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2017 Convention Report

Presidents's Message



As HAV's newly elected president, I would like to thank all convention participants. AWCI has labeled HAV the nation's most active horological group. This is quite an honor for us here in Virginia. When I started with HAV in 1990, I had no idea it would develop this distinction. It began as something I was expected to go to as a watchmaker, working in a new position. The people I've met have become my good friends. I have learned from each and every one of you.

Over the years we have developed hands [More](#)

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President's Message (cont)

on classes instead of just lectures. Many respected technicians have come and taught, enlightening fellow horologists here in the state. Our more sophisticated programs for both watches and clocks have peaked the interest of professionals from other states. When people ask me why I do this year after year, my answer is always, "It has made me a better watchmaker." So thanks to you all for everything you have done for the organization and for me personally, as well.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our speakers Scott Walters and Michael Gainey. They were concise and informative.

I would like to thank: our convention chairman, John Polk for his tireless and excellent work and communication; the auction committee and volunteers; and everyone involved in putting the convention together.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming year.

Billy Best -- President, HAV

Convention Recap

What an amazing weekend we had in Charlottesville! I'd like to thank everyone who attended this year's convention and helped to make it such a great success. While it was a very busy couple of days, there was plenty of time for socializing and making new friends and acquaintances. I'm certain everyone learned something to take back and apply at the bench. Whether it was technical information or business oriented ideas, our speakers brought a wealth of knowledge to share. We all can appreciate their dedication to the craft and to their fellow watch and clockmakers.

Our annual convention is made possible by your continued support and participation in the HAV both at the Guild and the State level. I'm grateful to those who volunteered their time in preparation, during our event, and throughout the year. Thank you all!

John Polk -- Past President
2017 Convention Chairman

HAV President's Award

The Horological Association of Virginia is proud to announce that the 2017 HAV President's Award is awarded to Robert H (Bob) Stone.

Bob is a long time HAV and Potomac Guild member. He currently serves as HAV BoD's Secretary while representing the Potomac Guild members on the Board. He has also served as President of the Potomac Guild and has been an active participant in organizing Guild functions.



Bob contributed significantly to HAV by organizing our HAV Fall Seminar for many years. These seminars provided educational programs to our members which expanded their knowledge of Horology and improved their repair skills. Bob is also an active NAWCC member.

Bob graduated received his undergraduate degree from Penn State and a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He had a distinguished career as an engineer with the U.S. Navy contributing to the success of many important defense programs. He and his wife, Joanne have 2 daughters, Cindy and Angie.

Bob's level of commitment to excellence in the field of horology made him an excellent choice to receive the HAV 2017 President's Award.

In 1966, the HAV established the "Watchmaker of the Year" award and presented it for the first time. Now known as the "President's Award, it is the premier honor the Association can bestow upon a member. The award is normally presented at the annual convention based upon nominations submitted by a member or a Guild. Final selection is made by the Board of Directors. If no nominations are selected by the Board, the award is not presented.

The Classes

Clocks



Mike Gainey, AWCI Certified Clockmaker, spoke on “Servicing the Modern Floor Clock In The Home.” He opened with the basic concepts of making a house call. He then discussed several basic concepts such as how to tell when a clock is worn out. He then went into a series of illustrative examples of specific challenges. He cited several examples encountered with Hermle tall case movements. He projected photos of the problems and solutions he has used. He discussed examples of Urgos, Keininger, and Jauch movements challenges. This presentation was a subset of his three day class sponsored by AWCI & NAWCC.

Watches



Scott Walters, who hails from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has not always been a watchmaker. While working as a professional chef in the Cincinnati area, he accompanied a friend to one of Tom Shoemakers’ AWCI classes. This ignited his passion for Horology.

Scott and his wife traveled to Florida and after one too many fishing trips, he sought employment. Tourneau Corners told Scott that they had as many salespeople as they needed, but a person who could service watches was needed. He attended training at Nickolas Hayek School in Miami and passed the CW21 exam. He had become a thorough horology technician.

In this seminar we learned the ins and outs of the modular Dubois Depraz chronograph. We look forward to him coming again, and sharing his knowledge with us.

Attendees - Watch & Clock Classes



Attendees - Spouses Program



Faces At The Convention



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Groups At The Convention



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The Auction



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STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

Hackers are after you. Do not let your guard down! Be extremely careful what you click on. They have even started crafting messages that look like they are from a friend or business you are familiar with. If you are not expecting a message, do not click on anything in it. If it is a business, go to the business web site and see they are trying to contact you.

The first line of defense is to hover over any link and see what is listed at the lower left corner of the message. You will see the text of the link. It should match the address you want to go to. If the text has adlink or something similar, stay away. The other ones that are suspect end in .ru for Russia. There are many other similar ones.

Ransomware is everywhere. I used to recommend that you turn off automatic updates to Microsoft products because sometimes they caused bad things to happen to some computers. Lately the updates are



related to security and are necessary. This includes keeping your antivirus program up to date too.

Then there are backups. They should be on an external drive and then disconnected from your system and the Internet. I recommend doing at least 2 of them. If you have problems and connect your back up to your computer, it could be contaminated too.

Ransomware if it strikes, be aware that the crooks that did it will raise the price as time goes by. For individuals, the price is 300 or so bit coins. They are untraceable. There are usually instructions on how to pay them. If you do not pay them, you might even need to buy a new computer and then restore your files from your back up. Even then you might have missed a few because some things are not stored in the normal libraries.

I saw where Microsoft stated that if you are using Windows 10, you should not have a problem. That

assumes you have the latest updates, but I am sure that Win 10 is not 100% impenetrable.

An example of an upgrade can go astray. I have a Samsung G6 and I just had an upgrade provided by Verizon. Now I have no Bluetooth communications with my van, truck, or my earpiece. The only way I can use my phone while driving is with the speaker on. The phone sees the devices, but cannot connect. I did an Internet search and found that I am not the only one with the problem. The upgrade was to bring the Android operating system up to Nougat 7.0. 7.1 supposedly solves the problem, but no one knows when Verizon will put it out. I spent over an hour on line chatting with tech support. I did all the steps they suggested. I reestablished a connection and all was fine until I tried to use for the second time. It said "Phone 1 Connected" and then said "Phone 1 disconnected" – that was the end of that. On top of all that the phone now goes through the battery charge by lunch time. I have to carry one of those battery chargers. 7.1 is supposed to deal with that also. I am waiting, but not patiently.

A number of writers on computers and stuff are saying

that Windows 7 is getting a bit old. You might start thinking about it. I have Win 10 on two of my machines and have gotten somewhat used to it. It is different. My main computer is still Win 7. When I bought this machine it came with Win 7 on it, but with an upgrade disk. One of these days I will have to upgrade. At some point Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 7.

Are your smart speakers, smart TV's and other similar devices listening and then calling home (Their Home) to report back. Some are definitely capable of it. It depends on malware to do it, but that could be installed at the factory or even installed over the Internet. Is your refrigerator listening?

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