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President's Message



I regret to inform the HAV membership that there has been an additional delay for the Annual Convention. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, as it effects Virginia, this year's traditional springtime Annual Convention was initially postponed to August. However continued difficulty in obtaining commitments from our originally scheduled speakers as well as uncertainty regarding attendance has forced us to further delay the convention. In addition, our 2020 Fall Seminar has been cancelled due to the same concerns.

However, we have been able to schedule our 2021 Annual Convention at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton for Friday April 30th through Sunday May 2nd.

We anticipate a full slate of impressive speakers as well as the President's Reception on Friday evening, the Spouses' Program for Saturday followed by the Gala Banquet and Auction that evening. On Sunday we plan on having an additional speaker and the Board of Directors meeting.

The HAV remains vibrant and your Board has continued to meet frequently during this difficult time. The next scheduled video Board meeting will be on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6pm. Board meetings are open to all members. Please contact me at Clockappraisal@wildblue.net if you wish to be present for the video meeting.

I wish you all good health and look forward to the future.

Joe Jabbour, HAV President

STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

Windows 10 supposedly new upgrade to version 2004. It seems to be a bunch of minor fixes and some security improvements. Sad part is they did not do a whole lot of testing. Folks have had some major problems. If you are lucky, there is a restore point done before the upgrade was installed and you can step back to that point. Or it has not been installed yet and you can delay it.

I always recommend stopping automatic upgrades or at least delaying them. Just type Upgrade in the box at the lower left. I usually delay them for at least two weeks. You can bump them a week at a time or stop them altogether.

How do you like the file manager on your Android phone? There are a number of file managers that you can download and install that are easy to use. File Explorer and FX Explorer are for Android and cost about \$3 after a free trial period. Simple glance says FX is a bit better. Really worth it for me. iPhone has files, but it is not very friendly.

Do you need to send large files once in a while? DropBox, One-



Drive, and Google Drive are the popular ones and are free with limitations. There is also Firefox Send, WeTransfer. Firefox Send is probably best security wise and price wise. (Free)

Are you having any trouble sharing Word files that seem to be too large to email. Have you included pictures? Probably from your phone? They are adding a lot to the size of the file. Word has an option to Compress Pictures. You can select the resolution, but the best for documents is Use document resolution. It will really make the final file size much smaller.

If you have a Microsoft account, but do not have Word, there is a free edition on line that you can easily use. It will save your files in OneDrive that you must activate. The Microsoft account is free.

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