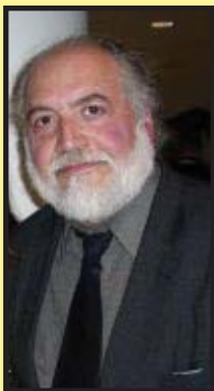
Tom Schomaker

Sat: Adjustments, Oiling and Regulation of the Valjoux 7750 Movement

Hands on workshop using the 7750 Movement, focusing on use and application of Fix-o-drop/Epilame on pallet stones, adjustment of the Etachron regulating system, proper lubrication of reverser wheels, and general discussion pertaining to function.

Sun: AWCI's CW21 examination.

Specific topics will include "Preparing for the Written Test", and an open floor



August Cornell

Sat: Marine Chronometers using Fusee &

Crystal Carriage Clocks with Platform Escapements

"Hands on" for platform escapement segment of the program. A basic tool list will be provided for those who want to participate. Also participants are encouraged to bring their own clocks exhibiting motion problems for discussion and diagnosis for repair.

Sun: The Antikythera Mechanism

Lecture and discussion about the "Phoenician Artifact". This best described "astrolabe" was kept unrecognized in storage in the Bronze Museum in Athens for over 15 years before being x-rayed and dated to 100 BC and re-named the "Antikythera Mechanism" after the island area of its discovery.

More Details Inside

Convention Summary

Who: HAV members, family and friends

What: HAV Annual Convention

When: April 29 - May 1

Where: Williamsburg Marriott
800-442-3654

Why: Education and fellowship

Cost: Varies by participation - see registration form

Key Dates:

March 29 - hotel registration for \$109 room rate ends

April 6 - lower cost early convention registration ends

April 29 - registration, reception

April 30 - technical sessions, spouses program, banquet and auction

May 1 - HAV Board Meeting followed by technical presentations

May 1 - Convention ends at 1 p.m.

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Steve Leonard's President's Message

Greetings to all. Spring is almost here, and I'm sure you're all happy that the cold weather is starting to ease. At least we didn't have much snow this winter (hope I didn't just jinx us). With Spring comes HAV elections for the Board of Directors and our annual convention. With the elections, the current officers move up or move out. I'm one of those moving out as this completes my two years as President of the HAV, though I will remain as the Past President. Since this is my last President's Message for Loupes and Tweezers, I want to thank those who helped me and the HAV the past two years. John Enloe has been our Past President and has provided me with the most valuable advice. Mike Creasy has been there for me as 1st Vice President, resurrecting the Convention Committee and ably filling in during an absence. Erik Funk stepped up to be the 2nd Vice President, and we're sorry to see him prematurely depart (though for a warmer climate). As usual, Stan Palen, our Treasurer, has kept HAV's financial books in order and kept us out of trouble. Lloyd Lehn is completing eight years as our outstanding Secretary and has served as Acting Editor for Loupes and Tweezers. Last, but not least, are all the guild officers and directors who participate in our Board meetings and keep the conversation valuable and lively. Many thanks to all of you.

Spring is also the time of our annual HAV Convention. Thanks to John Polk and his team for putting together a great program. Details are elsewhere in this issue, so I won't repeat them here. I think you'll agree that there will be great watch and clock presentations. I hope to see you all there!

Steve Leonard

Saturday Speaker Programs

Clocks -- Mr. August Cornell

“Marine Chronometers using Fusee and Crystal Carriage Clocks with Platform Escapements”

(Hands-on workshop for Platform Escapement. Recommended minimum tool list is below)

Watches -- Mr. Tom Schomaker, CMW21

“Oiling, Lubrication and Adjustment of the Valjoux 7750”

(Hands-on Workshop)

Sunday Speaker Programs

Clocks -- August Cornell

“The Antikythera Mechanism,
also known as The Phoenician Artifact”

Watches - Tom Schomaker, CMW21

“The AWCI Certification Exam-Preparing for the Written Test”

Recommended Tool List for Clock Workshop

Clean, light-colored work pad or skim tray (cafeteria style tray); Tweezers; Assortment of flat blade screwdrivers; Loupe or magnifying visor; Small plastic dish or tray for parts storage; Notebook; Pen/pencil; Other?

