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HAV's Fall Seminar Popular

On Sunday morning October 21, 2007, twenty-two HAV members gathered to enjoy a day of camaraderie, friendship, and horological education at the Mechanicsville, VA Hampton Inn. Not having gathered as a group since the Annual Convention in April, two educational forums were offered for the clockmakers and watchmakers.

Steve Conover, well-known Clockmaker and Publisher of the monthly *Clockmakers Newsletter*, presented an excellent session on Chiming and Striking Clocks. During this morning presentation, he discussed old and modern American, German, and French clocks' common problems with solutions, descriptions of unusual clocks, hints, and good ideas. Steve provided handouts with excellent photographs and annotations which will be a handy future reference to the clockmaker.

During the afternoon session, Dexter Elliot, member of the Tri-City Guild, presented the watchmakers' session with discussions on the importance of hands-on experience, reminisces of the watch repairman, the introduction of electronic devices to aid the watchmaker, the current problems with watch repair parts supply, and the decline in the number of watch repairers.

Many thanks to Steve and Dexter, and to Bob Stone for organizing this seminar.



Steve Conover at the Fall Seminar



Dexter Elliott at the Fall Seminar



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HAV Fall 2007 Seminar Attendees (At least those who were there for the photograph)



The President's Message By John Enloe

Fellow HAV Members,

First of all, I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and want to wish you all and Happy New Year. As always, the New Year marks the real beginning of winter weather for me. Recently, as our first snow was falling, I was sitting in my office looking out into the back yard. There was a big red fox meandering across the back out through the trees – a rather beautiful sight! Then I began to wonder, where did all the rabbits go that I used to see hopping around in the yard? – Hummm!!! I'm sure there's no connection and my imagination is probably just running away!! It is a bit curious though.

We had our Annual seminar in Richmond in October and it was well attended. My thanks to Bob Stone for once again doing an outstanding job providing a venue for all of us to expand our knowledge of horology. Steve Conover gave an excellent presentation for the clockmakers and Dexter Elliott provided a most interesting program for the watchmakers. I know little about watch making, but found Dexter's presentation very informative and enjoyable.

At the last Board meeting, Rodney Graves put forward additional details for our convention. I would remind you, once again to mark your calendars to be at our annual convention in Williamsburg on April 25 – 28. Rodney plans to run dual programs for clockmakers and watchmakers and has excellent speakers on tap. This is a chance for all of us to learn, share our experience with fellow horologists and enjoy the camaraderie. More details to follow.

Our next Board meeting will be on Sunday, February 24th. As always, I encourage all to attend and participate in your Board proceedings. If you can't attend and you have issues you would like to have brought before the Board, please let your Guild Directors know. Also, if you know clock and watchmakers who do not belong to HAV, I hope you will encourage them to join us. I believe we offer excellent programs for all to expand their knowledge and skills of our trade. See you at the convention!

DVD "Cuckoo Clock Repair: An Example" for sale by Lloyd L. Lehn, PhD, CC

This DVD covers the material Lloyd presented at the 2006 HAV Fall seminar. He describes the process of servicing an example cuckoo clock. He takes it apart, cleans it, and then puts it back together. There is a major sidebar on the tools he used and two smaller sidebars on music box servicing. This DVD is for the clock repair person who want to learn how to work on cuckoo

clocks. This DVD was reviewed in Steve Conover's *Clockmaker's Newsletter*. The latest version, 1.0, is available from the Lloyd for \$39.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Virginia residents must also include an additional 5% sales tax. Contact Lloyd at (703) 256-2684, lloyd.lehn@verizon.net, or visit <http://www.cuckooclockhospital.com/DVD1>



Horological Association of Virginia Annual Convention, April 25-27, 2008

Registration Form

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

Full registration <u>before April 12th</u>	# _____	@ \$110 each	= _____
Full registration <u>after April 12th</u>	# _____	@ \$120 each	= _____
Saturday only without banquet	# _____	@ \$ 50 each	= _____
Saturday only with banquet	# _____	@ \$ 75 each	= _____
Sunday only with Sunday luncheon	# _____	@ \$ 75 each	= _____
Full spousal program	# _____	@ \$ 80 each	= _____
includes tour, banquet, and Sunday luncheon			
Saturday night banquet only	# _____	@ \$ 55 each	= _____
Total Amount			= _____

Attendee's name(s): _____

Guest name(s): _____

Street address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ () _____

Make checks payable to: **J. Rodney Graves** Mail to: J. Rodney Graves III

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HOTEL REGISTRATION - 800-442-3654 - MUST REGISTER
BEFORE MARCH 25, 2008



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.

