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Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

FREE * **2017 Fall Seminar** **November 19th**



As your new HAV president, I would like to invite all members to the HAV Fall Seminar on November 19th. At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board decided this would be a “free”* seminar. All you need to do is show up. However, for logistical purposes, we would like you to let John Polk know you are planning to attend.

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* Seminar is only FREE for HAV members. Non-members can either pay \$50 at the door or join HAV by paying first year membership dues.

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President's Message (cont)

The seminar will be held at the Ivy Creek Nature Center near Charlottesville. There will be programs on both watches and clocks. Ken De Lucca will speak on clocks and Drew Zimmerman will focus on watches. Both live and work in York, Pennsylvania.

Ken will be demonstrating procedures used on American style time and strike movements. Drew will cover several topics including Horological videography, and procedures for re-bushing Swiss automatic wristwatches.

Over the years, our Fall Seminar has developed into a high quality, informative Sunday. It is a cost effective and convenient annual educational weekend. When coupled with our spring convention, HAV members are provided semi-annual educational excursions that will help meet our thirst for

knowledge. Our Spring convention is currently planned for April 20-22 in Staunton.

Both of these meetings provide opportunities for networking with fellow horologists and which often results in generating ideas and solutions through casual conversations.

If you have not attended either of these in the past, this is an excellent time to begin a tradition. It should also be a good time to make the trip. Charlottesville's trees will be in fall colors. It will be beautiful for our eyes and for our repair notebooks.

I thank all the volunteers who stepped up to put this on. It really is a joint exercise, where questions and suggestions between members have become what we will be experiencing on November 19th. Attendees are almost guaranteed to take home some new ideas.

Billy Best

HAV Fall Seminar

Date: Nov 19, 2017

Time: 0830 Registration / 0900 Programs start

Cost: Free for HAV members. Non-members pay \$50 or first year's dues for HAV membership

Pre-registration: There is no formal pre-registration. However, if you plan to attend, please call or send an e-mail to **John Polk, 804-335-5006, polkjcp@gmail.com** 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. The Hampton Inn Charlottesville - 2035 India Rd, Charlottesville VA 22901 - 434-978-7888 - event #83779817 -- \$149 +tax - good until 11/8/17

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.

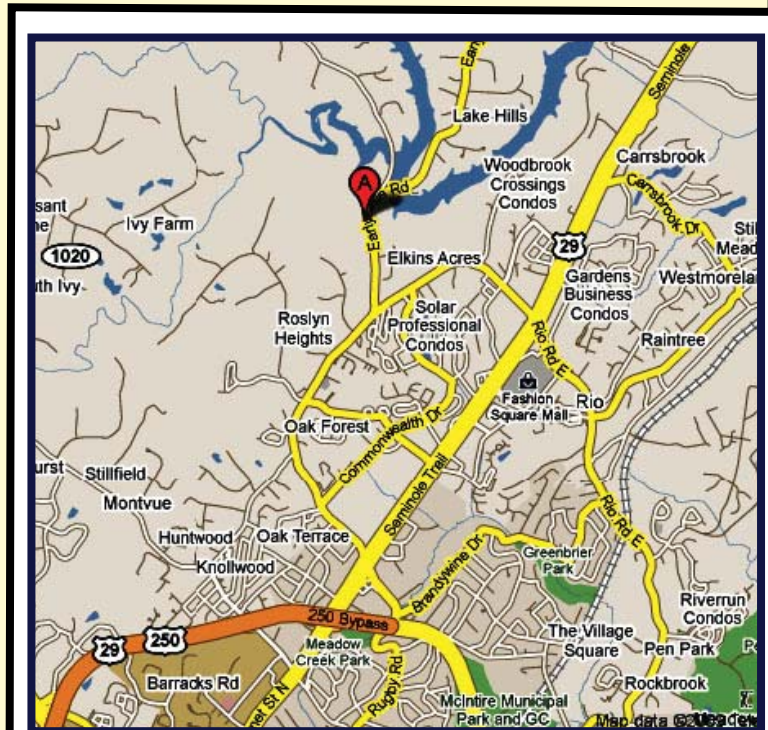
From North: Turn right on Rio Road.

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



Watch Program - Drew Zimmerman

Drew Zimmerman is a 3rd generation watchmaker. Drew and his wife Emily own a small watch repair facility in York, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the NAWCC School of Horology in 2007 and then earned his CW21, WOSTEP Certificate and SAW-TA Certificate from the Lititz Watch Technicum in 2010. Drew specializes in modern high-grade Swiss watches, and is also capable of vintage restorations and complication. Drew served several years on AWCI's board of directors - 2 years as Vice-President. Drew's interest in videography has grown from just "an interest" to a side profession -- filming horological related videos. Drew volunteers his time to teach the NAWCC's Introduction to Pocket Watches Class. Topics Drew plans to discuss include: a) horological videography/photography; b) using social media; and c) specialized repairs such as: adding bushings using a centering scope and a lathe, and removing broken/stuck screws in watches.



Clock Program - Ken DeLucca

Ken De Lucca has taught technical, laboratory based courses for over 32 years. A 16-year member of the NAWCC, he is also a graduate of the School of Horology (2007). Ken spent the academic year of 2015-2016 at West Dean College (England), in the Clock Conservation Program. He is employed part-time at Zimmerman Jewelers (York, PA). His modest business in clocks is called The Clockmender.



