

LOUPES AND TWEEZERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MIKE CREASEY

The coming months are an exciting time to enjoy presentations put forth by many talented people within our own HAV ranks. The Fall Seminar is scheduled for October 22, 2023, at the Ivy Creek Foundation we have used before in Charlottesville. I'd like to thank Bob Stone and Deanna Lutz for providing the membership with these exciting programs. This is a one-day seminar with a morning program starting at 9 am, on tubular bell clocks,

presented by Paul Corn, and a short program presented by Dean Sarnelle on graver sharpening. After a break for lunch (at which time will be the HAV BOD meeting) followed by will be a program on 8mm lathe headstock maintenance for the afternoon, presented by R.K. Elswick.

The Horological Association of Virginia has always been a member-active organization and I would like to promote that by asking the membership for topics for programs so we can actively search for people who discuss or present focus on providing said topics to our membership. If you have a suggestion, please forward that to me directly (mike@time-md.com) or to Bob Stone (rhsboomer@gmail.com). The more suggestions we get, the better chance we have of providing what the membership desires for both the fall seminars and the convention.

The AWCI symposium is coming up September 28-30. HAV is an affiliate chapter and I encourage anyone interested in the trade to attend. Jacob Curtis who resides in Staunton just captured is featured on the cover of the AWCI Horological Times, August edition, cover with his latest creation. He and many others are presenters at the symposium. Deanna Lutz, current 2nd Vice President of HAV has volunteered to step in for Stan and represent HAV as the Affiliate Chapter representative at the Symposium. Please go to the website, www.AWCI.com for all the event details and to register.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and I hope to see you at the Fall Seminar and/or AWCI Symposium.

Mike

HAV FALL SEMINAR



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
IVY CREEK FOUNDATION
EDUCATION BUILDING
1780 EARLYSVILLE ROAD
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22901

AGENDA	
8:00 AM	Doors Open Coffee, Water, and Sweet Bites
9:00 AM	The Herschede Tubular Bell Movement - Paul Corn
10:45 AM	Graver Sharpening - Dean Sarnelle
12:00 PM	Lunch Sandwiches, Chips, Beverages HAV Board Meeting - All invited
1:00 PM	8MM Lathe Maintenance - R.K. Elswick

We hope you'll join us for a fun and educational day getting up close and personal with a Herschede Tubular Bell clock, seeing how to have the sharpest graver in the toolbox, and learning how to take care of your lathe so that it takes care of you back. All this and more for just \$60!

Those coming the day before are encouraged to join the gang for dinner someplace nearby. Reach out to an officer once arrived for the details on where and when.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

PAUL CORN

Paul ran a successful clock repairing business in Southern Maryland for over 25 years. With a well-equipped horological machine shop, Paul is an expert at making not only clock parts but clockmaking tools and necessary jigs which help to get the job done faster and easier. Now retired, but by no means out to pasture, Paul remains active in the clock community, always ready to share his knowledge with the next generation of clockmakers.



2023 HAV FALL SEMINAR CONTINUED



DEAN SARNELLE

At the age of 15, Dean apprenticed with Fred Krone at Norkro Clock co in Van Nuys Calif for 3 years, on Saturdays and summers. He joined the Carpenters Union Apprentice program in 1975 and then became an electrical contractor in 1980. In 1986 Dean attended the watchmaking program at the Watchmakers of Switzerland Training and Educational Program (WOSTEP) in Neuchatel Switzerland with Tony Simonin. He later returned to WOSTEP for their Lathe program, using the turns between centers. In 2001 and 2002 Dean completed the complicated watch class at WOSTEP with Kari Voutilainen. This course was on restoring and making parts for Repeaters, chronographs, chronometers, and other complicated timepieces. In 1984 Dean and his wife, Irene, opened Once Upon A Time Clock Shop in Staunton VA, which remains a successful shop to this day.

RK ELSWICK

In 1983, R.K. started repairing clocks that he inherited from family and friends. Not finding anyone willing to mentor him, he read books by Donald de Carl and Ward Goodrich and joined the NAWCC and AWI to meet others with similar interests. As his self-taught expertise grew and word spread, R.K. started repairing clocks for friends at church and later for the general public to support his addiction to tooling his shop. Working as Professor of Biostatistics at Virginia Commonwealth University, he has a passion for teaching complex processes and mentoring students. To encourage the next generation of clock-enthusiasts and provide resources for eager new students, R.K. is currently working with a group of clockmakers to write curriculum for clock repair and restoration that will be used for classes at the NAWCC and AWCI. These resources will be made available for free via the internet in an effort to disseminate the important, accumulated knowledge of masters in this field to other self-teaching students of the trade.



