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HAV Swears In New Leadership for 2005-2007!

In conjunction with the 2005 Horological Association of Virginia Annual Convention in Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 17, 2005, new board members were sworn in for a two year term of office.

HAV officers include:

President - Lowell Fast

1st Vice President - John Enloe

2nd Vice President - Steve Leonard

Treasurer - Stan Palen

Secretary - Lloyd Lehn

Immediate Past President - Mike Frost.



Left to Right: Stan Palen, Lowell Fast, John Enloe, Steve Leonard, and Lloyd Lehn.

As all these positions are volunteers, the membership thanks you for your desire and dedication to serve the greater good of Virginian horology.

Bill Trapp wins 2005 HAV President's Award !

By John Enloe

William (Bill) F. Trapp has been an active and involved member of the American Watchmakers and Clockmakers Institute (AWCI), the Horological Association of Virginia (HAV) and the George McNeil Potomac Guild since 1990. Bill has served in both the State and local organizations in many capacities. He served as Guild Secretary and Treasurer for 10 years and is still serving as Treasurer. He served as President of the HAV from 2001 to 2003 and prior to that as Second and First Vice President from 1997 to 2000 and is currently serving as Immediate Past President. During Bill's service to HAV, members benefited from his excellent organizational and leadership skills, which resulted in outstanding programs, seminars and conventions.

Bill began his horological journey by taking Marvin Whitney's clock repair class taught as a part of the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education, a part of Fairfax County Public Schools. Bill was one of Marvin's early students, beginning in 1981 and took the course for many years. During this time, he developed a high level of skill and expertise and has always been willing

to share his knowledge and ability with others. Today, he sets a high personal standard for his clock repair work and strives to help others achieve that same high standard.

Bill is also a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC), and the local NAWCC Chapter (Chapter 12). He has furthered his knowledge of clock repair, taking various courses offered through AWCI and MASHI. Some of these courses include Cuckoo Clock Repair, Build Your Own Chronograph, and the Watchmakers Lathe Course. He is a regular attendee and strongly supports all the HAV Seminars and Conventions as well as its Board meetings.

Bill is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and served honorably in the United States Army. He had a long and distinguished career with the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) where he retired as a senior engineering manager. He is married to Peggy Trapp, who is a HAV spousal member, and they have two children, Molly and Megan and twin grandchildren, Mason and Madison. Bill's level of commitment to excellence in the field of horology made him an outstanding choice to receive the HAV President's Award for 2005.

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Bill Trapp with the 2005 HAV President's Award at the 2005 Convention



Photo by Bill Bagert

The President's Message

By Lowell Fast

Mayer's videos and photography also brought a new awakening to our local video efforts.

I would like to see the HAV continue to focus on endeavoring to bring information and training to all in our organization no matter what discipline of Horology interest the member.

One is sometimes tempted to say "the wrist watchmaker's parts problem is of little concern to me as my interest is in clock repair". The modern watchmaker may see little need for the utility of a milling operation. The restorer may have little concern for

how many "units" a day he must produce but we all have Horology in common and a need to know what it cost us per hour to perform on a professional level in our service to our customer.

Just as our Guilds are supportive of HAV though it's board selections, HAV should support the AWCI board actions that support the true needs of the national AWCI membership. We have taken steps to support AWCI Board members who are independent of outside pressures. The AWCI did not get into trouble over night and it may take molding the Board, one member at a time to

adjust it's present direction.

My present HAV Board and I are immediately responsive and attentive to the many activities that guide our interests. Former Board members help new members and new projects. I encourage you to tell your Guild representative of your concerns and suggestions for our State focus.

Thank all of you again for your support of your board and all are welcome to attend our next Board meeting on August 21st. It should be interesting.

HAV Members,

First, I'd like to thank all who helped and attended our convention in Lynchburg. I think there was something for everyone and the demonstrations on using modern technology for training purposes was more than I hoped for. Hermann



Photo by Bill Bagert

2005 HAV Convention Attendees – Lynchburg, VA April 16, 2005
(Well, at least those who were there for the photo)



HAV 2005 Annual Convention Technical Sessions

Laurie Penman again increases our knowledge !



Photo by Bill Bagert

World Renown Clockmaker, Laurie Penman, at the 2005 HAV Annual Convention in Lynchburg

For the third year in a row, Laurie Penman, a world renowned Clockmaker, honored HAV with his presence at its annual convention. A trained Mechanical Engineer who served in the Royal Air Force, he started clockmaking after a series of machine and mechanical engineering jobs. The author of many fine clockmaking references, he now resides in the U.S. and is the clock instructor for the AWCI. He also currently writes a column for *Clocks* magazine.

Laurie spent an entire morning examining clock escapements. Deadbeat, cylinder, lever escapement design and practical use were examined thoroughly. Hints, design secrets, and repair and spring

adjustment techniques were explained in detail. An excellent hand-out was distributed to aid all in classroom and at-home work.

