



Loupes and Tweezers

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HAV has Two Premier Guest Lecturers!

Once again, we will be in Lynchburg for a memorable gathering of HAV horologists. We have outstanding presentations scheduled for the clockmaker, watchmaker, and spouses. **Bob Ockenden**, below left, nationally recognized horological lecturer and expert clockmaker, will present tall case clock repair hints and techniques. Bob, AWCI Certified Master Clockmaker, and Member, British Horological Institute, began his career at the bench in 1968 in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1985, he moved his family to



Minneapolis to pursue an opportunity in a clock shop. Valley Clockworks has been operating since then. **Dan Fenwick**, at right, is a graduate of the WOSTEP program in Neuchatel, Switzerland and the Bulova School of Watchmaking. He has 35 years experience with ...(Continued on page 2)



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Farewell message from the Outgoing HAV President

Although this will be my last Loupes and Tweezers message as president, I hope I will be able to continue to communicate with our members in the future. The past two years have been full of events and memories that will last forever. I urge every member to consider holding a HAV office for it will give you a new perspective on our activities and functions.

I have been fortunate to have the talented and dedicated Board that has served with me. We have produced two autumn seminars and will experience our second Annual Convention in Lynchburg this April. Anyone who missed even one of these missed a tremendous amount of Horological presentation. The committees have presented balanced programs focusing on Modern Swiss watches, Antique timepiece restoration as well as Clock repair and maintenance. We have also enjoyed presentations from experts in their fields of Horology.

While active locally, our members also tried to address national AWCI problems by recommending and supporting Directors for the AWCI that would be more responsive to the membership. We were successful. We also appealed to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to seriously reconsider the 50 Year Old Consent Order that the Swiss have been violating, resulting in anti-trust practices blocking American Watchmakers open access to replacement parts. The DOJ accepted ¾ million dollars from the Swiss to drop the action but we gave it our best.

Our representative to the Annual AWCI meeting, Lloyd Lehn, produce financial reports that revealed the financial problems our National organization is experiencing. We still need to focus on electing a responsive Board, two members at a time.

So much for the serious times, I feel like a little fun at the Convention. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing you in Lynchburg this April. Lowell



Complete Information Included in this Issue!!

The Convention is here. Here are the room reservation details!

When: April 20-22, 2007

Where: The Lynchburg, Virginia Ramada Inn is the Host Hotel for the Spring Convention of the Horological Association of Virginia. They are excited to be host hotel for the attendees of the Horological Association of Virginia and are pleased to extend special rates and services to you as you visit the Greater Lynchburg area.

How: Make your room reservations now. A block of 35 rooms have been reserved until April 6th. Mention Group Code: HORO. This weekend will be busy with local sports team competitions. Rooms will be scarce so make your reservations now.

Details: Room Rate: \$69.00 + tax
(Single or Double Occupancy)

INCLUDES A HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET!

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

- * On-site fitness center and guest laundry
- * Largest Outdoor Pool in Lynchburg
- * On-site full service restaurant and lounge

**For Reservations Call
434. 847-7500**

Guest lecturers - Continued from page 1.

...Swatch Group U.S. as a bench watchmaker, as a supervisor with the Hamilton Watch Company, as workshop manager with Swatch Group-Lancaster and presently as Technical Training Manager with Swatch Group- Secaucus. Dan has provided technical programs and bench courses for A.W.C.I. affiliate chapters across the country, demonstrating service techniques for the watch brands of Omega, Rado, Longines, Tissot, and Hamilton as well as the Swatch Group's movement manufacturers ETA, Lemania and Frederic Piquet. Dan is a member of the A.W.C.I. and the N.A.W.C.C. His presentation will be on among other topics, watch repair challenges, the Omega coaxial escapement, and the changes in the world related to controls, policies, laws, etc., that could impact the private watch repairman.

Plan to attend these soon to be historic events.



Horological Association of Virginia

Annual Convention, April 20-22, 2007

Registration Form

Note: Pre-registration is available for a full package only.

Full registration <u>before April 6th</u>	# _____	@ \$ 95 each	= _____
Full registration <u>after April 6th</u>	# _____	@ \$105 each	= _____
Saturday only with banquet	# _____	@ \$ 65 each	= _____
Saturday only without banquet	# _____	@ \$ 50 each	= _____
Sunday only with Sunday luncheon	# _____	@ \$ 50 each	= _____
Full spousal program	# _____	@ \$ 70 each	= _____
includes tour, banquet, Saturday, and Sunday luncheon			
Saturday night banquet guest only	# _____	@ \$ 35 each	= _____
Total Amount			= _____

Attendee's name(s): _____

Guest name(s): _____

Street address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

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Convention Program

Friday - April 20, 2007*

7:00 - 11:00 PM **Registration and President's Reception** (Shenandoah Room - Upstairs Room)
Cash Bar; Light Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Saturday - April 21, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 AM **HAV Annual Meeting** (Montview Room - Upstairs Room)
All convention attendees are invited.

