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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV'S NEXT BIG EVENT!

WHAT: HAV's Spring Conference and Convention

WHEN: April 27-29 2012

WHERE: Staunton VA

FACILITY: Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Convention Center -
540-885-4848 stonewalljacksonhotel.com \$119 + tax

CLOCKS SPEAKERS:

am - Steve Petrucelli - American Banjo Clocks

pm - David Lindow - Rose Engine Lathe

WATCHES SPEAKER: Gary Biscelli - Adjustment of the Swiss Lever
Escapement - Rolex caliber 1570

COORDINATOR: Dean Sarnelle

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Steve Leonard Is Planning HAV'S 2012 FALL SEMINAR

After organizaing our 2011 Fall seminar, Steve Leonard has agreed to plan and coordinate HAV's 2012 Fall seminar. Details will appear in future Loupes and Tweezers.

Plan to attend.

2012 Horological Association of Virginia Annual Convention

APRIL 27 - 29, 2012

Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Convention Center

24 South Market Street, Staunton, VA 24401

Clock Programs:

Mr. Steve Petrucelli will present "Perspectives in Identifying and Collecting American Banjo Clocks".

Mr. David Lindow will demonstrate his rose engine lathe and showing how elaborate patterns are put on watch cases, clock faces and pendulum bobs.

Watch Program:

Mr. Gary Biscelli of the Lititz Watch Technicum will present a technical, hands-on workshop on the Swiss lever escapement using the Rolex caliber 1570. The program will be LIMITED to 16 hand-on participants. You may register as an "observer", if you do not want to participate in the hands-on.

Spouses Program:

Spouses will explore some of the historic sites of Staunton including Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Museum, the Blackfriars Playhouse, Trinity Episcopal Church's Tiffany windows and of course lunch and shopping in Staunton's charming and historic downtown.

Friday, April 27th

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. **Registration and President's Reception - Cash Bar and Light Hors d'Ouvres**

Saturday, April 28th

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
 9:30 a.m. **Spouses Program** departs
 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. **Technical Programs - Watch and Clock**
 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch "on your own"**
 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Technical Programs - Watch and Clock**
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Social Hour with Cash Bar**
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. **Annual Banquet**
 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. **Auction** - Clean out your benches and bring horological items to sell.

Sunday, April 29th.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. **HAV Board Meeting & Election of Officers** (all are invited)
 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. **Open House - Once Upon A Time, 25 West Beverley Street**
 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch provided**
 1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Hotel Reservations

Make your own reservations directly with Stonewall Jackson Hotel (540) 885-4848. Room rates \$119.00 per night, good until March 30th. (Please mention the Horological Association of Virginia to ensure that you receive the proper room rate.) Hotel parking is an additional \$4.00 per day.

Should you wish/need to stay at another hotel, a web search found more than 10 hotels in the area. Dean Sarnelle suggests Frederick House. Its two blocks from the hotel. 540-885-4220 frederickhouse.com

Questions:

Contact your 2012 Convention Chairman, Dean Sarnelle at (540) 885-6064 or email onceuptime@aol.com

President's Message

I think most you will agree that this fall and winter have been remarkable. We didn't have any heavy snowfalls. However, one was just enough to require us to reschedule a BoD meeting. As I look out the window today it looks like winter is moving out and spring is in the air. That means Convention 2012 is almost upon us.



Dean Sarnelle, Convention Chairman 2012, has worked hard to assemble a talented troupe of speakers covering both clocks and watches.

Watchmakers take note: the watchmaking program will include a "hands on" portion. However, the number of "hands on" participants is limited. Thus, you must sign up early if you want to do the "hands on" activity. Those over the maximum number of participants or any others will still be able to attend the watchmakers session as observers.

This convention is going to be one you won't want to miss.

Be sure to register early.

I hope to see you at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton, Virginia on April 27-29.

Mike D Creasey
President

Smart Moves For People in Charge

One of the books on your editor's book shelves has the above title. It's by Sam Deep and Lyle Sussman. In essence, it is a book of lists of items one might want to consider/follow in various situations. Here is a list on

"Phrases of Great Leadership."

"Here's one way to do it."

"That looks great!"

"That job will have to be redone."

"What'll it take to keep this from happening again?"

"We'll get'em next time."

"What do you need from me?"

"How am I doing?"

"Watch me."

"I'd like to ask you to help me on this."

"What is *your* idea?"

"Tell me about yourself."

"I was wrong."

"Look at the silly thing I just did."

"We're in this together."

"Let's be the best company [team] in this industry [company]."

How often do YOU use these phrases?



STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

Windows 8: Are you ready for Windows 8? It is available in Beta now for anyone that wants to play with it. The start menu is gone and it is set up for a touch screen. It will probably show up first on tablets. Win 8 will supposedly have seamless interaction with your windows desktop. You can use your mouse also. It is supposed to be usable on most platforms. It appears that Microsoft is planning to come out with machines that will try to compete with Apple. I think they are two years too late.

iPad: Did you get any new electronic toys this past holiday season? There are so many things out there to play with or use in your business. My daughter got a new iPad. I watched her set it up to work with her home network. It only took a few minutes. The capabilities of this thing are just amazing.

Beside the tools and programs already on it, you can download Apps. These are actually programs that can do a lot of things. Many of these Apps are free and most are very modest cost like 99 cents. There is one that will take a picture of a mole or skin irregularity and it will analyze it to determine if a doctor should look at it. There is an Amazon App that will scan a bar code of an item and it will give you the Amazon price for it. Many of these Apps will work on tablets using the Android operating system also.

Apple exercises fairly tight controls of Apps for the iPad and iPhone, but the Android system is open meaning that anyone can write one and put it on the Internet for folks to use or buy. This brings up another

problem because these can contain viruses to damage or eavesdrop on what your tablet or phone is doing.

For use in your business, a tablet is a quite valuable and handy tool. It can take pictures of the incoming work and the customer that brought it in as well as keep track of the jobs in progress. I keep threatening to take picture of customers holding their clock or watch when they bring it in. I have not done it yet, but I probably should because I have always had problems remembering people's names. The tablet pretty much does not take up any space and goes anywhere.

iPad 3 is now here. It will be interesting to see which new features are really valuable. I'm sure there will be price cuts on the "older" models.

Kindle: I got my wife a Kindle for Christmas. She sometimes has trouble with small print. It was easy to set up to use the network in the house and download books to it. The available books are just about endless. Even the list of free books is quite long. Best sellers and recently released books are there for a price, but the price is several dollars below the hardcover price. It will take a long time to fill up the memory of the Kindle, but you can archive the books you have bought on Amazon's servers or on your computer. (I think – I have not tried it.) Being able to select the font type and size is a very big plus. I have used it for a couple of books. I did not think I would like reading a book that way, but I am a believer. Two or more folks can use it reading different books. It will remember where you are. The 3g version of Kindle Fire connects to Amazon's servers for free over telephone wireless systems. This means you can connect most anywhere without needing a WiFi connection. Amazon pays the fees. This is probably only in the US only.

Ice Cream Sandwich: Have you heard of Ice Cream Sandwich? ICS is an operating

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system for tablets. It needs Android version 4.0 to run. What I read says it is worth waiting for. So – Do you buy a price reduced current model that might not run all the latest or wait for the latest versions? Electronic equipment will always get better if you wait, and the price will go down. On the other hand you need to start using the equipment at some point. If you have a desire or need for the capabilities that are available now, go for it.

Backup, Backup, Backup: How long has it been since you backed up your computer? I know I sound like a broken record, but your hard drive will fail. It will probably wait until the most opportune moment. Sometimes you will get a warning. The computer takes a long time or several tries to boot up. It could also be a sudden blue screen of death. The computer may reboot, but it will happen again. At this point you are on a very steep downhill slope to failure. Backups at this point may have errors, but some of the data should be recoverable. Be careful how you use this data until you are sure it is not corrupted.

Some viruses can cause the above kinds of problems too. Your data is probably messed up in this case. It is very important that you have an up to date virus protection. The two free ones I use are Microsoft Security Essentials and AVG. So far they have kept me safe. If a virus protection program came installed on your computer and you did not pay for the updates, you must uninstall the old one before you install a new one. Virus programs can fight with each other and rob computer performance.

Reminders: Do you write emails to yourself to make note of things you want to remember? There are two products out there now that do that very well. One is OneNote by Microsoft that works well across Micro-

soft products and sometimes with other platforms. Some of the later devices may have it installed. You can buy it, but it also comes with several Microsoft packages. Evernote is the other one. www.evernote.com is the source. It works across almost all platforms. You can snip parts of a web page, you can separate your notes by folders and vary access to them. You may also make a folder public. Once you put an item in your folders, you can access them from any platform.

Managing Pictures: Do you save a lot of pictures to your hard drive? Have you saved one in several places? There are several programs out there now that will find them and clean up your hard drive. A couple have a program similar to facial recognition to root out the same picture with different names. Quite a few are even free.

