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Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA



The Horological Association of Virginia 2020 Annual Convention • May 1 - 3, 2020

MAY 1-3: Joe Jabbour: *Convention Chairman, havconvention@gmail.com*

MAY 2: Lili Von Baeyer: *What is Sacred? The Choices to Make
When Treating a Period Timepiece*

Bob Frishman: *NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium*

Al Dodson: *Clock Escapement Design*

Gary Biscelli & Mike Graham: *Hairspring Manipulation*

MAY 3: Bernhard Stoeber: *Omega Speedmaster Chronograph History*

LOCATION: Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center

24 South Market Street, Staunton, VA Ph: 540-885-4848



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to inform all of the members of the HAV that the 2020 Annual Convention will return to beautiful Staunton and the historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel beginning Friday evening May 1, 2020 with our traditional Welcome Reception. Dean Sarnelle has worked diligently to recruit and expand the number of exciting speakers to provide more options for the members and has also arranged the hotel negotiations. Ask for the special room rate of \$159 per night. John Polk is coordinating the Convention Program booklet and its printing. Your ads are welcome. In addition to my thanks to Dean, John, Wayne and Gayle, Rick Finks has swung back in to help with organization.

Saturday May 2nd will feature concurrent clock and watch programs including Lili Von Baer discussing clock conservation and preservation; Bob Frishman will discuss the NAWCC's Ward Francillon Time Symposium; Al Dodson, recent acting Curator at the NAWCC Museum, will discuss clock escapements; Gary Biscelli and

Mike Graham will discuss hair-spring manipulation.

Saturday evening, our annual Banquet and Auction convenes. Wayne Simpson will spearhead the sale of unique and highly desirable horological material. You are all invited to bring items for the auction. A portion of the price realized goes to support the HAV with the remainder to the consignor.

Sunday, May 3rd will feature Bernhard Stoeber discussing the history of the Omega Speedmaster Chronograph. Sunday will also include the Board of Directors meeting which is open to all.

An additional bonus is Gayle Graves who has graciously offered to lead the Saturday Spouses program which will include a tour of the Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg and a luncheon at a local restaurant.

I hope that you all will be able to attend. I'll see you there.

Best wishes, Joseph M. Jabour, M.D. 845-325-5071



The Horological Association of Virginia 2020 Annual Convention Staunton, VA

The Horological Association of Virginia is pleased to announce its plans for the 2020 Annual Convention.

Dates: May 1-3, 2020

Location: Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center
24 South Market Street
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540-885-4848

Education & Guest Speakers: Convention Programs (see below)

Convention Chairman: Joseph M. Jabbour, M.D. • havconvention@gmail.com

Committee: Dean Sarnelle and Rick Finks

Convention Details:

Complete convention details including itinerary and registration forms are available on our website www.havhome.org. Or contact the Convention Chairman, Joe Jabbour at havconvention@gmail.com, who can assist you with your registration requests or questions.



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2020 Convention Programs

Friday, May 1 - President's Reception

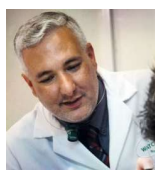
Saturday, May 2



Gary Biscelli

Guest Speaker: Gary Biscelli

Gary Biscelli has nearly four decades of experience with watchmaking and horology. He is currently an instructor at the Lititz Watch Technicum in Lititz, Pennsylvania.



Mike Graham

**Gary Biscelli & Mike Graham:
Hairspring Manipulation**

Mike Graham is currently an Instructor at Lititz Watch Technicum in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Both, Biscelli and Graham, team up to describe methods of hairspring manipulation.



Al Dodson

Al Dodson: Clock Escapement Design

Al Dodson is an AWCI Certified Master Clockmaker. A member of the NAWCC, Dodson contributes to the Education Committee and has been actively involved in horological education programs for NAWCC members. Al's presentation "Understanding Escapements" will cover both the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to construct and repair the most common clock escapements. In addition, he will cover other practical repair tips as time allows and, as always, discuss many exciting aspects of horological history.

