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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV's Fall Seminar

Date: **Nov 10, 2013**

Time: **0830 Registration / 0900 Programs start**

Speakers:

0900-1200 Stan Stocker - Tool Making (2 hrs) & Pivot Replacement (1 hr)

1200-1300 Lunch & Board of Directors Meeting

1300-1500 Dean Sarnelle - Polishing, Restoration, & Re-bluing

1500 Depart

Cost: **Payable at the door. HAV Member - \$25. Non-member \$35**

Pre-registration: **There is no formal pre-registration. However, if you plan to attend, please call or send an e-mail to Steve Leonard (sr_leonard@verizon.net, (h) 703-352-3416 (w) 703-808-6127) so that he can plan accordingly.**

Location: **Ivy Creek Foundation, 1780 Earlysville Road, Charlottesville VA 22901. The Ivy Creek facility is a very nice, barn-style building in a nature preserve. It has running water, modern sanitary facilities and a microwave oven. The HAV Board has met there a number of times. It is very comfortable meeting location.**

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Food and drinks: Donuts, bagels, fruit, cookies, coffee, juice, sodas and water will be provided for morning and afternoon snacks. Bring what else you may want. Ample time will be allowed for lunch. You can bring lunch or drive to one of the local fast food establishments on Route 29. There will be a sandwich run for those staying for the Board of Director's meeting. You can order in the morning and lunch will be delivered by noon (cash only).

Hotels: Rooms have been reserved at the DoubleTree Charlottesville, 990 Hilton Heights Drive, for \$129.00 per night. To reserve a room, call Tamara Johnson at 434-964-4461 or send E-mail to tamara.johnson@hilton.com. Mention Steve Leonard and HAV and she'll move one of the rooms to your name and credit card number.

Directions: Ivy Creek Foundation is about 5 miles north of Charlottesville via Route 29.

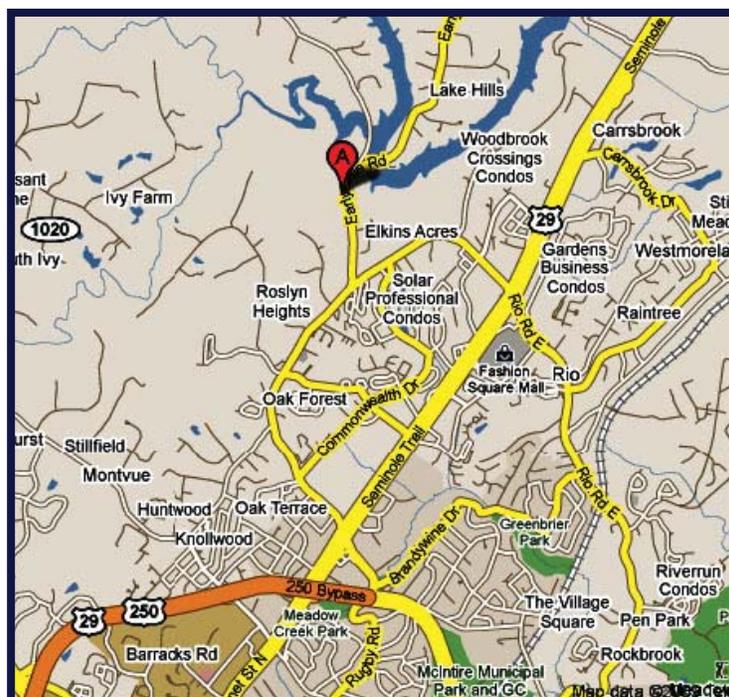
From North: Turn right on Rio Road.

From South: Turn left on Hydraulic Road.

- Rio Road and Hydraulic Road form a loop off to the west of 29

- Earlysville Road is off of that

Destination: 1780 Earlysville Road



President's Message



As the summer winds down, I am looking forward the fall Seminar on Nov 10th. Steve Leonard has put together a program featuring two HAV members

sharing their skills with the rest of us. Stan Stocker will tell us about tool making and unusual pivot replacement while Dean Sarnelle will show us how to re-blue parts and other restoration techniques.

John Polk chairs the planning committee for the 2014 Convention. They have nailed down the date and the location and are looking for appropriate watch and clock speakers. That is always a challenge. They would like member input for their plans. If any member has some ideas about what should be included in the convention please let them know.

Vern L Holman

Vern L. Holman passed away on Aug 1st. He was 90. Vern was an early member of the Horological Association of Virginia - at least since 1977.

Plans for 2014 Convention Are Maturing

John Polk described the plans for the 2014 HAV Convention at the HAV Board of Directors on August 18th.

When: May 2-4 2014

Where: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center - 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg 23185 (HAV has been there before when it was know as Williamsburg Marriott.) HAV has a block of rooms - \$109/night.

Speakers: To be announced

Spouses' Program: Winery tour and Lunch at the Williamsburg Winery

The committee would appreciate hearing from the membership on what to include in the program. This is YOUR convention. The committee needs your help to provide the very best program possible.

