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Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV Annual Convention May 1 - 3

- Stonewall Jackson Hotel
 - Staunton Virginia
 - Watchmakers classes
 - Clockmakers classes
 - Spouses program
- Banquet and awards ceremony,
 - Auction

Special room rates are available if booked before April 8th

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President's Message

I thought the Fall Seminar was a complete success! The meeting was very informative. It was shocking to see the Auction results of what I



considered were "blue chip" clocks and watches. They have me re-thinking how to sell a repair job for ordinary clocks and still make a profit. It did feel good to hear that young people are beginning to discover mechanical watches and appreciate what they are and what they represent.

However, it is still upsetting to hear more on the ongoing parts problem with obviously no end in sight. Hopefully watch makers can join with jewelry stores to inform them of the problem, perhaps led by the HAV, if not, then AWCI. And somehow problems can come together with solutions. I know things do not sound good right now.

Hope to see everyone at the our annual convention in Staunton from May 1 - 3.

George

Photo by George Evans

HELP!

Our convention committee has worked very hard to make your convention a great convention. We can make it even better if you will:



a) contact your out of state horological neighbors and friends and invite them to the convention,

b) Encourage your guild members to start collecting stuff to sell at the auction, and

c) contact me if you wish to place an advertisement in our convention booklet.

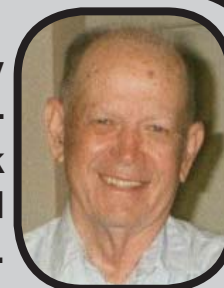
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Convention Chairman

HAV recently lost a long time member and friend. Dick Wright succumbed to the perils of aging.



He had been in nursing home for some time. In 2011 Dick and his family donated a lot of his tools to the Potomac Guild. The Guild sold them for over \$250 which is being used for educational programs for the Guild members. Dick was a retired Navy Officer and a true gentleman. He will be missed.

HAV Convention At A Glance

Who: HAV members, spouses, and guests

What: HAV Annual Convention

When: May 1 - 3

Where: Staunton VA 24402

Hotel: Stonewall Jackson Hotel, 24 South Market Street

Hotel Reservations: HAV reserved 33 rooms @ \$119.00 per day , regularly \$179.00. 540-245-4848 Reference HAV. Low rate deadline April 8th.

Spouses Program: Walking tour downtown; visit Shakespeare theater rehearsal, Depot Grill lunch; followed by Frontier Culture museum tour.

Banquet: Saturday evening

Auction: After the Banquet - Ronnie Spiggle will auctioneer. Bring your personal stuff to sell to your friends.

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Program: Saturday

Watches: Joseph DeFilippo - a Lititz Watch Technicum instructor: The class is on balance staff replacement, using the Horia tool method including: truing the wheel , poising (both static & dynamic) & rate check. This is the only method accepted in the CW 21

Clocks: Rory DeMesy, Tower Clock Restorer, Minneapolis: Rapid prototyping & reverse engineering, using 3D scanning & 3D printing". Scanning to printing of actual parts & refining of software before 3D printing will be discussed & demonstrated, attendees will witness every phase.

Program: Sunday

Watches: Dan Fenwick, Swatch Group: a) Omega's use of "Chronology of Daniel's Co-Axial Escapement. b)Omega Watchmakers Evaluation Program "OWME." A must attend for all watchmakers who would plan to maintain a smooth flow of Omega parts.

Clocks: Rory DeMesy, Tower Clock Restorer, Minneapolis: The restoration of the historic E. Howard #3 gravity tower clock for The Old Red Courthouse, overlooking Dealy Plaza, J.F.K.'s final stop in Dallas, Texas.

Convention Speakers

Rory DeMesy



Rory is the owner and president of Mechanical Watch Supply located in Minneapolis, MN. He is one of the world's largest suppliers of rare and hard to find clock and watch parts. Rory has been actively involved in restoring tower clocks for over 30 years. He is known as one of the leading experts on E. Howard & Company Tower Clocks.

Joseph DeFilippo



Joseph DeFilippo is an instructor at Lititz Watch Technicum, in Lititz, Pennsylvania. He attended and received his Associates degree in Automotive Technology from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. He then worked for Rolex as a technician and decided to pursue a career in watchmaking. He enrolled at the Technicum. After graduation he worked for an Official Rolex jeweler in Florida and then returned to LWT as an instructor.

Dan Fenwick



Dan Fenwick is a graduate of Bulova's watchmaking school and the WOSTEP program. He has worked in the Swatch Group since 1972 as a bench watchmaker and workshop manager and then as a trainer for the past 35 years. In recent years, Dan has provided brand specific training for independent watchmakers through the Service Provider Training program and technical services training for Omega sales associates through the Boutique Technician program.

HAV Fall Seminar A Great Success!

HAV's annual Fall Seminar was held at the Ivy Creek Nature Center north of Charlottesville on Nov 2, 2014.

Dr. Joe Jabbour President of HAV's Potomac Guild kicked off the meeting. Joe is a Northern Virginia clock and watch appraiser. He's completed the NAWCC and the ISA (International Society of Appraisers) certifications. He outlined the rather stiff requirements for someone to be an appraiser recognized by the legal community, insurance companies and the IRS. He described the information requirements of a reliable appraisal. He then showed a number of horological items and the audience joined in the discussion concerning the value of the items and where some were real or fake.



