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# Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

## HAV Fall Seminar Nov 2nd Be There!

**What:** HAV's Fall Seminar and HAV BoD Meeting

**Who:**

- Jabbour and Farmer - Clock and Watch Appraisal
- Fred White (Pres AWCI BoD) - Changes in Watchmaking
- HAV members and guests

**When:** 0900 Sunday November 2nd

**Where:** Ivy Creek Nature Center (Map inside)

**Registration:** Let Steve Leonard know you're coming

**Cost:** \$50 at the door (make checks to "HAV")

**Lunch:** Bring one, order a sandwich, or go out.

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# HAV Fall Seminar

## Agenda

**0830-0900: Registration**

**0900-1200: Joe Jabbour and Ken Farmer - Clock and Watch Appraising**

**1200-1300: Lunch and Board of Directors meeting - Everyone welcome. Sandwiches can be ordered in advance.**

**1300-1500: Fred White - "Change - Watchmaking Past, Present, and Future"**

Dr. Joe Jabbour is a Northern Virginia clock and watch appraiser. He's completed the NAWCC and the ISA (International Society of Appraisers) certifications. The talk, discussion and audience participation will describe what is involved in a complete appraisal report as required by the IRS, insurance companies and other judicial bodies. This includes: inspection; research and analysis; and the final report. He is the President of HAV's Potomac Guild,

Ken Farmer of Quinn & Farmer Auctions in Charlottesville. Mr. Farmer has had a 39 year career in the antique and auction field. He will be familiar to all as a frequent appraiser in The Antiques Roadshow. He has appeared as a specialist in furniture, folk art, decorative arts and musical instruments. He will discuss the current market conditions and bring us up to date on trends, both up and down.

Fred White is an HAV member. He is also on the Board of Directors of the American Watchmakers and Clockmakers Institute. Even more important, he is President of the AWCI BoD.

Fred will discuss: "Change - Watchmaking Past, Present, and Future"

-American Horology from the late 1800's - 1960's and how the Swiss changed the industry.

-20th Century watchmaking, new technologies and the quartz revolution.

-Modern day manufacturing. (a short videos showing computerized manufacturing, etc)

-The Apple Watch

-The Future of Watchmaking. Revolutionary materials, technology and Science in horology.

# HAV Fall Seminar

**Date:** Nov 2, 2014

**Time:** 0830 Registration / 0900 Programs start

**Cost:** \$50 payable at the door (make checks to "HAV")

**Pre-registration:** There is no formal pre-registration. However, if you plan to attend, please call or send an e-mail to Steve Leonard (sr\_leonard@verizon.net, (h) 703-352-3416 (w) 703-808-6127) so that he can plan accordingly.

**Location:** Ivy Creek Foundation, 1780 Earlysville Road, Charlottesville VA 22901. The Ivy Creek facility is a very nice, barn-style building in a nature preserve. It has running water, modern sanitary facilities and a microwave oven. The HAV Board has met there a number of times. It is very comfortable meeting location.

**Food and drinks:** Donuts, coffee and soft drinks will be provided - else bring what you need/want. Ample time will be allowed for lunch. You can bring a lunch or drive to one of the local fast food establishments on Route 29.

