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HAV's 2008 Annual Convention's new location a winner!

By Steve Leonard

The 2008 Horological Association of Virginia annual convention was by all accounts a success. This year's convention moved to the Marriott Hotel in Williamsburg and the hotel bent over backward to ensure that all went well. To make Saturday a "must attend" by all, both watch and clock sessions ran simultaneously throughout the day. They were well attended and received rave reviews.



David Lindow and his colleague Paul Ketterer conducted an insightful and practical clock program. The morning portion covered the theory of the deadbeat escapement with many practical details on identifying and correcting escapement problems. The afternoon presentation demonstrated David's techniques for bushing period movements, including inserting the bushings and refinishing the plates so that no traces of the bushings remain. His experience with designing and building clocks (he brought a couple beautiful examples) gave him a perspective on repairs that all attendees appreciated.



For the watch program, Tom Shomaker discussed the current certification for CW21 and answered numerous questions from the group regarding the certification. He also explained some of the trick questions that will be on the exam. Tom showed a video that he had produced of the disassembly and assembly of the popular Omega 861. The class was very informative and we learned a lot of useful information that we can take back to our benches.

HAV's sincere thanks go out to Rodney and Gayle Graves who organized the convention, arranged for excellent presentations, an outstanding spouses' program, and wonderful accommodations.

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The President's Message

By John Enloe

programs for both watch and clockmakers. Everyone enjoyed the banquet and the auction, even without Ronnie was really fun – I ended up with another set of screwdrivers. I guess you can't have too many!! Gayle did a great job organizing and leading the spousal program. I think it was the first time I can remember when Wayne actually attended one of our technical sessions instead of leading the spousal tour. If you 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. We'll be going back to Williamsburg next year, April 24 – 26, so I encourage you to make your plans now to attend the 2009 convention!

Fellow HAV Members,

I hope everyone is having a good summer. I think summer is a great time of year. We all get to do all those outside lawn and garden "projects" that have been waiting for warm weather. At our Annual Board of Directors meeting on April the 27th, our current Board of Directors was installed to serve the HAV membership for the next year. I would like to thank each Board member for continuing to serve and look forward to working with them over the next year to make our organization better. Speaking of Board meetings, I invite all HAV members to attend our next Board meeting. It will be on August 17th at the Holiday Inn Monticello in Charlottesville at 10:00 AM. If you can't make it and have topics/issues you would like to bring to the Board's attention, let your Director know so we can address issues that are important to you.

This year's annual convention was absolutely outstanding. I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Rodney and Gayle Graves for all their hard work in making this convention a success. The hotel was fantastic and we had excellent

Another great opportunity is just around the corner! Bob Stone has an excellent seminar planned for us. This year's seminar will be held on Sunday, October 19th, at Mechanicsville (same place as last year). August Cornel will be back with us. If you haven't heard August, he is both very knowledgeable and entertaining. Once again, here is another opportunity for all of us to enhance our knowledge and skills. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Lastly, I'd like to say thanks – again, to all those who volunteer to make HAV an organization we all enjoy. I know I always say this, but it can't be said too many times. I hope you will consider raising your hand when we need volunteers.

Have a great summer!!

Have you paid your HAV dues yet?

Payment of HAV and local Guild dues was to be made by June 1st. If you have not paid them yet, contact the HAV Treasurer, Stan Palen, at 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485 with a payment. Please send your check (payable to "HAV) for \$25 plus your Guild dues and Spousal dues of \$5, if applicable. Guild Dues are: At-Large - \$0.00, Potomac - \$20.00, Tri-City [Pay your Guild Treasurer (\$10)], South Side - \$10.



The following article was submitted by Mary Loose DeViney of Tuel Jewelers, Charlottesville, VA. She says "Here is an interesting article from JCK. What is old is new again. After WWII the same happened, as we know, and many were trained in Staunton."

