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## New HAV Leadership Takes Office!



Mike Creasey, Lowell Fast, John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Stan Palen, and Lloyd Lehn, CC

In conjunction with the 2007 HAV Annual Convention in Lynchburg, VA, officers were elected to fill positions on the HAV Board Of Directors. These officers were sworn in by the Past Active President, Bill Trapp, for the HAV fiscal years 2007-2009.

These positions are all voluntary and the membership thanks you for your desire and dedication to serve Virginia Horology.

### HAV Officers include:

- President - John Enloe
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Steve Leonard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Mike Creasey
- Treasurer - Stan Palen
- Secretary - Lloyd Lehn, CC
- Outgoing President - Lowell Fast

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## Lloyd Lehn elected to AWCI Board

By popular AWCI vote, our very own HAV Secretary, Lloyd Lehn, CC, was elected to the AWCI Board this past June. The term is for three years with the capability of serving two consecutive terms. He will be assigned to a few committees at this August's AWCI Annual Meeting.

**Good luck and Congratulations, Lloyd, for stepping up to make a difference.**



## The President's Message By John Enloe



At the Annual Board of Directors meeting on April the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a new Board of Directors was installed to serve the HAV membership for the next two years. I am proud and honored to have been elected as your president and congratulate all the Board members on their election. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Lowell Fast for his leadership for the past two years. Lowell was willing to take on some tough issues and I believe provided us with a clear focus and strong leadership that has made HAV a better organization.

This year's annual convention was absolutely outstanding. Bill Bugert and Steve Leonard organized excellent programs for both watchmakers and clockmakers and, as usual, Wayne Simpson's program on Saturday for the ladies/spouses was a resounding success and enjoyed by all. For those who were not able to come to this year's convention, you missed out on an outstanding opportunity to learn more about our trade and improve your skills and also a chance to socialize with other members of HAV. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities in the future.

Planning for our Fall Seminar is well underway. This year's seminar will be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at Mechanicsville (same place as last year). Bob Stone is working hard to line up an informative program for us and so far has Steve Conover coming to discuss several clock repair subjects. This will be another opportunity for all of us to enhance our knowledge and skills. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Our next Board meeting will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> in Charlottesville. I invite and encourage all members to attend. Please make sure that your Guild representative to the Board is aware of any issue you feel should be brought to the Board's attention.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members who volunteer to do the many jobs that make our organization go. We need more members to raise their hands and volunteer. I urge you not to be just a member of HAV, but be an active member. We'll all benefit!! Have a great summer!!

Many thanks to **George Evans** for his excellent photographs. Thanks to him, we are able to record HAV history for prosperity. See his photo library at [www.George.smugmug.com](http://www.George.smugmug.com).

**Bill Trapp presents Lowell Fast, outgoing HAV President, with a congratulatory plaque for horological leadership excellence during the past two years.**



Bill Trapp and Lowell Fast



## HAV's Convention Guest Lecturers: Bob Ockenden and Dan Fenwick



HAV again this year enjoyed a lecture by Bob Ockenden, CMC, Member British Horological Institute, and owner of the Valley Clock Works, Minneapolis, MN. Bob's expertise is in restoration of antique clocks and he provided an excellent all day clockmakers' program

concentrating on English Tall Case clock repair.

His lecture and group discussions emphasized the following topics:

- Restoration versus Conservation
- Recent BHI discussions on polishing or not polishing, replacement parts, choice of materials, seat boards, ammonia stress
- Selling and pricing extras to customers
- Maintenance agreements (3 levels)
- House calls (what to bring and what to do)

Many thanks to Bob for a day well spent. Everyone enjoyed his presentation and was delighted to see him again this year.

Dan Fenwick, Technical Training Manager for the Swatch Group in Secaucus, NJ was the guest watchmakers' lecturer for this year's Annual Convention. Dan's expertise in providing AWCI bench courses was evident with his excellent program on Co-axial escapements.



His lecture and group discussions emphasized the following topics as related to Co-axial escapements:

- Background (Invented in the 1970's and used by Omega calibre 2500 series)
- Theory of operation (check [www.clockwatch.de](http://www.clockwatch.de) for a good resource)
- Advantages of this escapement
- Disassembly
- Training Program

Many thanks to Dan for an interesting and education program.



**HAV Annual Convention Attendees in Lynchburg, VA, April 20-22, 2007**



## Keith Clark wins 2007 HAV President's Award



Keith L. Clark has been an active and involved member of the American Watchmakers and Clockmakers Institute (AWCI), Horological Association of Virginia (HAV), The George McNeil Potomac Guild and the National Association of Watch and Clockmakers (NAWCC) for many years. Keith has served in both the State and local organizations in many capacities. During Keith's service to HAV, members benefited from his excellent organizational and leadership skills and technical knowledge, which resulted in outstanding programs and seminars.