**Motels:** There are a number of motels on Rt 29 within a mile or two of Ivy Creek. Make your reservations early.

**Directions:** Ivy Creek Foundation is about 5 miles north of Charlottesville via Route 29.

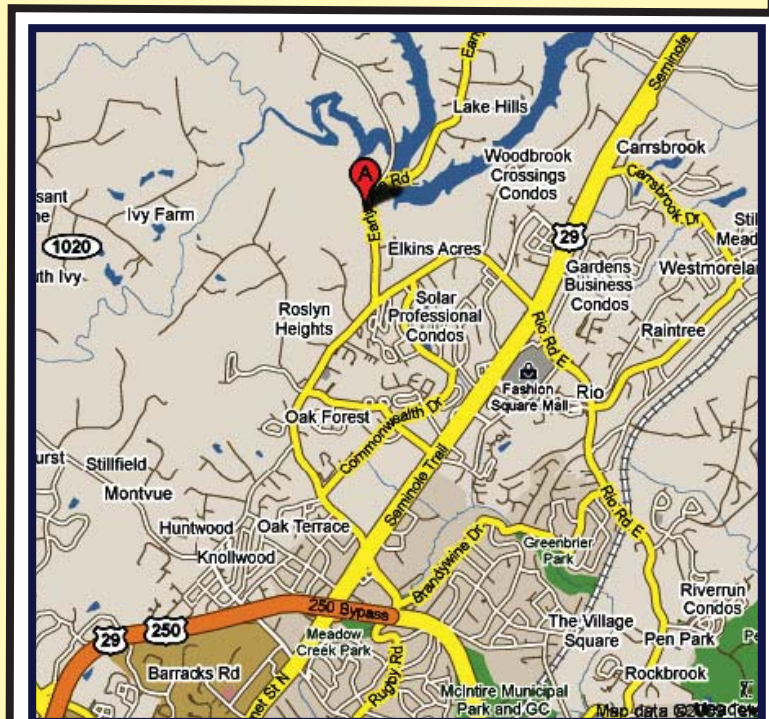
**From North:** Turn right on Rio Road.

**From South:** Turn left on Hydraulic Road.

- Rio Road and Hydraulic Road form a loop off to the west of 29

- Earlysville Road is off of that

**Destination:** 1780 Earlysville Road



## President's Message

I hope this edition of Loops and Tweezers finds everyone well and planning to attend our Fall Seminar. Our speakers will discuss changes in watchmaking and determining the value of a watch/clock. I'm also looking forward to a report about the AWCI National Convention. Hopefully he will have some good news on the parts situation or at least some progress in that area for the watchmakers.



Plans for the 2015 HAV Convention are also well under way with Zareh Sarkissian locking down the hotel soon. Any suggestions for a clock program either at the Convention would be a big help to Zareh.

The August meeting of the Tri-City Guild was an auction of parts and tools brought in by the members. It was a lot of fun and netted the guild a profit of \$202. We do this once a year. This might be something other guilds might consider. Mark Pelman has done a great job of being the auctioneer and Jim Carlson and myself handle the accounting. It makes for a great night.

Hope to see all members at the Fall Seminar.

George Cosier HAV President

## Identity Theft

Will it ever end?

That is the question the Potomac Guild members wondered about after the July meeting. Investigator Tom Polhemus and Detective Mike Deane of the Fairfax County Police Department joined the Guild members for an interesting evening. This was the third time Tom has visited the group. Yet he always seems to have a set of new stories that make one worry about our security.

The main points left with members were:

- Opt out of pre-approved credit card applications by calling 888-567-8688
- Reconcile your credit cards in detail every month
- Pay bills electronically if possible – paper checks are vulnerable.
- Don't mail bill payments from home – do it electronically if possible.
- If your are a victim of identity theft get a police report and secure seven year fraud alert or credit freeze
- Senior citizens (70+) should contact the credit bureaus and secure a credit freeze even if they are not currently a victim of identity theft.
- If requested to do so, do not wire money using Western Union, Money Gram, or GreenDot Money Pack. It's probably fraud. Don't do it.
- Check charities before you give at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). Don't give to telemarketers who are allowed to keep 80-90 percent of what they collect.

## Presses, Presses, Presses

The June meeting of the Potomac Guild focused on bushings, bushings, bushings. Specifically on bushing presses. Seems like a simple subject. However, it can be more complex than one imagines.

The program was a joint effort of John Enloe, Donny Sobel and Ryan Johnson. The purpose was to show that there is more than one way to think about installing plate bushings. And there is more than one type of device to do it..

The Three Musketeers went all out and hauled in enough bushings presses to cover two tables as shown in the lower photo on the next page

A – Standard drill press – many people use them successfully.

B – Home built press – it works just fine

C – Vintage Burgeon bushing press – once the Cadillac of the field.

D – KWM bushing press – one of the current Cadillacs of the field – but a bit pricey.

All of the above will work just fine for most Potomac Guild's members. However, Donny and Ryan thought they would like to improve on these basic machines.

E – Ryan's approach to the problem was not yet finished but consists of a large aluminum plate plus a beefy press structure of a solid aluminum post and beam.

