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Convention 2006 Issue

Complete Information Included!!

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

When: April 21-23, 2006

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 room shave been reserved until April 3rd, when the size of the block of rooms is reduced to 25. Mention Group Code: HORO

Details: Room Rate: \$69.00 + tax
Single/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
- * Rooms equipped with built-in hair dryer, coffee maker, ironing board and iron

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

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Directions to the Convention Location

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.

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 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

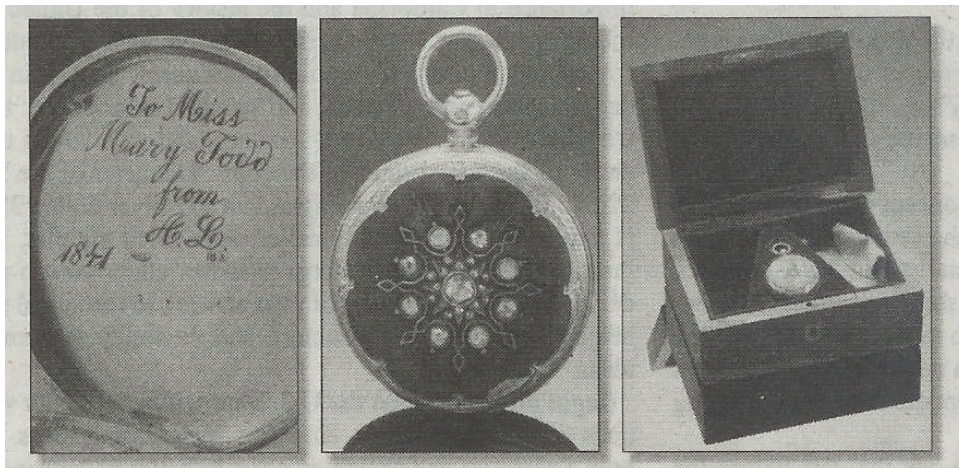
Take Route 29 North to Odd Fellows Road - Exit 7. The Lynchburg Ramada is located at the first driveway on the right.

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>

Feature of the Issue - Mary Todd Lincoln's intended watch



Heritage Galleries and Auctioneers auctioned this pocket watch on February 21, 2006. This watch was an intended engagement present from Abraham Lincoln to Mary Todd. He never gave it to her. Suitably engraved "To Miss Mary Todd From A.L. 1841", historical accounts differ on the reason he never gave it to her but he did, later, marry her.

This watch measures 1.5 inches in diameter, is marked "Chrismann

Sons & Brown", "Geneva", and "18K", and is housed in a decorative wooden box measuring 6.5" x 4.5" x 3". It has blue enamel on both side of the case and has mounted diamonds. Presale estimates were in the neighborhood of \$50,000 but it realized \$71,700 in the public auction.



HAV 2006 Convention Registration Form

Note: Pre-registration is available for full package only

HAV members

Full Registration before Apr 3 #__ @ \$55.00 Enter amount _____
 Full Registration after Apr 3 #__ @ \$65.00 Enter amount _____
 Saturday only with banquet #__ @ \$45.00 Enter amount _____
 Saturday only without banquet #__ @ \$25.00 Enter amount _____
 Sunday only with Sunday luncheon #__ @ \$35.00 Enter amount _____
 Full Spousal Program #__ @ \$50.00 Enter amount _____
 Includes tour, banquet, luncheon Saturday and Sunday

Non-HAV Member Attendees

Full Registration before Apr 3 #__ @ \$80.00 Enter amount _____
 Full Registration after Apr 3 #__ @ \$90.00 Enter amount _____
 Saturday only with banquet #__ @ \$60.00 Enter amount _____
 Saturday only without banquet #__ @ \$35.00 Enter amount _____
 Sunday only with Sunday luncheon #__ @ \$50.00 Enter amount _____
 Full Spousal Program #__ @ \$60.00 Enter amount _____
 Includes tour, banquet, luncheon Saturday and Sunday

Sunday Night Banquet Guest only #__ @ \$35.00 Enter amount _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Attendee's Name(s) _____

Guest(s) Names _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Telephone () _____ () _____

Work

Home

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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.

I have been a subscriber of Computer Shopper since it started. I renewed it several months ago, but my copies have not shown up in my mail box. I use it for ideas for this column. I kind of miss it. I guess I will have to get on their case.

Have you been reading about all the news about the Blackberry hand held computer and phone. As I understand it, some company buys up patents and sits on them for a while until they find another company that has or may have infringed on one of their patents. Then they sue. To me, it is sort of like blackmail. I could be wrong in this interpretation. It is an expensive toy to start with. It runs around \$600 and the broadband service that keeps you continuously connected runs \$50 a month. For a lot of folks in the business world, their company pays for it. I check my email fairly often, but to have it 24 hours a day is a little much for me. In addition, folks use their thumbs to type in their email and now are coming down with a carpal tunnel like problem with their thumbs.

