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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

Fall Seminar - Nov 8th



Who are these guys?

Come to the Fall Seminar and find out what they know that can help you do your job!

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HAV Fall Seminar

Date: Nov 8, 2015

Time: 0830 Registration / 0900 Programs start

Cost: \$50 payable at the door. Make checks payable 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. We will take sandwich orders in the morning for noon delivery.

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

BoD: The Board of Directors will meet during the lunch break. All are invited.

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

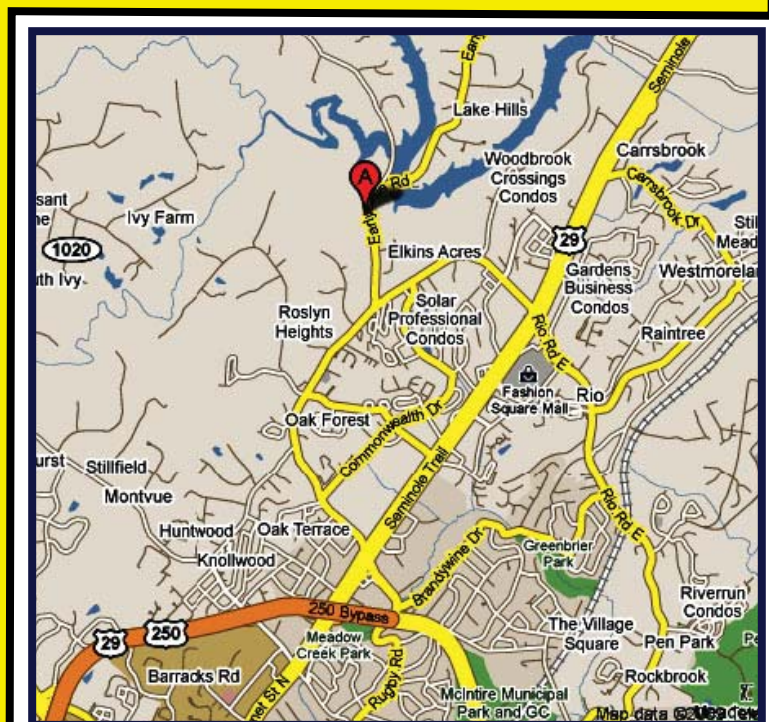
From North: Turn right on Rio Road.

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

Fellow Members,

It is an honor for me to be writing the President's message for the Loupes & Tweezers. I was sworn in as HAV President in May and look forward to serving the members of this great organization.



A major mission of the HAV is to provide continuing educational opportunities to HAV members. Our Fall Seminar is right around the corner:

November 8th

It is an excellent opportunity to enhance your horological education. I look forward to seeing you there. If you've never attended it before, I invite you to join us for what has always been an informative and enjoyable day. Steve Leonard has worked hard coordinating this year's event. We appreciate his time and dedication to the HAV.

Another major responsibility of the HAV Board of Directors is to convey the sentiments, con-

cerns and wishes of our members to the AWCI. The AWCI should solely exist to preserve and promote the horological craft, and in doing so, provide member support. We need your assistance in making sure our voices are heard. If there are issues, or areas of concern that you feel AWCI should be addressing, please ask your Guild Director to bring it to the HAV Board's attention. AWCI held its annual convention in Kansas City in September. Stan Palen represented HAV. We look forward to his report on convention activities.

Our next Board meeting will be held at noon during the Fall Seminar. I encourage all members to participate. This is your organization. The HAV relies on the strength of its membership. I thank everyone who gives so generously of his or her time and talent to this organization. It is through our member volunteers that we will continue to grow.

John Polk
President, HAV

2016 HAV Convention

What: 2016 HAV Convention

Where: Double Tree Hotel - Charlottesville (near Ivy Creek)

When: April 29, 30, May 1

Who: Wayne Simpson & Rodney Graves - Co-chairmen

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Randy Naber



Randy Naber is active in the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors - especially in Chapter 34. He runs Naber's Old Clocks on-line sales from Smithfield VA and has a retail outlet in the Williamsburg Antique Mall. He will discuss:

The American Black Mantle Clock: A Tale of Two Patents

He will present a practical overview of the history of the American Black Mantle clocks and case patents applied to the original finishing of black mantle clocks. The presentation emphasizes the design and components of the clocks with a look at the details of Edward Ingraham's "Japaning" Patent and the Seth

Thomas "Adamantine" Patent. Many clock examples from Randy's collection are included.