Microsoft has a problem with Excel. For some reason, the latest version when it calculates a number near 65536, shows a value of 100,000. If you are calculating large numbers, you might want to watch out for this. Microsoft is still working on a fix. It takes a while because the fix has to be tested to make sure it does the job right and does not cause any new problems.

Microsoft is also sending out updates for their new Vista operating system that are automatically installed without any notification to the user. This happens even if you have automatic updates turned off. Most companies have automatic updates turned off because they want to test them first. I understand that one of these updates will turn automatic updates on if it was off. Another not nice feature is that with automatic updates on your friendly Microsoft Company will reboot your computer for you. That is not nice if you are using your computer for something like monitoring a clock or watch with MicroSet.

Do you want to be scared? Go to www.spyber.com and see what that site knows about you. It knows where you are, your screen resolution and what operating system you are using among other things. It appears that any site you visit would have access to at least that much information.

When Internet Explorer 7 was first released, I suggested that you might want to wait a while before installing it. It has been improved and most of the security problems have been fixed. I recently installed it and I like it. The refresh button is a lot smaller and hard to find at first. It uses tabs for the pages you have open so you can easily switch back and forth. It gets messed up when some pages you are on open a new page. This opens another window with another copy of Explorer instead of a new tab. The web page should be revised to open a new tab.

Do you read the End User License Agreement

(EULA) that you agree to when you install a new program? Some of the programs that are offered for free have lots of words that essentially mean:

You must register this program to use it. You must provide personal information to register the program then we may spam you and share your information with other companies we do business with. We may track your Web usage. If you want more information, go to our web site and read our privacy policy. (We can do anything we want with your information)



I mentioned the Open Office Suite that is a free or donation supported in my June column. It is still working fine. They recently came out with an update – version 2.3. I read in their electronic newsletter that several countries have approved its use. One of the countries is India. Their IT department estimates it will save 78% of the previous costs for licenses for proprietary office suites. As far as I can tell it does everything that Microsoft Office does. Are you ready to switch yet?

Do you know what a system restore point is? It is a place you can step back to an earlier date if you have problems after installing a new program or your computer has become unstable. This is available in Windows XP and Vista. You should routinely create a restore point before installing new hardware or software. Some install programs will do it for you. To create a restore point or see how many previous ones have been created, go to Help and Support by clicking on the start button. Click on Help and Support and then you will see System Restore on the right side of the menu. Click on it and it will give you the choice of creating a restore point or restoring your computer to an earlier date. If you look at the earlier dates, be sure to cancel without clicking on a date unless you really want to step back.

How long has it been since you backed up your system? I hear so many stories about lost data when folks do not back up their files. If you back up only My Documents, you may miss a few important files that certain programs store in their own directory. Turbo Tax is one of those. My email program is Eudora and it also stores my email in it's own directory. I prefer to do a complete back up every few months and an incremental back up every couple of days. It is also a good idea to store your important files off site. Most of those folks in California are probably wishing they did that. There are online sites that will store files for you. For small amounts, some are free, and others charge a nominal fee.

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.