War Veterans Watchmaker initiative

William George Shuster, Senior Editor -- JCK-Jewelers Circular Keystone, 3/26/2008

The new "War Veterans Watchmaker Initiative" of the [American Watch Guild](#), a group of a fine watch retailers and suppliers, aims to help veterans of America's wars see watchmaking as a productive career, and to persuade the U.S. watch and jewelry trades to provide apprenticeships, scholarships, and jobs for them.

The VWI seeks to benefit both disabled U.S. vets and the U.S. watch trade, which has seen trained watchmakers shrink from 30,000 only three decades ago to less than 4,400 now, an all-time low. Half of those will retire within a few years.

Yet, with U.S. watch sales at an all-time high, boosted by exceptional growth in mechanical watches, there's rising demand from retailers, watch suppliers and service centers for qualified watch professionals to service

timepieces bought by U.S. consumers.

"Since we now have many returning and existing war veterans, this program could especially benefit those who are disabled or need a new career path that could be both emotionally and financially rewarding," says Susan Musman, executive administrator of the project and AWG director of business development. It could also "help replenish the serious shortage of watchmakers and watch technicians."

Based on Bulova. The idea for the VWI project is based on the [Joseph Bulova School](#), founded in the 1940s by the Bulova family (which owned and operated Bulova Watch Corp. for its first 100 years), says Bert Kalisher, AWG executive director. The Bulova School was created specifically to train returning World War II servicemen as watchmakers. Its graduates (and others from later wars) provided many of America's independent jewelers and watchmakers in the 1950s and '60s.

Now, the AMG wants to provide similar opportunities for tens of thousands of wounded and disabled heroes of America's more recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The project has been in the planning since October. A major step will be the scheduled launch in late April of its Web site. "This will be the focal point for interested veterans, watch schools, manufacturers, retailers and donors, where they can go to participate," says Musman. "Veterans will be able to sign up for the program and get information. Each watch school will have a summary page, with a link to its own Web site. It will tell what's happening in the program, and provide links to industry news and events."

Any veteran or retailer interested now in the VWI program can contact Musman (516-316-6443) or Robert Filotei, the project's

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national director (203-520-8799).

Industry-wide. The AWG hopes this will become an industry-wide initiative, says Musman. Watch industry veteran Filotei, the former president of Piaget Inc., Musman, and Kalisher have been actively contacting watch companies, watch service/repair centers, jewelers, watch schools, and industry groups, asking for their support and involvement. They're also meeting with various veteran groups, a number of which have offered to disseminate material and advise the project on the best ways to reach vets, Musman told *JCK*.

Now, she says, AWG is enlisting support of watch retailers and service centers to train interested veterans. Several hundred letters are going out this spring, explaining the program and asking for their involvement. The AWG will also launch a public relations campaign in May, aimed at trade publications, and news and government organizations.

No prior experience in watchmaking is necessary, says Musman. Vets will be put with retailers or watch service centers to work with experienced watch technicians in a mini-apprenticeship of two to four weeks "to see if this is the career for them," says Musman. "They'll learn basic skills, get individual attention and to be evaluated on dexterity, desire [to be a watchmaker] and patience."

At the end, the vets can decide whether to go on, either enrolling in a watch school or staying with that e-retailer or service center for further training and possible employment. Those who go to watch school are almost certainly guaranteed a job when they graduate. Due to the severe shortage of trained watchmakers, "watch schools tell us that for every graduate, there are many job offers," says Musman.

The VWI's goal is to initially train 100 to

200 veterans. "We need at least that amount, if we are to have an impact on replenishing the watchmaker profession," says Musman. At press time, the program already had three veterans (all from the first Iraqi war), being trained at three watch service centers.

Seeking support. The estimated annual budget for the program, says Musman, is between \$500,000 and \$1 million. That will pay for possible scholarships, tools not covered by scholarships, or VA funding travel costs for vets who go to be tested or trained; salaries for some veterans during their apprenticeships at retailers who can't afford the extra pay; tuition when a watch school doesn't have VA tuition approval; some living expenses for vets who must relocate to a watch school; and the PR program.