Lili Von Baeyer

Lili von Baeyer works in Philadelphia, PA. She is interested in learning the various methods employed in the horological field and applying them to her work to cater to the requirements of the object. Currently, she works for various institutions that have different visions for their timepieces. Her talk will explain the bridging of conservation, repair, and restoration methods on some of these pieces.

- Library of Congress Clock Conservation
- What is Sacred?
- The Choices to Make When Treating a Period Timepiece



Lili Von Baeyer

Bob Frishman

NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium

Bob Frishman has repaired, restored and sold antique docks for nearly forty years. In 1992, he founded Bell-Time Clocks, named after a Harper's Weekly engraving by Winslow Homer depicting New England mill buildings and workers. Having scaled back his clock repair and selling activities, he now devotes most of his time to research, writing, lecturing, and conference organizing.



Robert Frishman

Sunday, May 3

Spouses' Program Saturday, May 2

**Tour and Luncheon
Virginia Quilt Museum
301 South Main Street,
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
www.vaquiltmuseum.org**



Bernhard Stoeber, CW21

OMEGA Speedmaster: The Evolution of Calibers 321 and 861

Bernhard Stoeber is a third-generation horologist with more than 40 years of experience working in the Swiss watch industry, including employment at Omega, the Movado Group, and Rolex. He recently retired from Rolex after spending time in China working at their training center in Guangzhou.



Bernhard Stoeber, CW21

Horological Association of Virginia 2020 Convention Registration Form

Convention Dates May 1st – May 3rd, 2020

Register Early for the Best Pricing

Full Registration before March 31st	# _____ @ \$125.00	Enter amount _____
Full Registration after April 1st	# _____ @ \$150.00	Enter amount _____
Saturday FULL (includes Banquet)	# _____ @ \$125.00	Enter amount _____
Saturday Classes Only (no Banquet)	# _____ @ \$ 75.00	Enter amount _____
Banquet/Auction Only	# _____ @ \$ 75.00	Enter amount _____
Full Significant Other program*	# _____ @ \$ 95.00	Enter Amount _____

Includes banquet

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

**Please indicate which program you will be attending. Watch _____ Clock _____

Attendee's Name(s) _____
 Significant Other/Guest names _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (_____) _____ Alternate (_____) _____
 E-mail address _____

***YOU are responsible for making your own room reservations by calling the

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Please mention the Horological Association of Virginia to receive our promotional rate of \$159.00 +taxes

*******PROMOTIONAL ROOM RATE DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST, 2020*******

Mail registration form along with check made payable to HAV to:

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If you have any **questions** please contact
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Fall Seminar Report



AWCI's Mobile Training Facility

**Annual Fall Seminar
in
Charlottesville, Virginia**

The Horological Association of Virginia held its annual Fall Seminar at the Hilton Garden Inn in Charlottesville, VA on November 2nd and 3rd 2019.

The expanded seminar, due to the generosity of AWCI participation, began on Saturday with the Dial and Hands restoration course for 8 lucky participants in the new AWCI

Mobile Classroom. Tom Schomaker and Jason Champion combined didactic lectures along with hands on participation for the students within the truly state of the art classroom. The comprehensive course extended into Sunday afternoon. The participants felt that the time expended was highly worthwhile for their craft and education. Thanks go to Rick Finks, of the Potomac Guild, who worked with the AWCI team to coordinate the Mobile Classroom arrangements as well

as to Tom, Jason, Maureen and the entire AWCI staff. A job well done.

The full day Sunday program featured David Lindow who explained and demonstrated the nuances of lathe function and choices for both watch makers and clock makers. He also presented his work designing, restoring and building Rose engines for spectacular engraving projects. Dean Sarnelle, of the Potomac Guild, is also to be thanked for his efforts to secure David. Sunday afternoon provided time for Mobile Classroom tours and even the skeptical were convinced that the new facility outreach brings the highest level of watch and clock expertise to the members.

