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Loupes and Tweezers

Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

HAV Convention 20-22 April Staunton, Va



Chairman's Message

The Convention Committee is putting the final touches on this year convention and has worked hard to provide a program suited for every participant. It has been a pleasure for the Convention Committee to

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Chairman's Message (cont)

plan this year's event.

Convention registration is open, and by now you should have received your registration form and itinerary by U.S. Mail. If you have not received them, they are included in this edition of Loupes and Tweezers. Early registration ends March 31st, so please be sure to return your form as soon as possible. Also bear in mind that our block of hotel rooms typically fill up quickly, so again, take advantage of the early registration to assure yourself a booking at our event room rate.

This year's speakers are set as we welcome Bob Ockenden, CMC with Chelsea Clock Company and Robert Flood, CW21 and Technical Instructor for Breitling, USA. We appreciate their willingness to join us and thank them for their dedication to the craft. Program details are available in the registration mailing, here in this edition of L&T, or online at our website. www.havhome.org

This year's Spouses Program will be visiting The Taylor and

Boody Organbuilders in Staunton, starting the morning with a tour of the facilities as well as details on the creation of these beautiful musical instruments. Lunch will be served at The Depot Grille, followed by some free time for exploring downtown Staunton, or just relaxing on a fine Virginia Spring day.

Ronnie Spiggle will be calling our Horological Auction on Saturday evening. Please bring your watch and clock related material to be included in this years Auction.

I'm looking forward to a great turnout this year with a weekend full of education and fellowship. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me directly. See you all on April 20th.

Regards,

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President's Message

As you read over this Loupes and Tweezers, remember that HAV's continuing education seminars and the April convention are excellent resources for improving our daily horological tasks. We love our work. However, finding ways to do our jobs more efficiently, more productively, and with higher quality is well worth a 2 day trip to Staunton. The convention will be held at the Staunton's historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

Our guest speakers will be Robert Flood [watches] and Bob Ockenden [clocks]. Both are excellent speakers. Saturday evening's banquet will be followed by the annual auction with Ronnie Spiggle presiding. On Sunday morning, Jacob Curtis and Dean Sarnell will demonstrate laser welding techniques. Lunch will follow as we wrap up the event.

Do not procrastinate over filling out the registration form and mailing it to the Convention Chairman. Don't forget to make your hotel reservations

On Saturday, while most of our members are enhancing their technical skills in watch and clock classes, our spouses will



tour the Taylor and Boody organ works. I'm sure they will enjoy learning how these beautiful instruments are manufactured and finely tuned. Many of our members would

also enjoy it.

These conventions do not just materialize out of thin air. They are a product of planning, sacrifice, and hard work by our dedicated board and committee members. It takes a lot of volunteer effort to plan and make them run smoothly. As HAV President I want to thank these volunteers for the many hours they spend to make the convention possible

One parting non-horological note, spring is coming as evidenced by flowers breaking the surface of the soil. We all look forward to these colors beginning to appear after a long dreary winter. We also look forward to seeing our friends, our fellow horologist, in the spring.

With Kindest Regards I remain,

Billy Best
President HAV

Watch Speaker - Robert Flood, CW21



Subject: “ETA 7750 Repair Issues”

Robert will examine the typical and unique things to be found during the service of a caliber 7750 and lead an in-depth discussion of the causes/solutions for these issues in order to have a successful repair.

Robert is a CW21 and WOSTEP certified watchmaker. He has been the Technical Instructor for Breitling USA in Wilton CT since 2006. Robert graduated from the Lititz Watch Technicum in 2004. At Breitling, Robert gives technical training to watchmakers, oversees the technical Quality Control process and analyzes repair comebacks. He was the main technical architect of a 7750-sequential workshop that has overhauled over 20 thousand movements.

Clock Speaker- Bob Ockenden, CWC, MBHI



Subject: “Platform Escapements- A Bench Course”

Bob will give a hands-on presentation covering all the basics of servicing the platform escapement. Topics will include nomenclature, service diagnosis, servicing and adjustments as well as discussion on pallet stone adjustment, escapement drops, locks and banking, poising and truing the balance wheel, hairspring manipulations, timing and much more.

Bob has more than 40 years of experience in the repair and restoration of mechanical clocks. A nationally known voice in the clock-making industry, Bob is certified by the AWCI and the BHI, and has been a frequent lecturer at: local, AWCI affiliate and AWCI national conferences. Additionally, he has served in various roles AWCI’s education, strategic planning and certification committees. He has been a consultant to the editorial staff of AWCI’s Horological Times magazine.

Attendees should bring their own tools to work on an escapement.