The AWG hopes most of the budget's money, if not all, will come from the watch industry—watch companies, watch groups, watch/repair centers. "Most major watch companies have been contacted," says Musman. "We're hoping for their financial support and overall assistance in whatever capacity needed, including to job placement. "We'll also be soliciting funds from many jewelry industry associations, such as Jewelers of America."

At press time, no company had yet made a financial commitment. However, The American Watch Association (the U.S. lobbying group for watch brands and suppliers) has offered to help, and will discuss the project at its May meeting. There have also been initial pledges of support from Seiko Corp. of America; the Richemont Group (its Dallas, Tex., repair facility); Movado Group; Swatch Group; Bulova Corp.; Alan Grunwald, president of the Belair Watch Co.; Tourneau (its Long Island City, N.Y. repair facility); and Harvey Rovinsky, owner of Bernie Robbins Fine Jewelry in Philadelphia.

"All have offered to help evaluate and train people," says Musman.



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. I now have a web page located at: www.stanpalen.com. My columns will be posted there when I have completed them.

The free anti-virus program AVG is putting out notices that you have to update to continue being protected. If you click on update it will take you to their site, and then it will give you an opportunity to buy the update at \$54.99. The last time they did this it was kind of a communication problem. This time it is even more deliberate. There are no links to the free version on this part of their web site. If you do a search on AVG free it takes you to the wrong place to get it. It is available at free.avg.com. They will take you through several steps, but the free one is there. Type the free.avg.com in the address bar of your browser. Do not add www in front as you will be in the wrong place again.

Service Pack 1 is out for Vista. Most people had no problems with the installation. For most it was automatic. Some folks that did the manual route had to reboot several times. Several things seemed to work faster such as copying files and booting. With Vista you have the option of using a program called ReadyBoost. This program is usually run from a thumb drive. It gives your memory a fast place to store things it needs to keep handy.

The update on my Vista machine seemed to go fine. I have not had any problems yet attributable to the upgrade. There were a few programs that needed an upgrade to be compatible. One was Adobe Reader 8.0. I upgraded to 8.1.2 per the directions Microsoft and/or Adobe gave me. A page came up showing the problem areas and by clicking on them it took you to the solutions. One problem that showed was a missing scanner. It is one I replaced because the old one died.

I decided to get a new wide monitor to help with editing things like web pages. It is quite helpful to be able to see two pages at once. I looked at a lot of them and selected an LG. The first one worked fine for about 3 days and then the only good part of

the picture was the upper third of the screen. The rest of the screen was there to see, but it was very light and very green. It would look okay if I lowered the resolution to 600 X 800, but that was not very pretty on what I was trying to read. I also discovered that my video card would not support the fine resolution that the monitor was capable of. I purchased a new video card to be sure that my old card was not the problem.



I looked at my system under the control panel to determine what type of video card I had in my machine. It showed that I had a PCI video card. Actually after I got the card I found that I had an AGP card. The AGP slot is designed as a video slot and would be a better use of computer resources. The moral here is that you should physically inspect the card you want to replace to verify what it is. The PCI card works fine, but it uses a PCI slot that could be used for other things and wastes the AGP slot. The card I got is a Vision Tek. It supports a resolution of 2560 X 1600. My monitor will handle up to 1920 X 1200. I can easily read two pages side by side.

I purchased my monitor at Best Buy and they replaced it. They have a 14 day replacement policy. I just made it. After that I would have had shipping costs etc.

My new monitor supports 3D so I looked for a new screen saver. I found one called Watch that is a pocket watch under water with leaves falling etc. The watch shows the correct time all the while the picture is changing due to changes in the surface of the water. The link to it is <http://www.3planesoft.com/pages/watch.html>.

If you have questions about any of the above or other computer questions, please feel free to email me at spalen@crosslink.net or stan@stanpalen.com.

Stan 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 27, 2008 HAV Board of Directors Meeting

1 Call to Order. President Enloe call the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2 Attendees. Officers: John Enloe, Steve Leonard, Mike Creasey, Lloyd Lehn, Stan Palen and a number of other HAV Directors and HAV members.