Conference attendees were treated to breakfast muffins and coffee and also a buffet luncheon during the Board of Directors meeting which was open to all members. The Board agenda included discussion of future programs for the Annual Convention of May 2020 in Staunton, VA and the Fall Convention next year. Bylaw changes were ratified. Members from all three Guilds

(Potomac, Tri-City and South Side) as well as At-Large members enjoyed the social and educational experience without a registration fee. New members were also recruited as the fee for dues equaled the fee for non-member attendees.

The HAV invites the participation of all interested in further developing their skills and knowledge to attend our meetings and educational programs. As a reminder, the Potomac Guild of the HAV sponsors an ongoing semester long clock repair class and monthly educational meetings in Fairfax City, VA. The Tri-City and Southside Guilds welcome new members to their meetings as well.

The photos on the next page show the HAV in action.

Joseph M. Jabbour, M.D.,
HAV President

Seminar Photos



Potomac Guild Holiday Event



The Potomac Guild held its annual holiday event in early December. There was good food and entertainment for all - members and spouses.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE comes to LYNCHBURG

Nothing has changed our lives as drastically as the invention of the Automobile. In little more than a century, it has changed where we reside, the type of houses we live in, the sort of jobs we have, and even the kind of food we eat.

The first horseless carriages, rattling, and backfiring, clattered down American streets in the late 1800's. In those days they were such rarities that in 1896, the Barnum and Bailey circus displayed an automobile as its main oddity. By 1900, there were about 8,000 automobiles in America. Each one of these cars had been painstakingly hand made, and only the wealthy could dare afford one.

The Automobile made its debut in Lynchburg in 1902 when Brother Walker Thurmand and Gustavas "Gus" Moon drove the first one down Main Street, chugging and snorting over cobblestone streets while horse riders desperately tried to control their terrified mounts. Children ran excitedly along beside this strange and new contraption while people gawked with amazement from the sidewalks.

Gus Moon, born in Amherst County, circa 1872, came to Lynchburg at a very young age. He drifted into the watch repair business at the old Henry Watts Shop at 112 Ninth Street. Later he left Watts and set up his own shop in the old drug

store at seventh and Main Street. Where the First Colony Life Insurance Co. is now located. He eventually moved his shop to a roofed over alley way between the Western Union and Reams Furniture Co. (now a vacant lot) on Main Street.

Gus said that his father named him "Gustavas", but other members of his family claim that he was simply named Gus. He used G.S. Moon for his watch repair business, since his named turned up this way in an old family Bible. Gus recalled that his father once said he named him G.T., but since his father couldn't make a "T" very well and could make a superb "S", he changed his sons name to G.S. Moon.

Ever since he rode in the first horseless carriage down Main Street in 1902, Gus had had a love affair with automobiles and mechanics in general. There was nothing that Gus had not done to a car;

He tore them down and put them back together; he even made some of the spare parts himself. Gus claimed that he

Lynchburg (cont)

taught Senator Carter Glass(a member of Hill City Lodge) and Mr. Powell Glass how to drive.

In 1909, Gus went with Powell Glass (as his mechanic) to New York City to enter the New York to Atlanta Automobile Race. After few kickoff luncheons and parties in New York, drivers, mechanics and their flock of automobiles representing every make in the country departed on the longest speed run of the time.

Powell was driving a Pope-Toledo, and he and his mechanic were doing quite well until they reached a small town somewhere in Pennsylvania. Workmen there were digging some ditches near a bridge. Neither Powell or Gus saw one of the ditches and ran straight into it. The crash damaged the drive shaft and broke every spring in the front-end of the car. It required a full day to repair all of the damages. When the automobile was finally ready to shove off Powell and Gus were too far behind their competition to have any hope of catching them, so the disappointed Dou officially dropped out of the race in Hagerstown, MD.