8:45 AM - 4:00 PM **Spouses' Program** (Lunch provided) (Lexington, VA)

9:00 - 9:30 AM **Registration** (Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

9:30 - 12:00AM **Clockmaking Technical Session by Bob Ockenden**
(Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch** (on your own)

1:00 - 4:30 PM **Clockmaking Technical Session by Bob Ockenden (continued)**
(Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

4:30 - 5:30 PM **Auction Set Up** (Virginian Room - Downstairs Room)
Consignment Items for Sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up.

6:00 - 7:00 PM **Social Hour** (Virginian Room - Downstairs Room) Cash Bar until 11:00 PM.

7:00 - 8:30 PM **Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony**
(Virginian Room - Downstairs Room)

8:30 - 11:00 PM **Annual Auction** (Virginian Room) with Wayne Simpson and Ronnie Spiggle.

Sunday - April 22, 2007

8:00 -12:00 AM **Watchmaking Technical Session by Dan Fenwick**
(Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch** (Montview Room).
Deli buffet provided, participants in Spouses Program are invited.

1:00 - 3:00 PM **Watchmaking Technical Session by Lowell Fast** (Montview Room)

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

* **Note: There will be no Hermle factory tour this year. Hermle is no longer providing these tours.**



Directions to the Convention Location

From Washington, DC / Charlottesville (Note: these are new slightly different directions).

Take Route 29 South, follow the Madison Heights exit north of Lynchburg onto 29 South (Business) to Odd Fellows Road-Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

Route 460 from Roanoke

Take Route 460 East to Route 29 North/Wards Road. Bear to the right to travel on Route 29/Lynchburg Expressway. Travel two exits north to Odd Fellows Road - Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

Route 460 From Appomattox / Richmond

Take Route 460 West and exit at Route 29 North (Wards Road). Bear to the right, exiting North on Rt. 29/Lynchburg Expressway. Travel two exits to Odd Fellows Road - Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

From North Carolina / Danville area

Take Route 29 North to Odd Fellows Road - Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

Lynchburg Ramada Inn

3436 Odd Fellows Road (Located at Route 29 at Odd Fellows Road - Exit 7)

Phone (800) 721-1160, (434) 847-7500, <http://www.lynchburg-ramada.com>

Spouses' Program

This year the Convention Committee is pleased to offer a day trip to the Lexington, VA for the attending Spouses. Wayne and Peggie Simpson have again developed a series of tours to local museums and historical points of interest. You will tour and visit the Virginia Military Institute museum, the Stonewall Jackson's Home and Museum, and Robert E. Lee's tomb.



Schedule

8:45	Meet at Hotel lobby to load transportation
9:00 - 10:00	Travel to Lexington, VA
10:00 - 12:30	Tour VMI Museum, Stonewall Jackson's Home an Museum, Robert E. Lee's Tomb, and Lunch
3:00 - 4:00	Travel back to Hotel



Draft Minutes of the March 4, 2007 HAV Board of Directors Meeting - Courtesy of HAV Secretary, Lloyd Lehn, CC

Editor's note: These minutes will be draft until approved at the next HAV Board meeting.

1 Call to Order/Attendees. Lowell Fast called the meeting to order at about 10:10. This meeting had originally been scheduled a week earlier but was moved because of bad weather. Attendance suffered as a result. When we arrived, the motel was operating on an emergency generator but we had lights in our meeting room. The power came on before we left.

Attendees: Lowell Fast, Steve Leonard, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen, Bill Trapp, Ralph Smith, Robert Harris, Wayne Simpson, Bob Bruckhart, and George Evans.

2 Invocation. Wayne Simpson gave the invocation.

3 Add/Delete Agenda Items. Discussion of a HAV Web Page was added to the agenda.

4 Officers Reports.

4.1 Secretary - Minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed.

4.2 Secretary - Organization Chart. Lloyd asked the Board to provide any corrections to the HAV organization chart.

4.3 Treasurer's Report.

Stan provided a copy of the HAV finances as of 4 March. HAV has \$16,037.06 available.

Stan may roll all of our funds into a single no charge account if one of the banks starts to charge us for having an account.

5 Continuing Business.

5.1 Convention Plans.

Steve Leonard provided an overview of the plans for the April Convention and a financial analysis. If the assumptions are correct, we will have a shortfall of around \$900 for the Convention.

Members full registration is \$95 and spouses is \$70 for the weekend. Motel rate is \$69 + taxes for early registrations.

Guild representatives are encouraged to remind their members to register early - especially at the hotel since there is a major sporting event being held in Lynchburg that weekend.

Steve had not been able to check on the status of a tour of Hermle. He will follow up to see if they are interested in hosting us. The last tour was four years ago on Friday afternoon.