3 Invocation. Wayne Simpson provided the invocation.

4 Officer reports

4.1 Minutes of Last Meeting. Lloyd Lehn said the minutes were distributed to the board meeting after the last meeting and no comments had been received. The minutes were approved as distributed.

4.2 Treasurer's Report. Stan Palen provided a spread sheet (attached) showing HAV had \$15,603.29 available as of April 24th. Stan has cashed in come CD's and purchased new ones. The gross from the Saturday night auction was roughly \$3700. HAV will get about \$388 from that. The report was approved.

5 Continuing Business

5.1 2008 Convention. John Enloe and the group gave Rodney and Gayle a round of applause for organizing this year's convention. Everyone seemed to think it was a better facility that the one we used in Lynchburg. Rodney estimated that this convention will cost about \$2,000 more than the income for the convention. The HAV treasury will have to make up the difference. Wayne Simpson suggested that we pay the auctioneer an honorarium of \$100. This was approved by voice vote.

5.2 2008 Fall Seminar. Bob Stone reported that the seminar will be held in Mechanicsville on Oct 19th. August Cornell has agreed to present a full day's program. August is capable of addressing both watch and clock subjects and Bob is looking for specifics to ask August to talk about. Please send them to Bob.

5.3 HAV Certificates. Wayne Simpson had 500 new HAV membership certificates printed and delivered them to Lloyd Lehn for use as required. Wayne did not have a bill yet but his efforts saved HAV a couple of hundred dollars.

5.4 Spare Parts Suit. Mike Creasey said the watch spare part suit deadline had past and every one must wait for

the ruling from the judge.

6 New Business

6.1 2009 Convention. John Enloe suggested and the group agreed that we should hold the convention at the same site again next year. John had talked to the hotel management and was told we could get a reasonable rate again next year. Next year's convention will be held on April 24, 25 and 26 at the Williamsburg Marriott. No one responded to John's request for volunteers to run the convention so he volunteered himself but said he would ask for help. Some of the officers said they would pitch in.

6.2 AWCI news. Lloyd Lehn covered various topics about AWCI. He listed the nine people running for the AWCI Board of Directors. Three are to be selected. Lloyd suggested the members make an effort to quiz any of the candidates to make sure they are willing to spend their time, energy and money working for AWCI during their term of office. Lloyd pointed out that being on the AWCI Board is not an honor but an obligation to contribute. Lloyd suggested that everyone vote for just Lowell Fast to increase the probability that Lowell be elected. Lloyd pointed out that AWCI members can initiate an AWCI constitution change if at least 50 people sign a petition to do so. President Enloe asked Lloyd to draft a proposal to assure that there is a balanced budget. Lloyd will look into the procedures involved. Lowell Fast spoke about why he should be elected and suggested he would work to make changes to improve AWCI.

6.3 Maximum Treasurer's Check. Stan Palen pointed out that the \$500 limit for him to write checks without a co-signer is no longer practical. The group asked about how many checks he wrote where the problem occurred. The bottom line was that a motion to raise the level to \$1000 was passed.

6.4 Election of Officers. HAV normally has officers fill the job for two years. This was the middle of the two year period. All of the current officers agreed to do the job again for another year. George Evans moved that the slate be approved unanimously. It was approved without objection.

6.5 Next Board Meeting. The next HAV board meeting will be held on either August 17 or 25. The date will be fixed once the date of the Potomac Guild Picnic is finalized. Currently, it is optionally one of those dates. The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn in Charlottesville unless plans change.

7 Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:02.



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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>.**

George Evans' Convention photos

Are on the internet!

George finished the editing process on the Convention photos and here is the link to Smugmug. Enjoy! Thanks George!

http://George.smugmug.com/gallery/4853953_CY8QZ/1/289055240_K826s.

Mark your calendar !

July 20, 2008 - NC Watchmakers and Clockmakers Auction, Greensboro, NC

July 31 - August 3, 2008 - AWCI 2008 Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO

October 19, 2008 - HAV Fall Seminar, Mechanicsville, VA (all invited)

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

April 24-26, 2009 - HAV Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA (all invited)



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