For years Gus was a veritable living history of Lynchburg. He had seen a lot of changes in this town from stepping stones across Main Street to cobblestones. He saw a lot of businesses from a chewing gum factory to an automobile assembly plant, come and go. He saw the first

airplane land and take off in Lynchburg and, of course, he rode in the first automobile down Main Street.

Gus continued to drive until 1954, when he refused to renew his drives license. He Explained: "It's that new rotten rule put out by Richmond." It required Gus to renew his driver's license, which was alright by Gus except when a woman came to give him his test—that did it, Gus rebelled!

"Well, what would you say?" Fumed Gus. "They wanted me to prove to a woman that I could drive! And here I've been driving since 1902; never had an accident, never scraped a fender that I know of, and I've driven everything from one cylinder to twelveSo I canceled the permit. Canceled it!"

Gus continued to do his watch repair work until his death. For 65 years he worked behind his repair bench.! G.S., Gustavas, "Gus" Moon died on June 19th, 1958, and with him a large and colorful portion of Lynchburg history died with him.

Thanks goes to Wayne Simpson for sharing this article with HAV members.

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

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

Windows 7 is toast. As of January 14 this year, Microsoft will no longer support it or put out security patches. (It can happen, but rarely) They did put out a security patch for windows XP not too long ago. Businesses can pay for continued support, but it is not cheap.

So far you can get a free update from Microsoft for Windows 10. I know a lot of folks do not like it. I did not at first, but have gotten used to it and it has been improved a lot. The free update is at <https://davescomputer-tips.com/upgrade-windows-7-to-windows-10-for-free-now/>

Be very careful what you click on here. Lots of those prominent buttons are clickadd leads. Page down to the box that says Create Windows 10 Installation Media. Click on Download Tool Now. You probably want to avoid the other interesting looking boxes on the edges here.

You absolutely need to create a back up before you start the update and also create a restore point.

If you go to Microsoft.com, it will steer you to the paid version. Also this is for the home version, not the Pro one.

It will take hours. Your computer will restart several times. Be patient. Very few folks have had problems with this.

Are you sometimes frustrated by the thousands of results when you do a search? There is a method that works for specific sites. Type in the word or words you want to search for in the address bar at the top of your browser. Then put in Site: followed by the address of the site you are interested in. For instance Palen Site: havhome.org. The colon is necessary. Some browsers do not support it. Google and Edge do support it.

Several weeks ago Mic-

Microsoft put out a patch (update) to Windows 10. It made a mess of some folks computers. It is strongly recommended that you do not allow automatic updates. Go to Windows updates on the control panel. (or type in updates in the search box bottom left of your screen (quickest and easiest)) Select pause updates for 7 or more days. I have mine set for 2 weeks. The newsletters I get let me know which updates are ok after lot of folks have had the updates automatically with out problems. Two weeks is also enough time for Microsoft to correct them. (Sometimes)

Are you ready for another new version of Windows? Windows 10X is out for beta testing. It will probably be renamed before it goes out.

Have you tested your Internet speed lately? It is good to do every once in a while because it is a good test of how well your computer is connecting to the Internet. Fast.com is one of the test sites. If I have my VPN running my speed drops a

lot. I was very surprised to find that I have 150 Mbs (Million bits per second) sometimes way out here in the boondocks. That is a whole lot better than the teletype we had here in the house at 72 Bps (Bits per second) in the 70's.

Are you aware of Lock Screen? It is in Windows 10 and is a much safer state to leave your machine in while you are not active at the computer. The normal screen saver does not have any protection from intruders. Some Windows 10 machines have a screen saver activated. This will need to be shut down for it to work. Type Lock Screen in the search box to bring it up. The normal screen saver is no longer needed to protect your screen from burn in and is being phased out anyway.

Windows Media Center is another item that will soon disappear.

If you have questions, email me and I will try to help you.

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