Keith was born in Fox Hill, Virginia on February 9, 1950. His family moved to Smithfield, Virginia when he was 4 years old and he graduated from Smithfield High School in 1968. In the fall of 1968 he enrolled in Ferrum Junior College. From there he went to Campbell College in North Carolina. In 1972 Keith joined the US Naval Reserves and served two years on active duty as the Duty Quartermaster to the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon who at the time was Admiral Zumwalt. He then served three years as an active reservist attached to the Naval Reserve Unit serving the Naval Command Center at the Pentagon. While in the Navy he received an Associate of Science Degree in pre Education from the Northern Virginia Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from George Mason University.

In 1978 he established Clark's Clock Shoppe. Over the years, Keith has received extensive education in the science of horology to include earning a certificate from the Watchmakers of Switzerland Training Education Program (WOSTEP) in advanced watchmaker training for a six month course in 1985 and then went back to WOSTEP in 1995 for a ten week Turn/Lathe course.

Keith works on personal clocks for individuals as well as clocks throughout the Washington, D.C. area to include the Curators Office for the Architect of the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Senate Curators Office, Alexandria City Hall, The Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress, The Old Post Office Pavilion, and the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Keith is well known for his furtherance of the highest standards and professionalism in the trade. He has the ability to cut through the "red tape" and get things done. Keith is always willing to help his fellow horologist even though he has his own business to run and his living to earn.

Keith is married to Kathie Clark who is a Spousal member of HAV. Keith met Kathie while stationed at the Pentagon. Keith's commitment to excellence in the field of horology and his many years of service to HAV made him an outstanding choice to receive the HAV President's Award for 2007.



## 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](mailto:spalen@crosslink.net). I now have a web page located at: [www.stanpalen.com](http://www.stanpalen.com). My columns will be posted there when I have completed them.

The failing computer that I wrote about last time died completely. I let it go for a while and came across a good deal on a new one. My first thought was to build a new one with some of the components I have already like a case, keyboard, and power supply. I priced out the components I would need and discovered that it would cost more than a package deal.

One problem I discovered in my research was that Dell rewires their power supplies and mother boards so that if you hook up either one to an "Industry Standard" you will probably get an undesirable smoke test. For some reason if you want to order a power supply with a Dell connector it will cost about \$25 more.

The new computer came with Microsoft's new operating system Vista. This system is much more secure. This also has drawbacks. It took me three days to get the new computer to see my old computers on my network. It took almost that long to get it to see my printers that are on the network. For the old computers to see the new one, Vista requires that the user of the old machine have a user name and password. It will not allow you to set up this user without a password.

Now when I start up my new computer, it shows me as a user that I have set up with no password and this other user that requires a password. I guess that is progress. The new computer comes with a 60 day free trial of Microsoft Office. I was hoping that would mean a discounted upgrade to the full software package, but that does not appear to be the case. The only way I could find out the price was to start the purchase process. I have a Microsoft Office 2003 package on my main machine and am not interested in buying another one.

There is a free package called Open Office that does everything that the Microsoft package does. It is supported by donations and is updated regularly. I have tried it with a PowerPoint presentation and a few word docu-



Photo by Bill Bugert

ments and everything seems to work fine so far. The reviews I have read all seem to like it. I will let you know more about it in my next column.

The new computer came with a free 60 day subscription to the Norton Security Suite. The cost for extending it is about \$60 a year, so I uninstalled it. AOL's free security suite says that the Vista version is not ready yet, so I downloaded the AVG anti-virus package and installed it. It seems to be working fine.

I have an old printer that uses a parallel connection that was hooked to my old computer. The new computer does not have a parallel connection. There is a company called EMTC ([www.emtcompany.com](http://www.emtcompany.com)) that sells a USB cable that connects to a parallel device. I bought one and it does the job. They also have a lot of other things that can connect this way. Another item they have is a USB to IDE connector (\$14.95). This will connect to a hard drive to serve as a back up or just to read the device. It comes with a power supply for the drive too. I purchased one to read the hard drives in my old machine to make sure I had a copy of everything on it. My old way of doing this was to open up a computer and connect the loose hard drive up temporarily to read it. This has some risk of interfering with that computer. If you have older serial type devices, EMTC also has a USB to serial cable (\$9.95). You need one of these to connect a MicroSet to a newer computer. All of these devices are very reasonable and they have reasonable shipping costs too. When I checked their site today (7/17) shipping was free.

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.