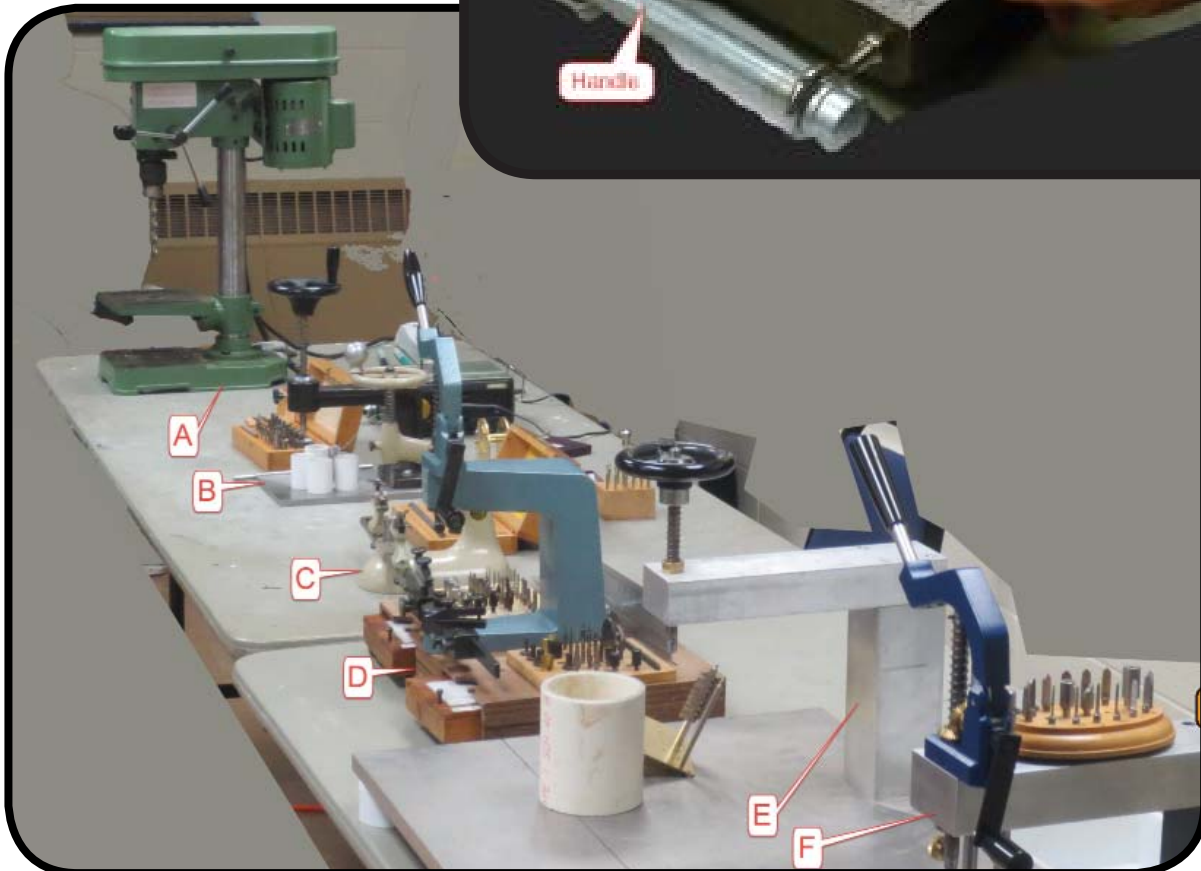
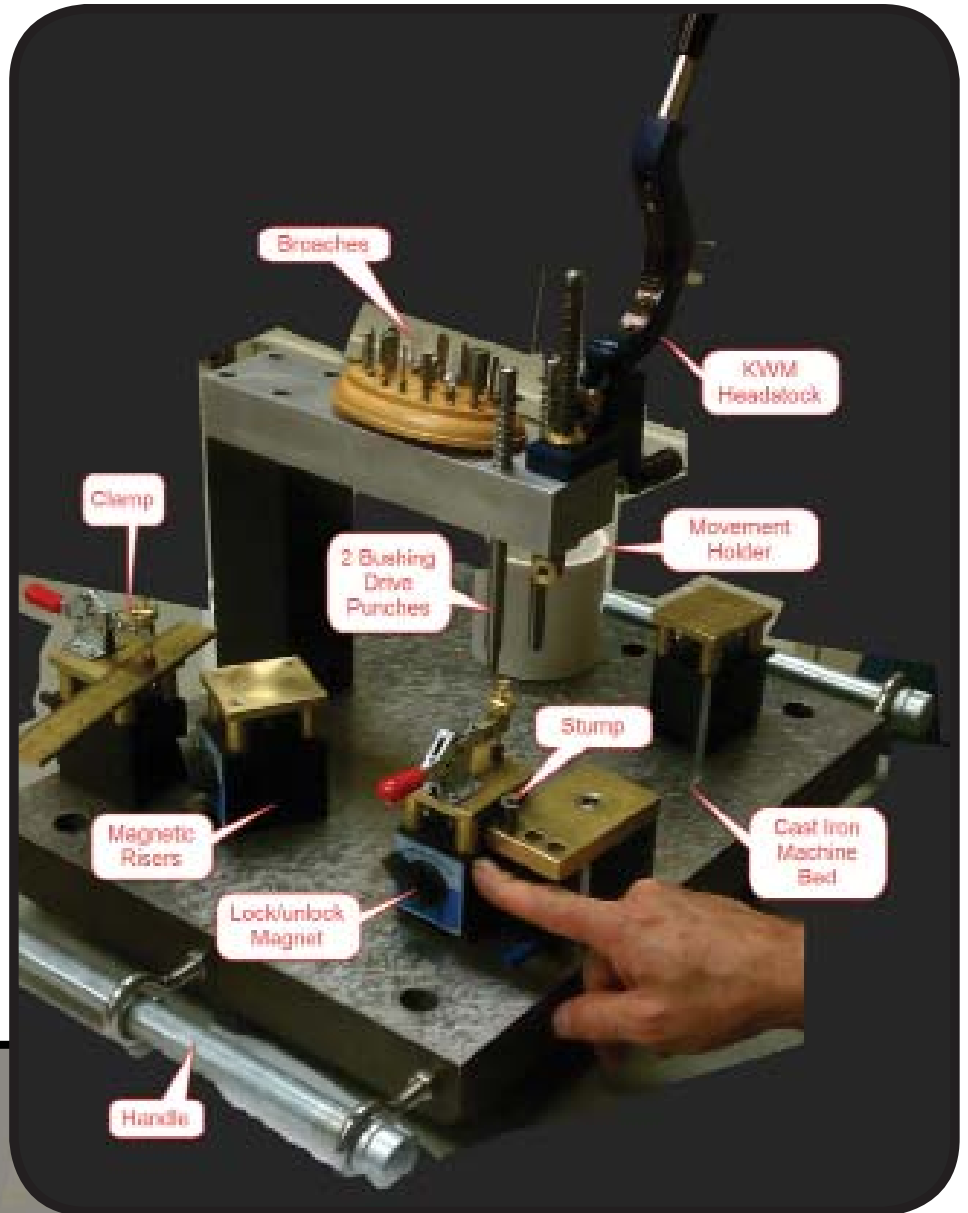
F - Donny was not to be outdone and created a similar robust structure which is shown in more detail the upper photo on the next page.