I am always harping on back up's. Have you done yours lately? I use Backup MyPC and it was working fine for a while. Then it quit asking for disks. I could not get it to work again. I emailed tech support and they told me I had to delete a bunch of files their program created and reinstall the program. Thankfully, it is working again. I also use a program called shadow that keeps a copy of the subdirectories I keep my data files in to another



Photo by Bill Bagert

computer.

There are several places on the Internet to store and or share your photos. Snapfish, Hello, Ritz Camera, and Walmart are a few. They all allow you to print your photos for a very reasonable price. You can give friends and family access to your photos. The print quality is excellent and is much cheaper than printing your own. Even if they give you the photo printer, the cost of ink cartridges and paper is much more than they charge.

I do a fair amount of editing for the web page I maintain. It involves a lot of cutting and pasting. The hard part is flipping from one document to the next. I have a 21 inch monitor and even with that, it is still difficult to see everything I need to see. I have a video card that will handle two monitors, so I am thinking of adding another monitor. The second monitor can either be an extension of the desktop or a duplicate. The second monitor duplicate is the way to do presentations with a projector connected to a computer. Maybe I will get to it before the next column.

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.

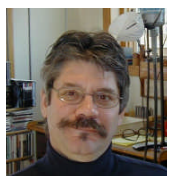


Convention Program

Once again we will be in Lynchburg for a memorable gathering of HAV horologists. We have outstanding presentations scheduled for both the clockmaker and watchmaker and will have a spouse's program to the Virginia Natural bridge. *Please note, this year the watchmakers' session will be on Saturday and the clockmakers' sessions will be on Sunday.*



For the watchmakers, we are fortunate to have Tamara Houk, nationally recognized horological lecturer and expert on watchmaking. She is the President of Swiss Service Center, Inc. located in the Greater Chicagoland Area. Swiss Service Center, Inc. provides full watch repair service to many of the major retail stores in Chicago and throughout the United States. Her presentation and hands on exercise will be on the 7750 watch. We will team up, clockmakers with watchmakers, and share a learning on-hands practical learning experience. **Watchmakers, please bring your tools for this exercise.**



Bob Ockenden, nationally recognized horological lecturer and expert on clockmaking, will present various topics of interest to the clockmaker. 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.

Friday - April 21st

7:00 - 11:30 PM **Registration and President's Reception** (Shenandoah Room - Upstairs Room)

Cash Bar, Light Hors d'oeuvres will be served

Saturday - April 22nd

8:45 - 4:00 PM **Spouses Program to the Virginia Natural Bridge** (Lunch provided)

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

9:30 - 12:00AM **Watch Technical Session by Tamara Houk** (Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

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

1:00 - 4:30 PM **Watch Technical Session by Tamara Houk (continued)** (Montview Room - Upstairs Room)

4:30 - 5:30 PM **Auction Set Up** (Virginian Room - Downstairs Room), Consign Items for Sale

Volunteers are needed to help set up.

6:00 - 7:00 PM **Social Hour** (Virginian Room - Downstairs Room), Light Hors d'oeuvres, 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 23rd

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

9:00 -12:00 AM **Clock Technical Session by Bob Ockenden** (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 **Clock Technical Session by Bob Ockenden (continued)** (Montview Room)

3:00 PM **Adjourn**



Draft Minutes of the February 26, 2006 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

The Horological Association of Virginia held its quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Charlottesville Holiday Inn at 1000-1200 February 26, 2006.

Attendees: Officers: John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen, Bill Trapp, and Bill Bugert. Others: George Evans, Bob Stone, John Miller, Bob Harris, Wayne Simpson, Chick Hardy, Tuck Tompkins, and Charlie Soukup.

Call to Order: John Enloe ran the meeting because Lowell Fast has been ill and could not make it.

Invocation. Wayne Simpson provided the invocation.

Add/Delete Agenda Items: John Miller added an agenda item.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer reported that HAV now has \$18,000.89 in the treasury. He provided a handout of the various items.

Continuing Business.

Convention Plans. Bill Bugert and Steve Leonard are chairmen of the HAV 2006 Convention. They provided the following report.

- Date/Location. April 21-23, 2006 at the Ramada Inn Lynchburg VA.

- The registration form was provided and has been distributed by email and PDF file to all HAV Board principals. Registration is now being accepted. Register early so they can plan accordingly.

- Convention Brochure. Bill Bugert brought a copy of a draft of this year's brochure and asked for comments. It will be in an 8.5x11 format this year.

- Presidents Award. Bill Trapp had requested nominees for the HAV President's Award for 2006 from all guilds. He received only one nomination. The citation was read. The group unanimously approved the selection. Wayne will arrange for the plaque etc.

- Events. **Friday Night** - Reception
Saturday

Spouse Program Trip to the Natural Bridge and lunch - Wayne Simpson will lead the tour. There may be an additional charge at the tour site.

Speaker: Tamara Houk will conduct a watch

disassembly and assembly class using movements from AWCI. There will not be enough watches for all so teams will be formed to work on a movement. *Attendees with watchmakers tools should bring them.*

Banquet/Auction: The menu will be roughly the same as last year. It will be followed by the annual auction. Please encourage members to bring in auctionable items for this sale. The Board passed a motion making the auctioneer an honorary HAV member. Wayne will provide the plaque.