Google Privacy: Google currently has over 60 different privacy statements. Google has sent out a global message stating that starting March 1, 2012 it will have one privacy statement. That statement was included in the message. It does clarify what they can do with the data they collect, but it appears that they can do almost anything with it. A lot of legal types are looking it over to see what it really means. It has similar ramifications to the user agreements that are in most software packages that you never read before you accept them. You have to accept them before you can use the software and you have no rights against the company if their software harms you, your equipment, or your data in any way.

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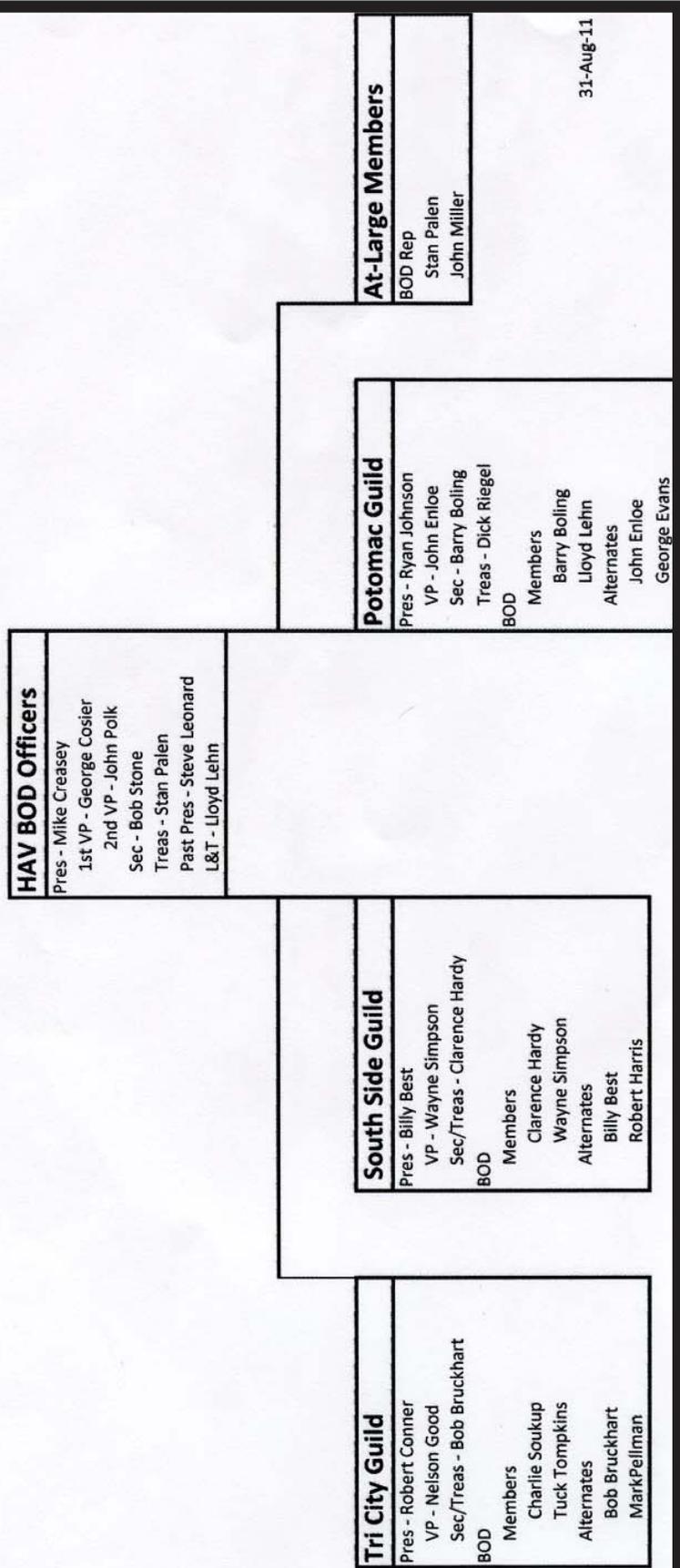
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HAV does not just happen!

It takes many people to make it happen. They collect the dues. They attend organizational meetings. They put on programs. They make sure our tax forms are up to date with the IRS. They find speakers for the technical programs. They contribute the content of Loupes and Tweezers. They stop and pick up donuts and coffee for Board members, They arrange for meeting rooms. They send out meeting notices. They send out membership certificates. They attend meetings.

The list could go on and on. Without all of these activities HAV would not exist. The attached organization chart lists many but not all of the people who are the "they." Next time you might wish things had been done differently, volunteer to put your name on this organization chart. Then you make the change.

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