HAV 2018 CONVENTION ITINERARY

April 20-22nd, 2018
Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center
24 S. Market Street, Staunton, VA 24401

Friday April 20th

6:00-9:00 - Registration and President's Reception
Cash Bar, Light Hors d'oeuvres

Saturday April 21st

8:30-9:00 - Registration

9:30-3:30 Spouse's Program "Tour of Taylor and Boody Organbuilders"
9:00-12:00 - Watchmaker's Program, Robert Flood, CW21

Clockmaker's Program, Robert Ockenden, CMC

12:00-1:30 - Lunch (on your own)

1:30-4:00 - Watchmakers Program, Robert Flood, CW21

Clockmaker's Program, Robert Ockenden, CMC

5:00-6:00 - Dinner Reception and Social Hour

6:00-7:30 - Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony

7:30-10:30 - Horological Auction

Sunday April 22nd

9:00-10:00 - HAV Board of Directors Meeting (open to all members)

10:00-12:00 - HAV Speakers Forum – "Laser Welding in Horology" Jacob Curtis

12:00-1:30 - Lunch

1:30 - Convention adjourns

2018 Convention Programs
CEU's are available for the below courses

Saturday April 21st

Watchmaker's Program – Robert Flood, CW21

“ETA 7750 Repair Issues”

This Technical program will examine the typical and unique things to found during the service of a caliber 7750. In-depth discussion of cause and solutions for these issues in order to have a successful intervention.

Clockmaker's Program – Bob Ockenden, CMC

“Platform Escapements- A Bench Course”

A hands-on presentation covering all the basics of servicing the platform escapement. Topics will include nomenclature, service diagnosis, servicing and adjustments as well as discussion on pallet stone adjustments, escapement drops, locks and banking, poising and truing the balance wheel, hairspring manipulations, timing and much more.

Spouse's Program-

“Taylor and Boody Organbuilders”

Lunch- The Depot Grille
Exploring Downtown Staunton

Experience music in the making with a tour of the organ works at Taylor and Boody. Each project undertaken by Taylor and Boody is a unique creation requiring thousands of hours of design, study and manufacturing. During this tour attendees will enjoy learning about the details of the whole building process from initial conception through the finished voicing of the completed instrument

Sunday April 22nd

HAV Speakers Forum – Jacob Curtis, Dean Sarnelle

“Laser Welding in Horology”
Location- Once Upon a Time, Staunton

Demonstration of the use and applications of laser welding machines in the horological craft.

Horological Association of Virginia 2018 Convention Registration Form

Convention Dates April 20th - April 22nd

*****Register Early for the Best Pricing*****

*** HAV Members with current paid dues may deduct \$45 from their full package pricing. ***

Full Registration before March 31 st # _____ @ \$150.00		Enter amount _____
Full Registration after April 1 st # _____ @ \$165.00		Enter amount _____
Saturday FULL (Includes Banquet) # _____ @ \$125.00		Enter Amount _____
Saturday Classes Only (No Banquet) # _____ @ \$75.00		Enter Amount _____

Full spouses program # _____ @ \$95.00 Enter amount _____
 Includes Saturday tour, lunch, banquet, and Sunday luncheon **Spouse Tour Group size limited to 20**

Banquet/Auction Only # _____ @ \$75.00 Enter amount _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

****Please indicate which Program you will be attending. Watch Clock**

Attendee's Name(s) _____

Spouse/Guest Names _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Telephone () _____ Alternate () _____

***You are responsible for making your own room reservations by calling the
Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center,
 24 South Market Street, Staunton, VA 22401
PHONE (540) 885-4848

***** Please mention the Horological Association of Virginia to receive our promotional rate of \$129.00 +tax.
 Parking fees at hotel will be an additional charge*****

+++++PROMOTIONAL ROOM RATE DEADLINE IS MARCH 20th +++++

Mail registration form along with check payment to:

**John C. Polk
 116-C Ballast Rock Road
 Powells Point, NC 27966**

If you have any questions please contact **John Polk** at (804) 335-5006, or
 Email: havconvention@gmail.com

2017 Fall Seminar Wrap-up

At the end of the 2017 convention I was asked "Do you have any suggestions for speakers for the Fall Seminar?" I offered "Call my buddy Drew Zimmerman. He works in York, and teaches at the NAWCC. He may be interested." As the events developed, two speakers from York PA agreed to come. York's Zimmerman's Jewelry has a clockmaker, Ken DeLucca, working for them who teaches for AWCI. He agreed to be a seminar speaker. Thus a great seminar program came out of this - A Daily Double.

I sensed something special was happening, In the weeks just before the seminar interest was up. Registration was larger than usual, Interest was spiking for some reason. I've concluded that when high quality speakers are booked, attendance increases.

Drew gave me some indication of what was to come. Our speakers brought their friends. Peter and Jim rode up with Drew and Ken. Their van arrived with lots of lecture and demonstration equipment. There was something for everyone.

Ken started the seminar with Clock program that was geared for the beginner.

The beginners and students got a lot out of it. Several people praised Ken's program. Ken is a real gentleman, he found that I was a native of Louisiana and wore his Tabasco tie for his presentation.

Drew chronicled his program with his own videos. "As a watchmaker you must do procedures that do not allow for creativity. I wanted to explore something that could expand my interests." He started making short films using his mobile phone movie feature. This developed into a side business of making commercial shorts using equipment he purchased on Amazon.com. Cameras, storage equipment, and horology tools were ordered and shipped to the shop. And with his Amazon finds, he documented the development of his repair facility at his home.