Sunday

Meeting: The annual Board of Directors and Members will be held first thing.

Speaker: Bob Ockenden will then conduct a class on clocks for the rest of the day.

Survey of AWCI Affiliates. Ralph Smith has the action on a survey of the level of satisfaction of AWCI affiliates. Ralph was unable to attend the meeting and none of the attendees knew the status.

Status of AWCI Interaction. Lloyd Lehn has been unable to find out what happened at the mid-year AWCI Board meeting which was held two weeks ago. Both Lloyd Lehn and Chick Hardy are running for the Board of Directors of AWCI. Charlie Soukup pointed out we should vote for only one or two nominees on the ballot to leverage our votes.

Count of HAV Members in AWCI. The intent of this item was to determine how many HAV members belong to AWCI. Apparently Chick Hardy sent a package of names to Lloyd Lehn who does not remember ever seeing them. We will have to start again. The issue revolves around the AWCI Board wanting to not provide an affiliate any support unless that affiliate has 100% AWCI member. It is a bad policy that was defeated by the Board.

HAM Letter on AWCI. Bill Trapp, John Enloe, and Lloyd Lehn discussed a draft letter which was circulated to a few people from the Horological Association of Maryland. The draft letter was addressed to AWCI. Everyone agreed with the themes in the letter but also agreed that it should be rewritten to more clearly and succinctly state HAM's views to AWCI. Lloyd said he had discussed it with John Riley - the author of the letter and acting HAM President. John said they were planning to rewrite the letter at the next HAM meeting. No additional information has been provided since that conversation.

Viability of Guilds. John Miller said there were only three members left in the Peninsula Guild and about that number in the Tidewater Guild. He said he had discussed eliminating both of these Guilds and transferring the members to members at large and that they were in agreement. It was moved and seconded that HAV eliminate both Guilds and transfer their members to the Members- At Large. The motion passed. Stan will change the roster and Lloyd will revise the org chart.

New Business.

AWCI survey. HAV received a survey from AWCI. Status is unknown since Lowell could not attend this meeting.

Fall Seminar. Bob Stone said that he did not yet have speakers and did not know the status of Ralph Smith's search for a new location to hold the meeting.

John Miller. John Miller brought up an issue he has had with a tall case maker who has not paid him for work he completed for the company. The issue involved John, the local company who sold the clock, the company who made the clock and movement and a 2nd clock company who bought out the original builder of the clock. Bottom line is that members should make sure they work for the local clock seller rather than for some obscure company who is in midst of an organization transition and shift of responsibilities. Be careful so you get paid.

Announcements. George Evans announced that he and John Enloe were re-starting the northern VA clock class. Fairfax County killed the class last fall but they have made arrangements to run it in a Senior Center in Fairfax City under the sponsorship of the Potomac Guild. The class should begin in several weeks.

Board Meeting Plans. The next Board meeting will be Sunday morning at the Convention in April. The meeting after that will be on August 20th in the Charlottesville Holiday Inn.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at roughly 1200 hours.



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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.

Obituaries

It is with deep regret, we announce the deaths of three HAV members:

Garland Reedy of Newport News, VA (Peninsula Guild)

F. Alan Walter of Troutville, VA (South Side Guild)

John C. Willis of Hartfield, VA (Tri-City Guild).

Our condolences to the family and friends for the loss of your loved ones.

Warning to providers of tall clock warranty service

At the February 26, 2006 HAV Board of Directors (BoD) meeting, the attendees were alerted to a disturbing new development concerning tall clock warranty service. One of our HAV members in the Tidewater area detailed his recent negative experiences. He was called by a furniture store to perform warrantee work on a tall case clock. Our member was not aware that the clock manufacturer had been bought out by another manufacturer and the policies dealing with clockmakers providing warrantee service had changed. Our member has provided this type service for many years and expected to be paid as he had in the past by the original clock manufacturer. However, this did not turn out to be the case. Confusion ensued and our member has not yet been paid by either the furniture store, the original clock manufacturer, or the company who bought them. His advice is to only deal with the local seller of the clock and let them worry about dealing with the clock vendors. He was especially upset over the idea that the new company wanted him to sign an agreement which specifies what he will charge for each element of a service call and for each part. He wants no part of it. Bottom Line: Be careful when you get involved in these situations and be sure you understand the policies of the company you are dealing with, both in terms of their work expectations from you and their rates and payment policies.

**Mark
your
calendar !**

April 21-23, 2006 - HAV Convention, Lynchburg, VA, details in this issue

June 21-23, 2006 - NAWCC National Convention, Cleveland, OH

August 3-6, 2006 - AWCI Annual Convention, Seattle, WA

August 20, 2006 - HAV Board of Directors meeting, Charlottesville, VA

October 15, 2006 - HAV Fall Seminar, Location TBD



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