Laurie's afternoon session topics included extensive additional information on deadbeat escapements and floating balance escapements.

For all, the time was well spent and seemed to pass too quickly. His clockmaking knowledge is vast and the audience tapped as much as they could before the sessions ended.

HAV thanks Laurie and his wife for sharing his time us, not only at the formal class but during the casual gatherings.

Hermann Mayer has a winning presentation again !



Photo by Bill Bagert

Hermann Mayer expressing his enthusiasm for the Rolex Watchmaking facilities in Litzitz, PA.

Hermann Mayer, born in Wurzburg, Germany, completed the watchmaking program at the Goldschmiede mit Uhrmacherschule, Pforzheim and received awards from the school as well as from the city of Pforzheim. He practiced and instructed at the Beverly Hills, CA branch of Rolex for three years while also completing the WOSTEP training in Neuchatel, Switzerland and specialized Rolex training in Geneva, Switzerland. Since 2001, he has been involved with the Rolex facilities in Litzitz, PA where is the Principal of the school and chief instructor. For the past couple of years, Hermann was a principal instructor at HAV's annual convention

Hermann spent a fascinating couple of hours instructing the membership on still picture taking techniques and providing an overview of the watchmaking school in Litzitz, PA.

Hermann capitalizes on photographic opportunities by taking his still digital camera with him everywhere. He uses a Canon G-5 digital camera - it has good lenses, a good macro capability for close up work, he uses the manual settings, and a controlled light source. Hermann showed us his close-up photos of watch movements - he uses them frequently for his watchmaking instruction. For a light source, he demonstrated his MKDigital Direct "Photobox," a commercially available inexpensive breadbox sized controlled light source for taking macro photos. All this with his talent provides excellent photos. He also uses a camera-to-microscope hook-up for micro-photos and a tripod for long exposure shots.

Hermann presented an excellent presentation overview of the watchmaking school in Litzitz. He review the school overview, facilities, schedule (September through July), and qualifications of his students.

He is a dynamic speaker. His instruction was attended by watchmakers and clockmakers and was enjoyed by all. Many clockmakers laudably praised his work, enjoyed his presentation, and gained an appreciation for the watchmakers' trade.



Stan's Komputer Korner

By Stan Palen

This is a regular column for Loupes and Tweezers. It includes computer information for IBM compatible computers in the form of hints, helps, suggestions and news. Please submit your questions to Stan Palen, 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485 or via email to spalen@crosslink.net. Please note that this column is often submitted for publication 30 to 60 days before publication. I now have a web page located at: www.stanpalen.com. My columns will be posted there when I have completed them.

If you have been reading the paper about computer scams, you have probably read about phishing. These are bulk mailings that appear to be sent out by legitimate businesses such as eBay or your bank. Everything looks really authentic. They copied the legitimate website as much as possible. It will ask you to log on and correct something or some task requiring you to put in your password and/or some other personal information.

The first hint that this is happening is that the address you are being redirected to is not exactly the correct web address. Sometimes it is way off and sometimes, it is only different by a letter or two. You should not enter any information into any of these requests. If you think it might be a legitimate request, type in the address of your bank, or what ever and put in your login information there. There should be information there about where to forward bogus emails so they can take steps to shut down the site. Your bank, paypal, eBay and similar sites should be on your favorites list anyway so you can get to them quickly.

If you think you may have accidentally been had, go to the legitimate website and change your password ASAP.

Now another threat has surfaced. This is called pharming. This is fairly new. It is an attempt to gain your personal information by intercepting a communication from you to an institution by hijacking a Domain Name Server. DNS servers are located around the world in many places. Their job is to translate your request for a website into a numerical address. Hackers have been able to overload some DNS servers and change some of the translations



Photo by Bill Biggart

from the correct address to one of theirs. These are usually detected fairly quickly and corrected. If a site you normally go to looks a little strange, take a deep breath, and try again later. I suspect this kind of problem will not last long as computer system folks are building defenses against it.

I have been drafted to be webmaster for the State of Virginia Federation of National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees. So far this has taken up a lot of my time. The web site is www.vanarfe.org. If you are a retired or current Federal Employee you should belong to this organization. If you think Social Security is in bad shape, you should take a look at the unfunded Federal pensions. Your retirement check is not as secure as you think it is. NARFE is the only organization that is actively working to maintain your benefits and politicians only listen to organizations that have members in their zip codes.

Had any good cookies lately? Cookies are small files that some websites put on your computer that help them remember who you are and save you from reentering information. I believe all secure sites require them. I have cookie blocker installed and it alerts me when an attempt is made to write one to my computer. It is interesting to note that many email messages – mostly spam type – also try to set cookies even if just the header is displayed. I do not allow any of those. You will not have any indication that this is being done and some of them can contain a virus. So far my virus programs have caught all of those.