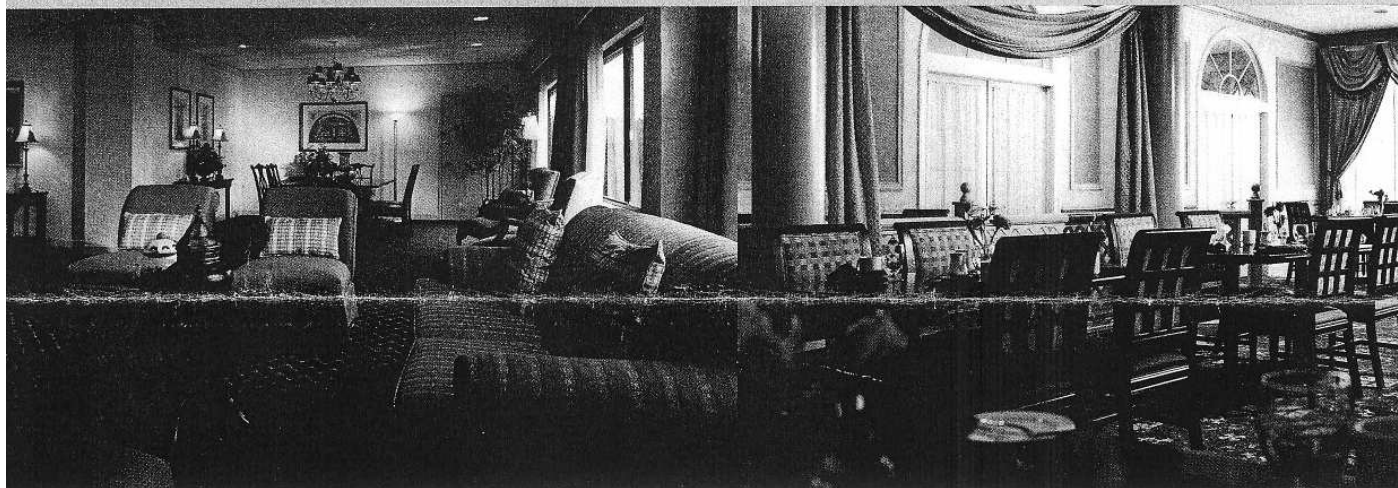
The 2008 HAV Annual Convention will be at The Williamsburg, VA Marriott from April 25-27, 2008.

Make your Convention lodging reservations before March 25, 2008.

Reservation contact information is included below.

Williamsburg Marriott

50 Kingsmill Road • Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
Telephone (757) 220-2500 • Facsimile (757) 221-0653 • Reservations (800) 228 9290
Williamsburgmarriott.com



Directions

From I-64 East or West: Exit 242A (Route 199 West). Proceed to Route 60 East and turn right onto Kingsmill Road. Hotel entrance is on the right.

Location

The Williamsburg Marriott is the closest hotel to Busch Gardens, just minutes from Colonial Williamsburg; convenient to Jamestown and Yorktown historical sites.

Accommodations

295 guest rooms • 14 suites • individual climate control • AM/FM alarm clock radio • telephone with message light, voice mail and data port • cable TV with in-room pay movies • high-speed Internet access • Video Checkout • in-room coffee maker • hair dryer • iron and ironing board • nonsmoking and ADA-accessible rooms available

Restaurants & Lounges

Harvest Grille, American regional cuisine for breakfast and dinner
Pitchers, a sports bar featuring light meals, beverages, widescreen TV and games
Williamsburg Café, casual dining that includes Häagen-Dazs® and Starbucks®

Recreation & Leisure

indoor/outdoor pool • whirlpool • exercise room • on-site tennis • 12 championship golf courses nearby

Attractions

Busch Gardens • Water Country USA • Colonial Williamsburg • College of William and Mary • James River, Berkeley and Carter's Grove plantations • Yorktown Battlefield and Victory Center • Jamestown Island • Williamsburg Winery • many shopping and outlet centers

Guest Services

activities/tour desk • sundries and gifts available in the *Williamsburg Café* • valet service • complimentary parking • safe-deposit boxes • business center and notary public

Meeting Facilities

40 meeting rooms offering high speed Internet access • 13,000 sq. ft. Presidents Ballroom dividing into 10 sections, accommodating up to 1,100 for receptions or 1,032 for banquets

For reservations or information, visit marriott.com, call us direct at (757) 220-2500 or call 1-800-228-9290.



Draft Minutes of the November 18, 2007 HAV Board of Directors Meeting

1 Call to Order: President Enloe called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 AM, November 18, 2007.

2 Attendees: Officers: John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Mike Creasey, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen, Lowell Fast

Potomac: Ralph Smith, Bob Stone

South Side: Wayne Simpson, Robert Harris

Tri-City: Charlie Soukup

Guest: Rodney Graves

3 Invocation by Wayne Simpson.

4 Officers Reports

4.1 Secretary-Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Stan Palen provided the attached report on the status of HAV's funds. There are several bills outstanding which have not yet been included on the sheet. HAV total available funds are nominally \$17,942. Stan cashed in a Certificate of Deposit (\$13,700). He bought two new ones \$13,000 and \$2,000. The \$2,000 has one time withdrawal option with no penalty at a slightly lower interest rate. This permits HAV to cash it in if we need cash. Stan said we now have 86 members in HAV.

