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Loupes and Tweezers

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Real or Counterfeit?

Come to the FALL SEMINAR to learn how to tell the difference!



Boy do I have a deal for you!



My cousin found it. He'll sell it - cheap!



It fell off the back of a truck!

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HAV President's Message



Summer!

I'm having a difficult time accepting that it has come and gone. I see the signs of the changing of the seasons. The wind is beginning to shift. The birds that we typically see and hear are beginning to migrate to their winter home. As the days grow shorter, and the colors of the season fall to the ground, we know a busy winter lies before us. Family gatherings, holidays, and of course the HAV Fall Seminar.

Fall Seminar: November 6th

I'm looking forward to hearing Mr. Harris speak about the professional and collectors' challenges of determining what is genuine and what is not in the world of watches. I think it will prove to be a presentation not just for the watchmaker or collector, but anyone who may have to look a little closer, or dig a lit-

tle deeper to research the origin and authenticity of any timepiece, watch or clock. I hope you have the opportunity to join us for this presentation. My sincere thanks to Steve Leonard and Joe Jabbour for working so hard these past months to provide the membership yet another great educational opportunity for the Fall seminar.

HAV Volunteers

As President, it is great to watch the hard work of member volunteers who come together to make something happen. Whether it is a quarterly newsletter that takes weeks of coordination to prepare, edit and distribute; or the details and planning for months to organize a seminar or convention. Special thanks should go to the Board of Directors, who work tirelessly year round to ensure a smooth operation. The time given to the HAV by these members can never be given back, but we can extend our gratitude for their dedication to this organization. As is forever true, a job well done is time well spent.

I hope to see you November 6th at the fall seminar.

John

Seminar Speaker

Adam was born in Glasgow Scotland, lived in England UK, and retired to Spain. He has served as a guest wristwatch curator at the National Watch and Clock Museum from 2012-2016. His background is as an electronic engineer. He spent the past 20 years prior to retirement as Vice President of Fujitsu Europe. Since retiring, he studied horology under Mme Cinette Robert, ex owner of Dubey and Schaldenbrand, Mr. Marcus Hardy of Vintage Jewelry, and as a guest appraiser in a Pawn Shop – Gold Rush. He teaches that “Owning a great watch is fantastic, understanding where it sits in Horology is magnificent.” Adam has a large collection of over 200 vintage watches, which are part of his knowledge in appraising timepieces.



**Adam
Harris**

His areas of interests include:

- 1) Early Rolex from 1910 to 1950
- 2) First Early Automatics from 1923 to 1940
- 3) Beginning of the wristwatch (so called trench watches)
1900 to 1920
- 4) Early hermetic / sealed watches (1910 to 1930)
- 5) American wristwatches

Adam is the author and lecturer of two courses - “Luxury or Lie? Identifying the Genuine from the Fake” and “Time is Money: Researching, Identifying, and Valuing Wrist and Pocket Watches”

“Luxury or Lie” has been presented to 100 participants, and has recently traveled to Las Vegas and Singapore.

Seminar Agenda

0900 - Morning Session (2 hour talk + 1 hour Q/A)

Luxury or Lie?

A Prequel to Correctly Appraising Wristwatches

Do you have a strong knowledge of wristwatches and their complications and are you able to recognize and evaluate fake from genuine wristwatches?

This session will:

- **Provide many tips and information on subjects such as reworked dials, marriage or Franken pieces**
- **Go into detail on watch terminology, complications, rework dials, homage versus Franken, versus reworked**
- **Identify the genuine from the fake.**
- **Cover important aspects in initially determining the authenticity of a wristwatch.**

About noon - Lunch Break

Board of Directors meeting - all invited

Food- go out to eat, bring your own, order a sandwich

After Lunch Session (1 hour talk)

“Starting a Vintage Collection Without The Tears”

Advice, Tips & Help - spanning from the Novice to the More Experienced

This session will provide many tips about buying and collecting vintage wristwatches.