Spouse's Program

Saturday____ - Gayle Graves will lead a trip to: Yorktown Victory Center: lunch at Riverwalk Restaurant; and browsing at shops in Riverwalk Landing along the York River.

Sunday____ - Spouses should plan to attend the Sunday morning clock presentation. It is about the “The Antikythera Mechanism, also known as The Phoenician Artifact.” It will be more of a historical presentation than the usual technical presentation about clocks.

2011 HAV Convention Program

April 29th-May 1, 2011

Williamsburg Marriott

Williamsburg, VA

FRIDAY – APRIL 29th

7:00 - 10:00pm Registration – President’s Reception

SATURDAY – APRIL 30th

8:30 – 9:00 Registration for Saturday only attendees

9:00 - 12:00 Clockmaker Program – August Cornell

9:00 - 12:00 Watchmaker Program – Tom Schomaker, CMW21

9:30 - 4:00 Spouses Program –Yorktown Victory Center and Riverwalk
Landing

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch – (on your own)

1:00 - 4:30 Clockmaker Program – August Cornell

1:00 - 4:30 Watchmaker Program – Tom Schomaker, CMW21

4:30 - 5:30 Auction set-up

6:00 - 7:00 Reception & Social Hour – Cash Bar

7:00 - 8:30 Annual Banquet and Awards

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

SUNDAY – MAY 1st

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

10:00 - 12:00 Lecture and Discussion- August Cornell

10:00 – 12:00 Lecture and Discussion- Tom Schomaker

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (Provided)

1:00 Convention Adjourns

2011 HAV CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

*****Register Early for the BEST PRICE*****

Full Package (if received before April 6th) # _____ x \$135.00 Enter amount _____

Full Package (after April 6th) # _____ x \$155.00 Enter amount _____

(Full Package Includes Saturday Workshop and Banquet & Sunday Lecture)

Saturday ONLY Program # _____ x \$105.00 Enter amount _____
(Includes Workshop and Banquet)

Sunday ONLY Program # _____ x \$ 55.00 Enter amount _____
(Includes Sunday's Lecture)

Banquet ONLY # _____ x \$ 65.00 Enter amount _____

**Saturday's Spouse Program @ \$ 85.00 Enter amount _____
(Includes Tour, Saturday's Luncheon & The Banquet)

TOTAL Included \$ _____

**SATURDAY
WATCH WORKSHOP**

(CHOOSE ONE)

**SATURDAY
CLOCK WORKSHOP**

Attendee's Name(s) _____

Guest or Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Telephone () _____ Work home () _____

**You are responsible for making your room reservation by calling the Williamsburg
Marriott at (800) 442-3654.**

Please mention the Horological Association to receive our promotional rate of \$109.

Make checks payable to JOHN POLK and send check and Completed Registration FORM to:

**John C. Polk
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Rockville, VA 23146**

**Got Questions?? Contact John Polk (804) 335-5006
or email havconvention@gmail.com**

DON'T FORGET RONNIE

I got \$32

Who'll give me \$35

Anybody \$35

\$32 Once

\$32 twice

\$32 Sold

Sold to Number 16.

Such is the chant of Ronnie Spiggle as he auctions off items brought in for sale by HAV members. Ronnie's banter entertains us all. The auction is a fun time. It's also a fundraiser for both our members and for HAV.



A New Slate of HAV Officers Will Be Elected

The list of current HAV officers is shown on the last page. Two years ago these individuals agreed to serve for two years. In some cases even longer. The Presidential chain includes: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Most Recent Past President. Normally each person serves two years and then moves up to the next slot.

On May 1st HAV members will vote on a new slate of officers. The nominees are: President - Mike Creasey; 1st Vice President - George Cosier; 2nd Vice President - ?; Secretary - Bob Stone; and Treasurer - Stan Palen. Lloyd Lehn has volunteered to be the Loupes and Tweezers editor and Steve Leonard will be the Most Recent Past President.

We hope someone will volunteer to take on the 2nd VP job



STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

CLOUD COMPUTING: Have you heard of all this talk about cloud computing? Microsoft has this Windows Live program that has a whole bunch of things you can do. You get 25 GB of free on line storage in SkyDrive. You can put files there and then work on them there from any where. This means you can put an excel file there and work on it such as adding information without excel on the machine you are connecting to the Internet with. You can password protect the file or make it public. You cant send a link to another person so they can view it or edit it if you give them permission. One of the things I am working on using is a Sync section. You can put a file there and synchronize that file with one on your machine. You can store photos there and also edit them there.