This seminar was interesting and compelling for those who attended it. It is a great supplement to our continuing education. Bi-Annual education is the biggest asset to our work, as our vocation is an ever evolving science. The HAV strives to bring top-notch programs for its members, and it is a cost effective and very convent way to keep all watch and clockmakers up to date with an affordable cost. From everywhere in the commonwealth and surrounding states all will enjoy and learn plenty.

Billy Best
HAV President

STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

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

A kind of disaster happened last month. A blue screen of death appeared on my main computer. I was able to restart the machine. I had to turn it off. Then when I turned it back on, it went off right away. A few minutes later I tried again. It went through the normal boot sequence. I can do the same sequence to get it back up which lasts from moments to 24 hours. Since I use several computers, I have started using two drives on my router. Saving to those gives me some safety from a machine crash.

I tried all kinds of things to find the problem. The first thing I did was back up to an earlier restore point. The directions on the blue screen said look at the crash dump. Lots of gibberish. Several sites offered to help me for a few dollars. A few of the free ones located a program to decipher the dump and gave me the file that was supposedly causing the problem. I could not find it on my machine.

I ran Malwarebytes,



Ccleaner, McAfee, Glary Utilities and several others on my machine. Nothing seemed to find the problem. Dell Utilities and memory diagnostics were also run.

I found Reimage.com and gave that a try. It does a scan and tells you what it thinks is wrong and then it wants \$ to fix it. I did not try it.

So I went to plan B and ordered a new computer. It came and then there was the problem of moving all my programs. I found a program called EaseUS Todo PCTrans Free. I have web editing software that was my primary concern. It did a great job on that and one more program. Two transfers are free. The whole machine is about \$46. I considered it, but decided to pass. I did the rest manually. The biggest problem was with Thunderbird (My email Program). It stores all my email in an unorthodox place.

I searched on line to find a solution and found one that had a step by step procedure that worked just fine, but there were a lot of steps. I did not lose my emails or any of my settings.

Stan (cont)

I have emails back through 1997 and they are all searchable. I only save the ones that I want to keep.

Plan B was not all roses either. I thought I was getting a fairly decent computer for around \$600. This thing has half the number of USB ports that the other one had. I plugged in a USB hub and got the message that something was plugged in to a USB port that the port did not have enough power to support and to unplug it. There may be something internal about power. It also has a CD slot that is vertical. You have to be careful or the disk will fall on the floor.

Have you had a problem with folks sending you an attachment that ended in .dat? It is one of those lovely Microsoft Outlook that packages your attachment for sending. It is not fun to try and open it unless you are using the same version of Outlook. I found a website that will open it for you in its' original format. It is winmaildat.com.

How secure is your bank account? A friend had her bank account hacked. Someone got into her account and using Bill Pay wrote checks to folks. In order not to

arouse suspicion they used names of folks she had written checks to before. They had folks in other parts of the country set up accounts in those names so they could accept checks. They were so far into her account that they could transfer money from her savings account to her checking account to cover the checks. In addition it happened on a holiday weekend. Fortunately she was doing some online banking and discovered the problem. The bank closed her account and covered the money loss. The bank did not cover the bounced check fees for the checks she had already written. In my book that is their responsibility too. It was their system that got hacked.

The lesson here is that you should set up automatic texts or notices of any activity over a certain amount on your account(s). This includes credit card accounts, bank accounts and investment accounts if you have any.

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Two classes you might find interesting

Understanding Fundamentals of Clocks for Valuation

SPONSOR: NAWCC

WHERE: Museum and Research Library in Columbia, PA

WHEN: April 10-15

INSTRUCTORS: Joe Jabbour MD – DC Metro area clock appraiser and Cindy Charleston-Rosenberg – past president of the International Society of Appraisers

RESOURCES: NAWCC museum and library

LODGING: Suggested – Heritage Golf Resort in nearby York PA

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION: Ms. Gillian Radel, NAWCC Director of Education 717-684-8261 ext. 237.

SUMMARY: The course is designed to provide a rigorous five and a half day program to enable students to properly identify the wide range of clock styles and to learn techniques to determine their value. Recognition of certain traits and subtle characteristics which effect value will be a prime consideration to avoid costly mistakes in the sales room, appraisal report or personal collection. Basic mechanics will also be covered to enable the participants to recognize proper function and how defects, modifications and repairs impact value.

COST: Members \$900 1 month before; else \$1000: Non-members \$1350

Introduction to Clock Repair

WHERE: Robinson's Antique Clocks, Carrollton VA 23314

WHEN: Sat/Sun Two Weekends Apr 21/22 & 28/29

SCHEDULE: 9-12, lunch, 12:30-3:30

INSTRUCTOR: Richard Robinson

RESOURCES: Instructor will provide tools, other supplies, & an OG style movement

RESOURCES: Students to provide eye protection/magnification

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION: 757-238-3755 or [c] 757-719-7271

COST: \$250 - minimum of 4 students

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