He will cover:

- Acquiring a clock,
- Condition Rating,
- Assessing and Identifying your clock,
- The restore or not decision process,
- Characteristics of the Black Mantle,
- Obtaining and creating missing parts,
- Materials, Disassembly,
- Cleaning and polishing enameled and "Adamantine" case,
- Refinishing Cases and Hardware,
- Assembly,
- Dial paper and Grommet replacement,
- Creating Marbleized replacement Columns,
- Restoring engraved surfaces,
- Black Mantle movements and escapements,
- Calculating lift angles and adjusting the Ingraham half dead-beat escapement

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John Polk



John is well know to all HAV members. He serves as the current HAV President after serving as 1st and 2nd Vice President as well as planning and coordinating two HAV annual conventions.

He will discus:

Case Refinishing and Restoration Using a Flex Shaft

He will describe using a rotary tool to hand finish watch case made from:

- solid gold,
- gold filled and
- stainless steel

He will give a practical demonstration on the various types of abrasive, silicon, rubber and felt wheels used during the refinishing process.

November Potomac Guild Meeting

The November 3rd speaker will be Carlene Stephens, a curator at the Smithsonian. She will discuss the Air and Space Museum exhibit entitled "Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There." This exhibit has incredibly important clocks and other timekeepers, ranging from mechanical to quartz to atomic.

STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

New Operating Systems

So many new things, so little time. Windows 10, should you install it now? Most experts recommend that you wait until after the end of the year. Microsoft is claiming that Windows 10 is installed on 110 million machines. Apple also has a new operating system. Some also say you should wait on that one also. Both are having a few little problems and are fixing them. A new phone or other new Apple product should be fine. (You really do not have an option with those)

Microsoft is planning a significant upgrade to Windows 10 next month. A major problem with activations has been discovered especially with clean installs. This is supposed to solve that as well as lots of other problems.

On-Line Newspapers

When I am traveling, I try to read my newspapers every day. I get 3 of them so it takes a little



while. It takes even longer if you have slow or poor Wi-Fi. When that happens, I use EasyTether on my Android phone connected to my computer. With a half way decent cell signal, I can get pretty fast page loads. It would also be nicer if all the papers used the same program to display the paper. There are some options, but I prefer using the editions that show the whole paper and zoom in when I want to. While I was visiting my daughter on the west coast, I used their 63" screen to project the paper on. It was easy to read there.

Misc New Product News

Microsoft has introduced a lot of new products. They have phones now too. They have a new Surface Pro coming out October 26. They are claiming thinnest, most powerful machine. It is also a 2 in 1. It has a hefty price.

Folks are finding many more vulnerabilities with android smartphones. You should have virus protection and a firewall at least.

Google is also coming out with similar products too.

LG is coming out with a phone with 2 screens.

Stan's Komputers (cont)

Kindle

A friend gave me a dead Kindle Fire as a challenge. Many models of Kindle have a problem with going into some sort of suspended state. It will not charge or respond to any input. Some will be revived by holding the power button down for 20 seconds as a sort of hard reset. Many others will have to be opened and have a specific pair of contacts shorted out. You need to find a UTube video that covers your model for instructions on how to get it open and what to short out. At first I thought it was the battery, but it turned out to be a loose power connector. It was not soldered to the circuit board. Just the contacts were soldered to the connector. I bought a new connector and soldered it in. It worked well for a while, but died hard while I was on a trip. Amazon had a really good price on a new slightly larger one, so I had it shipped to the hotel. It is bigger and has many more features than the old one. One inch larger makes a big difference.

The new Kindle has a front and back camera, higher resolution and connects to the Internet via Wi-Fi or through my android phone

using Easy Tether. I have TV Anywhere from my cable provider. It works well on my laptop, but not so much on the new Kindle. The Kindle will stream stuff from Amazon just fine. The installed browser is Silk. I understand that installing a different browser may solve the problem.

Amazon News

I saw a news report that stated that Amazon will stop selling some of the products that compete with theirs. I guess that is one way to direct customers to your products. One of the products mentioned was Chrome Stick for TV. I just checked and they are still carrying them.

Dell

Dell just bought EMC - a data storage company. They are expanding their business. They make storage equipment as well as host data storage for companies. Dell will take most of the company private. It is a good deal for stockholders.

Pepsi

Guess what? Pepsi is now selling smart phones in China. I guess it is a PR plan to gain a larger customer base.

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