There is a calendar function, a movie editing function, and a mail function that can read all of your e-mail from one place to name a few. There are a number of mobile phone applications that will allow your phone to access to your space on line. All of this is free. There are some folks saying that the PC is dead. With the amount of software applications you can use on line, you only need a basic machine and an Internet connection. To get there go to explore.live.com or search on windows live.

CHEAP SOFTWARE: A friend of mine has an Excel file of about 1000 lines that she created using a student version. Apparently the student version is a limited version. She was trying to format some of the data for using in a merge letter. It would not let her do that. The sort function did not seem to work right either. She sent the file to me and with a few clicks was able to put the data the way she wanted. It opened fine with her software when I sent back to her. So beware if you get offered a cheap version.

MICRO SET REVIEW: I have had a chance to use the Micro Set Watch Timer Pro. I really like it. It does a really good job of timing a watch and determining if a watch has a problem. With the software that comes with it, you can record your progress for future reference. You know how a watch was working when it left your shop.

The watch/movement holder concerns me a bit with just 3 points of contact. I have not had it happen, but it appears that the watch could easily come out of the holder. I have the sensor on a soft rubber pad as an added safety measure. I have an old laptop with a dead battery, but it works well enough with AC power to handle the Micro Set data input. The only problem I have is that I cannot print to the printer on my network. The network is mostly Windows 7 PC's. Fortunately the windows machine the printer is on can see the laptop and retrieve the files for printing.

INTERNET EVOLUTION: The Internet will have run out of addresses by the time you read this. The 12 digit numbers will all be assigned. There are expensive ways to fix this. The

major Internet switching points will need upgrading. Reusing old addresses will work only for a short time. I just heard about it a few weeks after Christmas. It would seem to me that someone should have been working on this to be ready when the need arises.

How is your Internet working. Where would you be if the government turned it off like they did in Egypt. Governments in some country's have the power to do this. It would probably be difficult in this country because quite a bit of the Internet infrastructure is in private hands. China has blocked all searches on Egypt on it's state controlled version of Twitter.

FIREFOX: Mozilla Firefox is a free browser that just came out with a new version. It claims to have much better security than Microsoft's Explorer. You can set it up to block the site you are looking at to not be able to track your movements on the site. I have used Firefox quite a bit on a laptop and it is well written software wise to be very compact and fast. There are a lot of folks writing software as add ins that enhance Firefox. All of it free.

MICRODOTS: There was a mention of DataDot on one of the discussion groups that I thought might have been useful for marking movements. I looked into it a bit and discovered that it was a spray that contains a bunch of microdots that have a serial number that authorities can use to find the owner and the data. It would not be good to spray something into a watch or clock movement. I guess the AWCI micro punch with your ID or something similar is still much better.

TABLETS: There are still a number of new tablets coming out to challenge iPad. One of the newest is Dell's Streak7. The review on Cnet did not think too much of it. Cnet.com has great reviews on electronics as well as other things. If you are contemplating a purchase, it would pay you research your purchase there before you buy it.

BACKUPS: I have always been harping on back ups. Several months ago I was helping another webmaster set up a state wide site. He was taking over the site. I was able to get into the site before he did, so I had a copy on my computer. With most sites you have a copy on your computer to do your editing before you put it on the site. The original holder of the site quit paying the fees. The site and the domain disappeared. My friend had a computer crash and lost his copy. The only copy left was on my machine. The webmaster had to purchase a domain and a host. After that I was able to restore his site. It would have been a large task to rebuild the site from scratch.

COMPUTER CHIP PROBLEMS: Intel has discovered an error in one of their latest chips. It means a number of computers will need to be recalled to have these chips replaced. The chips went into production in early January, so unless you just bought a new computer very recently you should be okay.

PARENTAL CONTROL: There is a free parental control device called ANY WEBLOCK. You can block any web site and it returns a fake error page if that site is attempted. It works with any browser and password protection. It is available at www.anyutils.com/anyweblock.php.

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