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# Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

## 2018 Convention Report



The Horological Association of Virginia held its annual Convention April 20-22, 2018 in picturesque Staunton Virginia nestled in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. The venue was the historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

The program began on Friday evening with the President's Reception allowing new and older members to meet or to renew longstanding friendships. Former HAV President John Polk served as the Convention Chairman. He

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brought in high quality speakers, arranged the venue and coordinated all activities admirably.

The Saturday schedule included concurrent clock and watch maker day long programs.

Robert Flood, CW21 delivered the watch lectures entitled "ETA 7750 Repair Issues" providing a detailed look at the typical and unique findings uncovered during ETA 7750 servicing. There was an in-depth discussion of the causes and solutions to problems encountered in order to properly service the movement.

Bob Ockenden, CMC delivered a day long hands-on presentation entitled "Bench Course-Platform Escapements" covering all of the basic procedures to service these movements. Topics included nomenclature, service diagnosis, servicing and adjustments as well as discussions of pallet stone adjustment, escapement drop, locks and banking, poising and truing the balance wheel, hairspring manipulations, timing and more. Participants brought their own tools. Platform escapements were provided.

Saturday's Spouses Program included a visit to the Staunton's Taylor and Broody organ company. Then participants enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant and explored

Staunton's quaint historic downtown section.

Saturday evening's Reception and Social Hour was followed by the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony hosted by past President John Polk and current President Billy Best. Sixty members and guests enjoyed the Stone Wall Jackson hospitality. The Annual Horological Auction included hundreds of items of interest to all members. It was an excellent opportunity to obtain tools, hard to find parts (many new old stock) and unusual unnamed items. Wayne Simpson coordinated the flow of items. Ronnie Spiggle provided professional auctioneering services. Stan Palen kept track of the bids. Volunteers provided essential support during the entire Convention.

The Sunday program included a Board of Directors meeting followed by an on-site visit to Dean Sarnelle's "Once Upon a Time" clock shop. Dean and Jacob Curtis demonstrated the power and utility of Laser Welding.

A farewell luncheon was followed by adjournment.

Vendor participants included: Butterworth Clocks, Jules Borel & Co. and Time Machine Repair.

Joe Jabour - HAV 1st VP

## President's Message



The 2018 HAV convention at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel was, as expected, well attended, interesting, and a success. When I arrived I was introduced to the watch presenter, Robert Flood. The clock presenter Bob Ockenden, and I were well acquainted. Friday evening at the presidents reception, our room on the first floor was filled with our members anticipating a good productive event.

Saturday morning started without incident at 9:00. Both rooms were full of participants, and their wives were waiting to go to the organ factory. The watch program with Robert was a lecture, and the clock program was hands-on. Bob the Chelsea clock technician was filled with tools and examples of platform escapements.

Lunch break walks in Staunton were interesting in this picturesque city. Artists with easels were doing watercolors and photographers were shooting into alleys with their cameras.

Sunday was a tour of Dean's clock shop, Once Upon A Time, with a laser welding demonstration. It is quaint, high grade and tasteful, a real technicians shop. His isles are narrow, and I always leave my backpack in the front as not to knock someone's clock off its test platform.

If you want to enrich your horological experience, I suggest you come to the conventions, and all seminars. It's fun and enlightening and you'll find answers to all your questions, while having cocktails, supper, and visiting with all your colleagues. Don't be afraid to volunteer, you'll have all the help you need and have your questions answered, and your journey will be enhanced by your generosity. Ask all teachers, and they'll tell you how much they have learned.

**Billy Best HAV President**

# Faces At The Convention





# Groups At The Convention







**SPOUSES**



**ATTENDEES**



# HAV - Classes

## Watches & Clocks





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

### Learning From My Personal Problems

In my last L&T column I discussed the disaster of a blue screen of death. That is no comparison to the disaster our family experienced on March 21.

Our house burned.

We have been in a proverbial zoo since. 1/3 burned, but the rest has smoke and water damage. The smoke damage necessitated the salvageable items to be removed from the house to be cleaned and/or restored. This means as many as 20 people were going through our stuff. We get it back when I have a place to put it all. As of today, no progress is being made toward repair or rebuild. The house has been left open and wet, so the remains now are totally unusable. The cause of the fire was in the ceiling in the garage. It was not the new car.

I have strong recommendations:

- 1 )Take pictures of the contents of your entire house.
- 2) Replace any smoke alarms over 9 years or so old and add carbon monoxide detectors. Place detectors in the attic, garage, and basement.
- 4) Review your insurance coverage. We did not have replacement value, so they are depreciating everything. We



are making lists, but they are nowhere complete and they want ages of the items too. 40 year old items have no value according to them. Tomorrow will be too late. Do it today!

### Back to computers

The most recent Windows 10 April upgrade did not go well for everyone. They wound up with a black screen. I have not seen a good solution written up, but rebooting in the safe mode and stepping back to an earlier restore point should work in most cases. A few folks think the antivirus program AVAST is the culprit. I just read on ZDNet that restore points are disabled in windows 10 by default. It can be turned back on by typing `systempropertiesprotection` in the search box. The status of system drive (c) may be off. The system restore button will be grayed out. Click on configure and then click on Turn on System Protection. Click on Apply and then OK. They do not make it easy. This may hamper the above solution.



Sometimes it is best to do manual updates after the community has had time to experiment with them. Some are security ones that should be done ASAP. It is hard to tell which.

My system before the fire had two hard drives on my router. I grabbed those as the other end of the house was burning. All my latest files were there, but I dropped the one with the most recent files on it and it did not recover. I should have put more stuff in the cloud.

Windows Defender, especially in Windows 10, is now usually up to par with other antivirus programs. Microsoft has put a lot of effort into this and continues to upgrade it. Folks are beginning to recommend it.

Microsoft is busy removing stuff from Windows 10. Windows Media Center is being deleted. You will need a separate playback software to watch DVD's. Solitaire, Minesweeper, and Hearts Games are not available in

**Windows 10.** All my attempts to restore them have failed. They have substituted Microsoft Solitaire Collection and Microsoft Minesweeper. I hate them, because you cannot use right click and several other features that speed up play that I am used to. A USB floppy drive will not work without obtaining a driver for it. Homegroup is also being deleted. Too many other programs will take its place. Some of these deletes have been gone for a while. For a fairly complete list of the changes, go to:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/deployment/planning/windows-10-1803-removed-features>

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