Talk about being beefy, Donny's home brew machine weighs over 90 pound and is mounted on a cast iron plate cannibalized from some machine tool. It is so heavy it has two handles for two people to move it around. You don't have to clamp this press to your work bench. It's a stable platform.

The key component is the KWM headstock installed on a heavy beam mounted on a solid post. There are two punches next to the head stock to seat the bushing in the plate. The plate holders are on/off magnetic blocks which can be slid around the table. These blocks are high enough to permit all but the most rare plate attachment to clear the table. Some of the magnetic blocks also have clamps to hold the plates. Donny also provided a place to use stumps.

Everyone left that meeting thinking/comparing the current method they use with the machines displayed that evening.

# BUSHING PRESSES



Photos by John Enloe and Barry Boling

# Art Deco Watches

David Staib spoke about his passion for collecting Art Deco watches at the September meeting of the Potomac Guild



**What is Art Deco?**

Dave provided a definition from the historian Bevis Hillier:

“an assertively modern style [that] ran to symmetry rather than asymmetry, and to the rectilinear rather than

the curvilinear, it responded to the demands of the machine and of new material [and]

the requirements of mass production”

Deco emerged between WW I and WW II when industrialization was transforming culture. Many felt it represented luxury, glamour, exuberance and faith in social and technological progress.