5.1.1 April 20-22, 2007.

5.1.2 Friday. President's Reception.

Food will be reduced because we have had

considerable left over in prior years.

5.1.3 Saturday.

Clock speaker - Bob Ockenden

On your own lunch

Clocks - Bob Ockenden

Banquet

President's Award - Bill Trapp had received two nominations for this year's Presidents award. The proposed citations were read and a secret ballot election was held to select the recipient. Bill Trapp and Wayne Simpson counted the ballots and are the only ones who know the results in an attempt to surprise the recipient. Wayne will buy the plaque.

Auction - Ronnie will again be the auctioneer.

Spouse Program - Wayne is thinking about taking the spouses to Lexington this year. He said it was only about 11 miles farther than the tour they took last year.

5.1.4 Sunday.

Watch speaker - Dan Fenwick

HAV Lunch

HAV Board Meeting

Normal agenda

Elect New Officers

5.2 Fall Seminar.

Bob Stone was unable to attend the meeting but sent an e-mail to all saying he had nothing to report on the fall seminar. Several members expressed pleasure about the content and location of last fall's meeting and suggested we return to the same motel.

6 New Business.

6.1 AWCI Annual Meeting Representative Funding.

Two motions were offered, discussed, and voted on concerning funding reimbursement of the HAV representative to the AWCI annual meeting.

6.1.1 Tri City Guild.

Bob Bruckhart, said the Tri-City Guild asked him to submit the following motion. "Move that the HAV delegate to the AWCI Annual Business Meeting be reimbursed by HAV for only the cost of registration and lodging expenses." "This was prompted in response to recent years double delegate attendance and related expenses and is in connection with HAV's ebbing membership and also lack of

punch for our buck with AWCI's Board of Directors." The motion was seconded and discussed at some length. The motion failed 6 to 2.

6.1.2 Subtopic.

Ralph Smith offered the following. Moved that HAV pay the all the expenses of the HAV representative to the annual meeting (e.g. travel, registration, meals, other expenses). The motion was seconded and a shorter but comprehensive discussion followed. The motion passed 9 to 1.

6.2 Web Page.

Lowell Fast brought up the need for an HAV web page. There was a short discussion about what "a web page" effort would entail and what should be on the web page. Stan Palen, Lowell Fast, and Lloyd Lehn we named as an ad hoc committee to put together some sort of definition/requirements package for an HAV web page. They are to report at the April Board meeting so the Board can review it. .

6.3 Projector.

Steve Leonard suggested that HAV might want to buy a PC projector since it costs us \$200 to rent one for the convention weekend. The group informally discussed the issue. Bob Bruckhart expressed concern/experience about buying electronic equipment that becomes obsolete in short time. We have been borrowing them for several years. No action plan was put in place to buy a projector.

6.4 HAV Publicity.

George Evans thanked those responsible for getting HAV some publicity in a recent issue of AWCI's Horological Times. The HT Affiliates column featured several paragraphs about and a picture of the attendees at the HAV Fall Seminar.

6.5 Board Meeting Site.

It was suggested that the cost of holding our meetings at the Holiday Inn is perhaps a bit excessive. While several people offered suggestions, no plan of action was put in place to search for an alternate site.

7 Board Meeting Plans. The next meeting will be held at the convention on Sunday after lunch. The meeting adjourned at about 1205.

Lloyd Lehn, CC



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HAV Mission

The Horological Association of Virginia is dedicated to the advancement of the Art and Science of Horology. We will provide opportunities to our membership to advance their skills and knowledge. We will support our members by providing educational opportunities at our Conventions and Seminars. We will support our local guilds, wherever possible, in their efforts to advance the causes of the HAV.

The HAV was formed in October 1939 for the purpose of promoting cooperation among the horologists, principally watchmakers, throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and surrounding locales. In the ensuing years, HAV's spectrum has broadened to include clockmakers, bench jewelers, retail jewelers, collectors, and hobbyists associated with this precision industry. The scope of HAV has grown by expanding its offering of education to its members in the latest techniques, training in the use of advances in technology, and continued prompting of fair and ethical trade practices.

South Side Guild Meeting gathers Good Crowd!

The South Side Guild of the HAV met Monday March 19th, 2007 at Liberty Station in Bedford, Virginia. Attendance included 16 members, spouses, and guests. Our best crowd ever!



Mark your calendar !

April 20-22, 2007 - HAV Convention, Lynchburg, VA, details in this issue

June 6-9, 2007 - NAWCC 2007 National Convention, Chattanooga, TN

August 2-5, 2007 - AWCI 2007 Annual Convention, Cincinnati, OH

August 19, 2007 - HAV Board of Directors meeting, Charlottesville, VA

October 12, 2007 - HAV Fall Seminar, Mechanicsville, VA



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