It:

- **Is packed with advice, tips and photos**
- **Covers every angle in collecting including “Collecting on a Minimal Budget.”**
- **Is a must for any wristwatch collector.**

HAV Fall Seminar

Date: Nov 6, 2016

Time: 0830 Registration / 0900 Programs start

Cost: \$50 payable at the door. Make checks payable to "HAV"

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.

Food and drinks: Donuts, coffee and soft drinks will be provided - else bring what you need/want. Ample time will be allowed for lunch. You can bring a lunch or drive to one of the local fast food establishments on Route 29. We will take sandwich orders in the morning for noon delivery.

Motels: There are a number of motels on Rt 29 within a mile or two of Ivy Creek. Make your reservations early.

BoD: The Board of Directors will meet during the lunch break. All are invited.

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

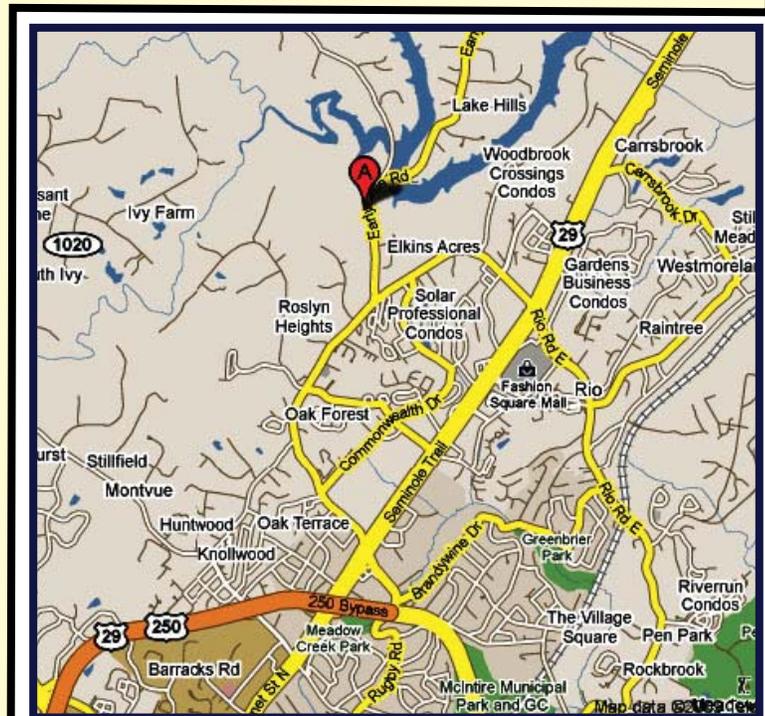
From North: Turn right on Rio Road.

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



Potomac Guild's Annual Picnic



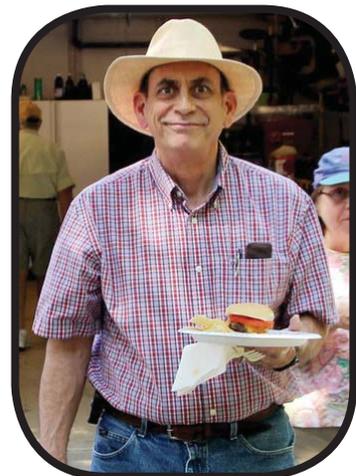
One of the highlights of the Potomac Guild's yearly program is the annual picnic. Don and Gail Sobel hosted it at their home.

In 2015, the picnic was held in October. It was cold. Heavy coats and parkas were the apparel of the day. This year, the August weather could not have been better. Not too hot. Not too cold. A bit of a breeze. Just great.

As always there was more food than could be consumed. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken were provided by the Guild. Members brought side dishes, salads and desserts. As always one of the highlights of the event was when Keith and Cathy Clark opened their freezer of freshly made, home made, peach ice cream. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.