Joe was followed by Ken Farmer of Quinn & Farmer Auctions in Charlottesville. Mr. Farmer has had a 39 year career in the antique and auction field. He will be familiar to all watchers of The Antiques Roadshow where he frequently appears as an appraiser.



He specializes in furniture, folk art, decorative arts and musical instruments. Ken Discussed the current market conditions and brought us up to date on trends, both up and down.

The lunch break was used for a



HAV Board of Directors meeting.

Following lunch, Fred White, the current President of the Board of Directors of the American Watchmakers and Clockmakers Institute spoke about the history of clocks and watches. He began with some very old horological objects and ended with a very modern watch that most of the audience had not seen.



The seminar was planned and coordinated by Steve Leonard and John Polk. It was a big success.

Potomac Guild's December Meeting Was Great Fun

The Potomac Guild's December meeting was highlighted by the traditional wild gift exchange game and the competition for a very worthwhile door prize.

The meeting started with a pizza dinner which was augmented by a couple of dozen donuts. Have you noted a weight gain by Guild members?

A short business meeting included a discussion over the potential nomination of an HAV member for the President's Award. A nomination will be submitted at the Feb HAV Board meeting.

The meeting was followed by an entertaining gift exchange in which members can take from the pile of gifts or from a gift already opened by another member.

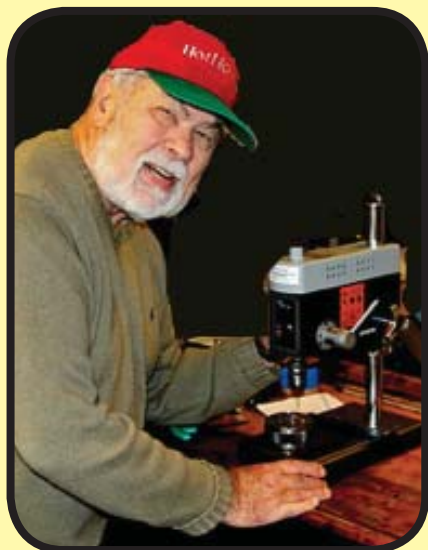
A great deal of thought goes into selecting from a member or



from the pile. Members delight in stealing a gift from one another.

The gift exchange was followed by a contest involving rolling large foam r u b b e r

dice. The goal was to win a small drill press. George Evans came out on top. The drill looks like a quality product.



Photos by George Evans

STAN PALEN'S *Komputer Korner*

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

BACK-UP - DO IT!

Did you make a new year's resolution to take care of your computer? One good thing to do is make a complete back up. Not just a normal incremental backup. But one that does the whole system as today's date. Windows 7 actually has a fairly good back up. Earlier versions of Windows did not have a very good back up system. While I was looking into this, it appears that my automatic backup was not working properly, so I really need to do this myself and then verify that my automatic backups are working again. This evening when I finish using the computer, I will start the full backup. It slows down the system, so it is best to pick a time when you are not actively using it.

WINDOWS 8.1

A recent automatic upgrade to Windows 8.1 caused some folks screens to go to 20% brightness. This is a hazard that can be avoided if you only have the upgrades downloaded to your computer and then you se-



lect which ones get installed after you review the problems other folks are having online. This is fixable, but you have to dig deep in the settings to do it.

My phone does something similar as the battery gets low. It shuts down many of it's activities like Bluetooth and screen brightness. After I recharge it and restart it, I have to reactivate them and reset the screen brightness. This is not nice if you discover that Bluetooth on my phone is not communicating with my vehicle. This means hands free is not working. I prefer not to be resetting it while driving.

WINDOWS 7 SUPPORT

Are you ready for the end of Windows 7. January 13, 2015 is the end of regular free regular updates. Just like XP and others, support is ending. There will be updates for security reasons or major flaws. Total support will end in January 2020. I saw one online discussion about a possible problem when trying to go from Windows 7 to the new one that may be Windows 9 or 10. There would be a normal path from Windows 8 to the new one. Time will tell. Microsoft did allow folks to upgrade around Vista.

CES - NEW PRODUCTS

Stan's Komputers (cont)

This month is the Consumer Electronic Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas. Several of the discussions below are various reviews of some of the new products.

PHONE NEWS

Most urban areas now have 4G phone service. Smartphones need this high speed service to be able to support the streaming video and other high data rate traffic. Now that lots of folks have this high speed service and are comfortable with it, guess what. Here comes 5G phones. Some of the phones on display were listed as 5G capable. Carriers will need to upgrade their service and customers will want new phones to be able to take advantage of it.

TV NEWS

There were a lot of new TV's on display. Monster screens and curved screens were there. Several of the TV manufacturers have 4K super high definition screens on the market now, but there are very few ways to utilize this level of definition. No broadcast stations are using 4K that I am aware of. I do not think Blu-Ray goes that high either. I guess it could for a short period of time, but it would probably need more than one

disk for a movie. Now some of the manufacturers are making some super super high definition screens with 8K resolution. We are going to need more bandwidth.

PROCESSOR NEWS

Intel has come out with a new processor. It is called the Broadwell. Faster, smaller and uses less power. It allows laptop manufacturers to make some really thin new laptops. Some were on display at CES. Some were as thin as phones.

WEARABLE DEVICES

Lots of wearable computer devices such as watches were on display also. There were too many to list here.

CES SUMMARY

If you Google Consumer Electronics Show you will find more information. One two video minute summary can be found at:

<http://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2015/01/thats-a-wrap-the-consumer-electronics-show-distilled-to-2-minutes/>

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