**Deco emphasizes:**

**Geometry**

spheres, polygons, rectangles, trapezoids, zigzags, chevrons, and sunburst motifs.

**Materials**

aluminum, stainless steel, Bakelite, chrome, plastics, stained glass, inlays, and lacquers

**Colors**

tended to be vivid and high contrast.

Deco became popular globally and influenced many design styles in: consumer products (e.g. watches), architecture, fashions, graphic arts, cinema, and many public works.

The austerities of WW II caused a decline in its popularity.

Dave included photos of at over 20 Deco watches in his presentation. The ones shown here are representative of the group.

Dave said he really doesn't know why he likes and collects the Art Deco watches - he just does.



Photo by George Evans and David Staib

## **STAN PALEN'S** *Komputer Korner*

This column includes hints, helps, suggestions and news for IBM compatible computers.

There is so much going on in the computer world that it is hard to keep up.

**New USB:** There is a new standard for USB coming out. The new one will have higher speeds and support for more in the way of two way communication. It will include reversible smaller connectors to fit the new smaller devices. Much more power will be available for devices too.

**News From Apple:** Apple's newest phone is out. The iPhone 6 has two versions. The 6 and a 6 plus that is much larger. There are many new features. The plus even has image stabilization. Apple has also released a new updated operating system. It is iOS 8. iOS 8 is available for all their i products. You can download it to your device, but I recommend you wait a while because there are some apps that do not work with it. Some that have problems are the medical monitoring ones like Jitterbug that monitors your activity.

I did a Google search on iOS features and found a lot of new ones. There are also a lot of hidden ones. Some



of these should probably be turned off and some you might want to turn on. You should do your own homework.

Apple Pay is a new way to pay with your phone.

I'm not sure if it is part of iOS 8 or part of the new iPhone 6 series. You can pay via apps or to merchants that are equipped to handle the payments.

**News from Microsoft:** Microsoft is working on another version of Windows. Early indications are that the start icon is back. New security features are among the changes.

Microsoft has a program that is supposed to fix a lot of common problems. It has appropriately named Fix-it. You can look at what it can do for you and also download it here [support.microsoft.com/Fixit](http://support.microsoft.com/Fixit).

Are you still using an older version of Internet Explorer? Support is being terminated for Explorer older than 10. This means no more security upgrades. You need to have the latest versions with the best security you can get.

**Watch Where You Click:** I have been having a rash of emails that contain things like click here to redeem your Target (or some other prominent company) gift card. Another version is click here to do a survey to collect a gift card. All of these are not



## Stan's Komputers (cont)

good things to click on. Several other things that have shown up in my mailbox that say click here if you cannot see our ad below. Do not bite. Another subject that pops up is credit score has changed or a background check has been run on you. Click here to find out more information. A no no!

Thumb Drives: There was a recent discussion at a computer conference about a USB thumb drive. Thumb drives (and all USB devices) have sort of an operating system in it that tells the host what it is. Is it a printer connection, a storage device, a camera or whatever? This system can be compromised intentionally. One possibility is that it becomes a connection device to reveal everything on that computer to an outside computer. It becomes sort of a modem and can use the services of your computer to do it or actually have its own communication tools. No current virus program can find it. It is invisible to your system because it comes in as a driver. Like something under the radar.

On Line Banking: I tried online banking with my phone. It is neat, just take a picture of your check front and back to deposit it. Well that is what they show you on TV. It took me several tries to get it done. First the size of the photo must be identical

for both sides. My first two pictures were not exactly the same size. The banking APP warned me, but accepted it at first, but the bank automatically rejected it. The next time, I got it accepted, but the bank later rejected it because it did not have For Mobile Deposit Only below my signature. They canceled the transaction. Finally it went through. It would have been handy to have instructions pop up the first time I tried it. One thing I really like about it is that I get to keep the check. I used to copy them for my records.

Overseas Activity: The city of Munich has been championing open source software such as Open Office, Linux and Libre. They have been using such software to run the city for about a decade. There has been a new bunch of politicians elected to office and they are considering switching to Microsoft products. The licenses will cost a large sum as well as the large cost of retraining. Strange things happen sometimes. Politics at work.

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