## Draft Minutes of the April 24, 2007 HAV Board of Directors Meeting

### 1 Call to Order

The HAV Board Meeting was called to order by President Fast at roughly 1300 hours 22 April at the Ramada Inn in Lynchburg.

All of the Officers of Board were present as were about 15 other members.

### 2 Officers Reports

#### 2.1 Secretary-Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

#### 2.2 Treasurer's Report

Stan Palen's treasurer's report was submitted. HAV has \$15,765.93 available. It was approved as submitted. Stan said that we had netted \$1367.40 in the auction the previous evening. Stan also closed an interest bearing account when the bank started charging HAV a fee larger than the monthly interest.

#### 2.3 President

Lowell Fast thanked all those who have helped run HAV during the past two years.

#### 2.4 1st Vice President

John Enloe thanked Bill Bugert and Steve Leonard for running this years convention. He also thanked Wayne Simpson for running the spouses program which was very well received. Lastly, he especially thanked Lowell for serving as HAV President for the past two years.

#### 2.5 2nd Vice President

Steve Leonard said the final bills for the convention were not in but were running close to the estimates. It was expected that we would lose a small amount.

### 3 Committee Chairman Reports

#### 3.1 HAV Web Page

Stan Palen described the web page and provided a handout on the contents. He had been displaying it on the screen prior to the meeting. There was some concern about protecting personal information on the web page. Views were expressed by several people varying from don't include any to why worry about it. It was left that Stan would work out the best possible solution from his perspective.

### 4 Continuing Business

#### 4.1 Fall Seminar

Bob Stone was not present but John Enloe reported for him.

When: Sunday, October 21st.

Where: Hampton Inn - the same place as last year.

Who: Bob is talking with Steve Conover about do three separate one hour presentations - subjects to be decided. Charlie is helping Bob look for a watch speaker. Members will fill in the rest of the agenda.

Rooms: A 10 room Block has been set-aside for attendees. Rate will be \$109. Registration: Early \$45, Late \$50

#### 4.2 Status of AWCI Interaction

Lloyd Lehn talked about AWCI. He mainly focused on the topics listed in the AWCI President's Message in the March HT magazine: staff salary reduction; budget report at 2 month intervals; contingency

financial planning; reduction in board members reimbursement for attending meetings; and the proposed constitution change which would allow investment of the endowment funds in other than government secured securities.

#### 4.3 AWCI Board Election

Lloyd pointed out that he will be on the ballot for the election of AWCI Board members. The election winners will be the top three vote getters from a stable of nine candidates. He pointed out that a single vote for him provides the most leverage for his election. He suggested voting options base on member goals.

### 5 New Business

#### 5.1 2008 Annual Convention

When: Suggested dates were 18-20 April 2008 or the following weekend.

Where: A proposal was made to move the convention to Williamsburg but we should not rule out returning to the Lynchburg Ramada in spite of some of its flaws. It has a lot of positives. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting. It was suggested that we tentatively lock in the dates with the Lynchburg motel immediately since a fee is not required for several months.

Who: Rodney Graves and his wife will do the preliminary investigation of Williamsburg. Rodney will run the convention if someone else will help him.

#### 5.2 Election of BoD Officers

The election for new HAV was held: The results were:

President - John Enloe

1st VP - Steve Leonard

2nd VP - Mike Creasey

Secretary - Lloyd Lehn

Treasurer - Stan Palen

#### 5.3 Projector

Stan Palen purchased a new digital projector for HAV (\$674) based on an email vote of the Board officers taken by Lowell Fast. The Board passed a formal motion agreeing to the purchase. Stan contributed \$200 and will be the custodian of the projector. It can be loaned out to other Guilds on an as required basis. The projector was in use throughout the convention.

### 6 Next Board Meeting

The next HAV Board Meeting will be held 1000 hours, August 19th 2007 at the Charlottesville Holiday Inn used for past meetings. Members are invited to attend

### 7 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

Lloyd Lehn, CC

Secretary, HAV



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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.

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Tryout the new HAV website on the internet at  
<http://www.havhome.org>.

Contents include:

- Previous issues of the Loupes and Tweezers
- Annual Convention Information
- HAV's Library Listing
- HAV's Constitution and By-laws
- Code of Ethics
- HAV Organization Chart
- Horological Links

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## **Mark your calendar !**

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

August 19, 2007 - HAV Board of Director's meeting, Charlottesville, VA (everyone invited)

October 21, 2007 - HAV Fall Seminar, Mechanicsville, VA (everyone invited)

October 26-28, 2007 - NAWCC Mid-Eastern Regional, York, PA

April 2008 - HAV Convention, exact dates and location TBD

August 7-10, 2008 - AWCI 2008 Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO



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