Potomac Guild's Annual Picnic



Photos by
George Evans

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June Potomac Guild Meeting

Every now and again the Potomac Guild has a Special Tool night. Members are encouraged to bring in special tools that are essential to what they do - especially if they made them. The variety is often amazing,



Here John Enloe is explaining a special gadget he uses on clocks. Other examples brought in include:



Dave Staib:
flexible polishing tools.



Lloyd Lehn:
three sets of wire benders - essential for working on cuckoo clocks.



Pat Conahan: ring light for microscopes, lathes or cameras.



Don Sobel: special tool for screws on plates. And a set of broaches for oil sinks. He suggested cutting them in half and using halves in a pin vice.



George Evans: a vintage pair of pliers with parallel jaws for closing lids on spring barrels.

A number of others brought in their gems as well. Attendees usual comments are: Where can I get one? Or: How do I make one?

A good time was had by all.

STAN PALEN'S ***Komputer Korner***

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



Windows 10 has a new avenue to scam folks with fake help. Lots of folks have clicked on help and got re-routed to some folks that want money, can't speak English very well and really make a mess of your system. They probably have already downloaded some of your information. It is just another opportunity to rip you off.

Be very very careful what you click on any time you are on the computer, in emails or on web pages. It is best to hover over the item you want to click on to see what is listed at the bottom left of your window to see where it is actually taking you. This is not foolproof, but it helps. Emails from folks you know can be spoofed to look like it is like the person. Look carefully at the sending address to see if it looks like your friends address. Sometimes hovering over it or clicking on it will give you more info. Another tip is to look to see if it is sent to a bunch of folks you do not know.

By now you either have Windows 10 or have elected to stay with Win-

dows 7. A few folks are staying with older versions of Windows. I know several folks that are staying with Windows XP. I have one old laptop that is still merrily computing along with XP that collects Microset data for me.

Within the last month or so Microsoft has put out a major upgrade to Windows 10. It added a lot of security upgrades and other fixes. Lot of folks had problems with this making a mess of their computer. The upgrade has been coming out slowly. Only one of my Windows 10 computers has been upgraded. It may take a while to get to yours. Some minor fixes have solved some of these problems. Some of the changes they made were to the startup menu and what you see on the left hand side after you click on the Windows logo. They moved things that took me a while to find in the first place. You almost have to go fishing

STAN PALEN'S *Komputer Korner* (cont)

to find what you want. It might be better, but it did not make me happy.

Supposedly Cortana has had a major upgrade. It never found anything I asked it to find. I wanted to ask it how to do things on my computer, but it went off into the Internet and came back with nothing useful. The new one has not yet either. There is an option in Cortana to make it look local only. I have not set that limit yet. Maybe it did not like my questions. There is a way to eliminate it, but it is rather long and involved. Send me an email and I will send you the link.

The latest upgrade takes a long time to boot. It is loading too many apps that you may never use. Some of them you can just uninstall, but others are almost hardwired into your system. My desktop is never going into the airplane mode. (I hope!)

The upgrade on my Windows 10 machine messed up my USB to serial input for Microset. This time I did not have to start from scratch. If you have already installed drivers that work (version 3.3.), You can go to device manager, ports, Prolific

USB to Serial..., update driver and then let me pick. The old driver should be there. Click on it and the world is right again. If you need to start fresh with Windows 10 and getting Microset to play nice together, I have it in an older column and can send you a copy.

A laptop I was working on for a friend started to do one of the latest update to the update and was in a continuous loop. It kept rebooting and would not stop. I also could not turn it off. I could force it to start the shut down process and then it would go into Windows. It was unstable, but after a lot these procedures it seemed to be getting better. Apparently it may have fixed itself.

I have seen several articles wondering how much longer Microsoft Windows can remain dominant. There are several free operating systems that operate at least as well, if not better. Linux, Ubuntu, Mint and Red Hat are a few of the most prominent ones.

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