5 Continuing Business

5.1 2007 Fall Seminar

Bob Stone provided the attached report on finances for the seminar. As of now, HAV was \$90 ahead on finances but Bob suggested we provide an \$100 honorarium to Dexter Elliot for his talk. It was approved.

5.2 2008 Convention

Rodney Graves is leading this activity. He provided details of his financial estimates (not attached).

When - April 25-27, 2008

Where - Marriott Williamsburg, VA

Cost - Members \$110, Spouses \$80

Ronnie Speegle will do the auction.

Of note: Manuel Yazijian from the AWCI staff will speak on watches in the am/pm sessions on Saturday. It will cost \$1,800 to have Manuel speak. Hopefully he will bring in additional attendees. There will also be a parallel clock session on Sat. Speakers are needed. There will be a business meeting on Sunday followed by a session on bench tips. There will be no program after lunch on Sunday. The spouse program is planned to be a tour of a local plantation.

Steve suggested that Rodney take advantage of the free HT ad and get it in plenty early so that it appears in the issues well in advance of the conference. Wayne suggested that HAV raise the cost of the spouse program to cover all the costs. Last year, HAV lost money.

5.3 Travel Expenses

The Board had previously approved that HAV would pay all the expenses of the HAV representative to the AWCI annual meeting. Lowell fast attended the meeting. The instant issue was what rate Lowell should receive for his mileage. There are a number of options from the low IRS rate for charity mileage to the high IRS rate for business. There are some in the middle. Lowell agreed that 20 cents per mile was acceptable. Stan is supposed to lay out the options for the Board to review on determining the mileage rate at the next board meeting.

5.4 Printing Certificates

Wayne talked with a local printer and got prices much cheaper than Lloyd had found in Northern VA. Wayne was to pick up samples from the printer but was unable to get them. He will bring to the next board meeting. Lloyd said he has enough until the next major certificate distribution.

6 New Business

6.1 2008 Fall Seminar

Bob Stone agreed to be in charge of the 2008 Fall Seminar. Everyone was happy with the facility we had in 2007 and it would be acceptable again. The target date is October 19, 2008.

6.2 2008 President's Award

Everyone was reminded that the board must offer to elect the person to receive the President's Award at the 2008 convention. The award need not be given. As the most recent Past President, Lowell is to send out letters to the Guilds to ask for their official nomination in writing by the next board meeting.

7 Board Meeting Plans

7.1 Saturday vs Sunday

John Enloe reported that someone asked that the board meetings be held on Saturday instead of Sunday. There was no support of that option by the group. A number said they could not come on Saturday. The concept will be taken under advisement.

7.2 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2008.

7.3 Meeting Location

NOTE: This took place after the meeting but everyone should be aware. Stan paid the bill for the use of the meeting room at the motel. He was quite surprised that they have raised the rate by \$80 since the last time. We now pay over \$300 for roughly two hours use of the room. Wayne Simpson is looking for alternative meeting locations from his friends in the Charlottesville area - perhaps at a Shoney's.

8 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned about 1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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.

**Check out the HAV website
on the internet at
<http://www.havhome.org>.**

Did you know?

Circa 1885, the Ansonia Clock Company of Brooklyn, NY introduced a pin-pallet escapement watch designed by Walter Davies. This watch proved to be an excellent product, was manufactured with few changes, and was made until the firm ceased operation in 1929.

Source: The Inexpensive Watch by Chris H. Bailey, NAWCC

Mark your calendar !

February 24, 2008 - HAV Board of Directors Meeting, Charlottesville, VA (all invited)

April 25-27, 2008 - HAV Annual Convention, Marriott, Williamsburg, VA (all invited)

June 11-14, 2008 - NAWCC National Convention, Springfield, MO

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

November 7-8, 2008 - NAWCC Mid-Eastern Regional, York, PA



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