Please send you suggestions to:

havconvention@ gmail.com

2014 Convention Committee

John C Polk, Chairman

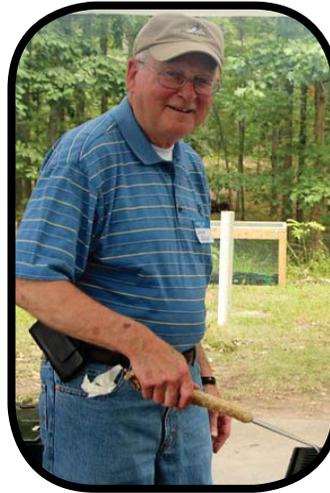
Zareh Sarkissian, Co-Chairman

Potomac Guild's Annual Picnic

The Potomac Guild annual picnic was held on the Sobel homestead just north of the Mananas Civil War battlefield. One of the innovations of this year's picnic was the opportunity to sell a few items from the trunk of your car. Several people took advantage of it and passed along their excess items to someone who thought they could use them. As usual there were some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs and lots of other picnic snacks. Keith Clark brought a freezer of his famous homemade peach ice cream. Everyone had a great time.

Photos by George Evans.

Our Cooks



Our Hosts



Lloyd Sold Some Books



Potomac Guild's Annual Picnic (cont)

Little Kids and Big Kids



Just Relaxing



Potomac Guild's Annual Picnic (cont)

The Whole Gang



STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

CNET World

For years I have been recommending Cnet.com as a safe source for downloading software. It originally had software that was tested to be sure there were no viruses or other malware included. Now there is a software installer that you must use that contains a bunch of junk itself. You can sort of get around it. There are usually 3 green blocks saying download now. Hover over them and you will see where the link will take you in the lower left hand corner of your browser. Only download the one you want and also deselect all the options to add things. Some of these are make whatever your home page, or add a new task bar to your browser, or change your search engine.

I guess Cnet is trying to make money by sending folks to these sites. I read somewhere that Cnet is owned by CBS. I do not know if this is true.

Apple's New Releases

Apple has just released a new operating system for iPhones and iPads. It adds a lot of new bells and whistles. Many of the things folks have been asking for are included. Some of the discussion sites recommend that you wait a while before you



download and install it. All Apple apps have to be approved. I am pretty sure all of the apps for the previous operating systems have not been checked

out yet with the new one and trying to run them may cause you some very undesirable results. I have installed it on our iPad that only has a few non Apple applications on it. So far I have not had any problems. It also requires a password to open it now. Other antitheft features have been added also.

Apple iCloud News

Apple has an iCloud for you to back up your devices. I've backed up my iPad so I could go back if I needed to. It is a cloud drive and it is free for the first 5 GB. iCloud has been updated to allow you to keep your bookmarks in sync with Internet Explorer, Chrome, and Firefox etc. You can also share files from your PC's to the iCloud too. Many more of the features are available at <http://www.apple.com/icloud/>

Do Not Track Me

Donottrackme is a program to stop companies from tracking your online activities. I have installed it in my Chrome browser. Most of your online activities can easily be tracked and passed on to third parties to send you advertising etc. unless they are blocked. This pro-

Stan's Komputers (cont)

gram for chrome is at www.abine.com/dntdetail.php. There are versions for each of the major browsers.

Remote Operation

There is a program called LogMeln that will allow you to actually run another person's computer from your desktop. It is available at LogMeln.com. It is full featured for 30 days. You can do almost anything the other person can do at their machine. After 30 days they want some money, but some of the features still work. It is very handy for troubleshooting problems at someone else's computer. I have used it for helping friends. To use it, you send an email link generated by LogMeln to the other person that they use to allow the connection. They have two other methods of connection. I wished I had it when my mother had problems with her computer.

Shop Physical Security

How is your security? There are a bunch of new multicamera DVRs for recording video of your shop or home. Most also have a provision for Internet access. They also have night vision. They serve as a deterrent and help with the apprehension of the perpetrators. They also may help with insurance claims. The Internet access allows you to get a text message when motion is detected above certain levels. The cable companies are also getting into

the act for a monthly fee. At least one of our members already has this in his shop. The systems available at Costco or online would be a onetime cost and would use the Internet service you already have. It may also help with your insurance premiums.

Libraries Evolve

Our local rural library finally joined the Internet world. They have a full range of eBooks, videos, books on tape, music etc. It is all available on the Internet with a valid library card. I have had a card for a while, but I signed up for the new system as soon as it was available. The medias are available across all platforms. They include iPhones, iPads, Android phones, Windows and Mac computers, and Kindles etc. The system keeps track of where you are, so you can start a book on your PC and pick it up later on your Kindle or smart phone. We used to buy a lot of books, but this should cut down on my costs and eliminate the problem of what to do with the books we are through with. One question I had was about the music downloads, but you can keep them and burn them to other media so you can use them elsewhere. The eBooks cannot be copied.

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