The author is retired from the Navy as a Supervisory General Engineer. He has been involved with computers since the early sixties. He used to purchase all the hardware and software for a group of 40 scientists and engineers. He has marketed Swim Meet programs nationally. He was an associate editor of the Apple II section of the Washington Apple Pie a computer users group based in Washington DC.



Save this Date!

HAV Fall Seminar

October 9, 2005

**All day clock and watch
seminar**

**Sandston, VA near the Rich-
mond Airport**

Best Western Airport Inn

**Details will be forthcoming in
the next issue of the *Loupes
and Tweezers*.**

**Support your organization,
learn something, and socialize
with fellow HAV members.
Plan to attend it!**

**HAV 2005 President's Award
- Presented to Bill Trapp**



Photo by Bill Bagert

Know Your Fellow HAV Members

Here is a recent photo of an HAV member. Do you know him? His identity can be found elsewhere in this issue.



Photo by Bill Bagert



Draft Minutes of the April 17, 2005 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

1.0 Attendees

- President - Mike Frost
- First Vice President - Lowell Fast
- Second Vice President - John Enloe
- Secretary - Lloyd Lehn
- Treasurer - Stan Palen
- Most Recent Past President - Bill Trapp
- Loupes and Tweezers - Bill Bugert
- Directors, Members, Guests - Bob Bruckhart, Steve Leonard, George Evans, Ralph Smith, Clarence Hardy, Mark Pellmann, Tuck Tomkins, Dick Arnold, and others.

2.0 Welcome

President Mike Frost opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

3.0 Invocation

Ralph Smith provided the invocation.

4.0 Secretary

Lloyd Lehn offered the minutes. A motion approving the minutes was passed.

5.0 Treasurer

Stan Palen said we currently have \$18,463.97 in the treasury.

The auction on Sat night took in \$1,159 for a profit of \$212.50

6.0 AWCI Communications

Lloyd Lehn said that HAV had received the annual certificate that HAV is an Affiliate Chapter of AWCI.

Lloyd pointed out that the current issue of Horological Times has six AWCI board member candidates listed. The election will be in May. When asked who he planned to vote for Lloyd said Matt Henning and Gene Bertram and that he intended to vote for only two candidates

to leverage his vote. It was moved that HAV send a letter to its member reminding them to vote by selecting the candidates of their choice but suggesting that if they did not know who to vote for, to support Henning and Bertram.

Several people expressed their unhappiness with AWCI responsiveness. Ralph Smith suggested and volunteered to survey the other affiliates to see if they are also unhappy. Lloyd will provide Ralph the names of the AWCI representatives from each of the affiliates.

7.0 HAV Library

Mr. Hardy said he is trying to convert the HAV tapes to DVDs which makes it easier to distribute to our members. He has had some requests for material.

8.0 HAV Master Schedule

Bob Stone presented a draft of an HAV Master Schedule to the Board. It is a matrix showing quarter of each year and when major events are planned. It also includes a breakout of major activities in some of the larger events. Bob plans to revise the chart and resubmit it to the HAV Board of Director for distribution to the members.

The key dates of immediate interest are:

2005

Fall Seminar - 9 October - Frost/Stone

2006

Convention - April 21 -23 - Leonard and Bugert

Fall Seminar - Oct 8 - ?

2007

Convention - April 13-15 - ?

Fall Seminar - TBD

2008

Convention - April 5-7 - ??

9.0 Fall Seminar

Mike Frost said that he and Bob Stone are working on the Seminar but other than the date of October 9th, they had little to report at this time.

10.0 2006 Convention

Steve Leonard and Bill Bugert are beginning to do more detailed planning for the 21 -23 April 2006 convention. They are planning to aggressively look for speakers in the next few weeks. More details will be forthcoming.

11.0 Election of Officers

Bill Trapp presented a slate of officers for this next fiscal year:

President - Lowell Fast

First Vice President - John Enloe

Second Vice President - Steve Leonard

Secretary - Lloyd Lehn

Treasurer - Stan Palen

Nominations from the floor were requested. There being none, a motion was passed to unanimously approve the above slate. These officers were sworn in at lunch.

Mike Frost will be the Immediate Past President and Bill Bugert will continue as editor of Loupes and Tweezers.

12.0 Next Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 10 am, 21 August 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Charlottesville VA. Lloyd Lehn will reserved the room.



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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.

In Memoriam

None this Issue - Thank goodness!

Did You Know:

You have an extensive library at your fingertips? HAV has one - call Chic Hardy at (540) 366-3937 for lending information.

Mark your calendar !

August 4-5, 2005 - AWCI 45th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
August 21, 2005 - HAV Board Meeting, Charlottesville, VA
October 16, 2005 - HAV Fall Seminar, Sandston, VA (Announcement in this issue)
October 20-22, 2005 - NAWCC Mid-East Regional, Salem, VA
June 21-23, 2006 - NAWCC National Convention, Cleveland, OH
October 15, 2006 - HAV Fall Seminar

**Answer to "Know Your Fellow HAV Members":
Dick Arnold, Tri-City
Guild, Richmond.**



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