Ken will provide an introduction to the American style, time and strike movement. In this practical demonstration, the movement will be disassembled and completely inspected. Adjustments will be made to restore pendulum action, strike action, strike point, and overall proper operation. While most clockmakers are familiar with this type of clock movement, general question, personal bench experience and technical discussion will be encouraged during the seminar.

Lloyd Lehn Talked About Cuckoo Clocks At the Potomac Guild's October Meeting

The October Potomac Guild meeting was held on the evening of 3 Oct at the Fairfax City Senior Center. David Staib, guild president, chaired the business meeting which began after the usual meal of pizza and soft drinks.

Lloyd Lehn was the evening's speaker. Lloyd, an AWCI Certified Clockmaker, has specialized in cuckoo clocks since his retirement in 2003. He claims the new challenges on many clocks makes the business interesting.

Lloyd believes the highest risk of any cuckoo clock repair job is with the music box. His presentation featured excerpts from the DVD he sells on music box repair. However he started with a quick overview of the 7x7 foot closet shop and a number of unique fixtures he uses to hold cuckoos.

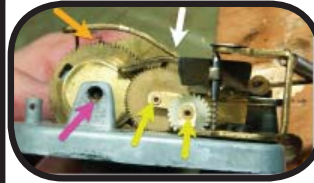


He then moved with a Music Box 101 orientation and then expanded the discussion to more complex aspects of music boxes.

One section focused on the music box governors which are often challenging. Another focused on the various locking/unlocking lever arms which control the

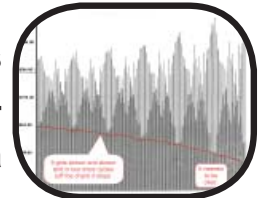


start and stop of the music box. He also described a number of various types of dancers which come with a clock with a music box.



Lloyd pointed out

that the success of his repair work is highly dependent on the use of a MicroSet timing device.



In the finale, he included a grab bag of other challenges he's faced with cuckoo clocks and unusual cuckoos he has worked on.

Anna Enloe

As many of you will know, my wife of 55 years, Anna, passed away on August the 31st. I want to thank so many HAV members for their support during this time in my life. Anna thought of the HAV as a special organization made up of special people and always enjoyed being with the members and wives. Thank you again for being a big part of our lives.

John Enloe

Potomac Guild's 2017 Picnic A Big Success



A beautiful day. Lots of good food. A wonderful venue. A gracious host.
A group of your friends.
What more could one ask for?

Potomac Guild's 2017 Picnic (Cont)



Photos by George Evans

STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

Many folks are concerned about using free WiFi to connect to the Internet. Your information is not encrypted, so with a few simple tools, other folks can see what you are doing. This means they can grab your passwords. One fairly easy way to fix this is to use a Virtual Private Network (VPN). There are a lot of companies that offer it now. ExpressVPN has the highest rating, but it runs \$10 a month. I have Ivacy. I got a pretty good price for it for a year.

The procedure is to start your VPN and then use your browser or email program. When you start it, it makes an encrypted 2 way communication to their servers, then you use the Internet. You need a fairly good signal for it to work. Your Internet use is hidden. Your browser history on your machine is probably not hidden.

Some folks have been



getting emails that look like they are coming from the Virginia State Police stating that you have a ticket that must be paid. This is a scam – do not reply.

I have been using Ccleaner for quite a while. It was recently purchased by Avast. The first issue by them was contaminated with malware. The version with the problem is 5.33. Go to Filehippo.com to download a later version. You can open Ccleaner and click on update. I prefer not to do this because there are 3 things you can click on and only one is the one without ads and lots of other extras. Hover your mouse over the buttons and look at where it is actually taking you. Adclick is not a good one.

Did you know you can send texts from your computer? The format is phone number no spaces or dashes and vtext.com. 5401118888@vtext.com This one is Verizon. My phone plan charges me 20 cents for each incoming or outgoing text. I am already paying an

Stan (cont)

enormous amount for one smartphone, a flip phone and a home landline. I prefer not to pay them more, so I discourage folks from texting me. The reply will look like 5401118888@vzwpix.com. This means I might be able to avoid text charges using email from my phone. Other Internet providers may use a different form. There is a limit of characters of probably 144.

One of our members has put together a very detailed document on protecting your computer from almost everything. This includes hacking, virus protection, malware and much more. It is 120 pages in PDF format. I gives a very detailed graphic description of how to install several programs. It also tells you how to get the most out of the free versions. The free versions must be updated and run manually. It would be expensive to install all the paid versions, but they run automatically (updates and scans). Please send me an email at spalen@crosslink.net to request it. Preferred title would be PC Maintenance PDF.

If you are running Microsoft 365 on an Apple device,

be aware that the upgrade to the latest IOS, is not compatible. It is a known problem and they are working on it.

There is a significant improvement coming out in October for Windows Defender. Things folks have been asking for and security updates. Among these are Windows Defender, Application Guard and Antivirus. These probably should not be your only protection. You should make sure that your current virus does not conflict with the new upgrades. One way to slow down your computer is to have your virus programs fighting with each other. Microsoft Edge – the Windows Explorer replacement in Windows 10 is also getting upgrades. Because of these and many other Windows 10 upgrades, it is time to think about upgrading from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

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