2023 HAV ANNUAL CONVENTION

A ROLLYING FUN TIME

The venue was outstanding, the seminars were informative, the plus-ones enjoyed themselves, and the auction was lively! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported HAV!



2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION

MARCH 15TH – 17TH

HOTEL MADISON & SHENANDOAH VALLEY
CONFERENCE CENTER
710 S. MAIN STREET, HARRISONBURG, VA

We're headed back to the Hotel Madison for 2024! Complete hotel, conference, and registration information will be distributed via email in a special **Conference Edition of Loupes and Tweezers** as well as on the website (havhome.org).

POTOMAC GUILD ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

The ever popular picnic at Donnie Sobel's place in Catharpin, VA. **Save the date** and look for more information to be distributed by the Guild.



2023 Fall Seminar Registration Form

October 22, 2023 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Ivy Creek Foundation — Education Center
1780 Earlysville Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22904

Registration Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

Registration Fee \$60 per person **Registration Amount:** _____

For convenience, we offer the option to pay your membership dues. at this time.
(Membership period is 1 June to 31 May annually.) Thanks to those who have already paid.

HAV Dues \$35 _____

Potomac Guild Dues \$20 _____

Spousal Membership \$5 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Registration Deadline is October 10th

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

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REMEMBERING BILLY BEST AS WE KNEW HIM!

HAV PAST PRESIDENT



Frank William Best III, better known as Billy, passed to the next realm on June 26, 2023. Cajun to the bone, Billy was born in Eunice, Louisiana on October 8, 1959. Billy is not gone but has transformed into the next stage of his existence and is kept living in the memories of all who hold him dear. He will be sorely missed by all of us in HAV.



HONORING GEORGINA SUTTON 1939 - 2023

BELOVED WIFE OF DALE SUTTON

A friend to many in the hological community, Dale Sutton's wife, Georgina, passed away on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Dale was a supplier and fixer of timing and cleaning machines (www.timemachinerepair.com) Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at:

Dale Sutton
5 Baydon Way
Medford, NJ 08055

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

Dues cover the membership period from June 1 to May 31 of each year. It is true that HAV had suspended the collection of dues for a few years but the time has come to reinstate them. Some dues notices were sent via email and we thank you if you have already sent it in. For convenience, the option to pay dues is included with the Fall Seminar Registration Form in this issue or you may remit \$35 to Stan. Spousal membership is \$5.

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Stan is also collecting \$20 dues for the Potomac Guild.

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Scammers are getting better and better at spoofing you. Emails that look genuine are not. They look perfect and have a proper-looking email source and links to click on. If you do not absolutely know the source, do not click on anything. If it looks legit, go to their website (not from the message) and try to see what they are talking about. There is also pop-ups that come up warning about pending doom if you

do not do something right away. Obvious ones are from a bank that you do not use. But there are folks who do get that message that use that bank and could lose everything they have in that bank should they inadvertently reveal their login information and password.

Another fun one is the message that a charge of \$399 has been processed on your PayPal or credit card account. When in doubt, go to the bank or to PayPal to check. It is possible that you are being monitored to see your input. You should be using a Virtual Private Network when doing this.

Temu.com or temumail.com are offering products at ridiculously low prices. Some folks get a product and some do not. It appears that it may be a Chinese company that is collecting credit card information. I have seen discussions about it. I have no way to verify if that is correct or not.

Canon has issued an alert about their WiFi-enabled printers. The printers keep your WiFi info that could be used to get into your system and it can probably be used remotely. They recommend that you reset the printer to factory settings before recycling the printer or even just trashing it.

If you are a Windows user, have you signed up for Microsoft Rewards? You can get points by browsing on Edge, playing games, and other stuff. Edge can also open PDF files as well as a host of new stuff. Security has been boosted some more. (I still use a VFN.) Another neat thing when shopping with Edge as your browser is that it will test all the available coupons for that site.

Did you know that iPhones have the ability to connect by satellite? It has to be turned on. I think it is part of the crash or fall alert system and can be used to send texts to 911. That is how some of the folks on Maui got a message out to rescuers during the massive fire. Using satellite technology gives you worldwide coverage. It is probably not available on Android systems.

HINTS, HELPS,
SUGGESTIONS
AND NEWS
FOR IBM
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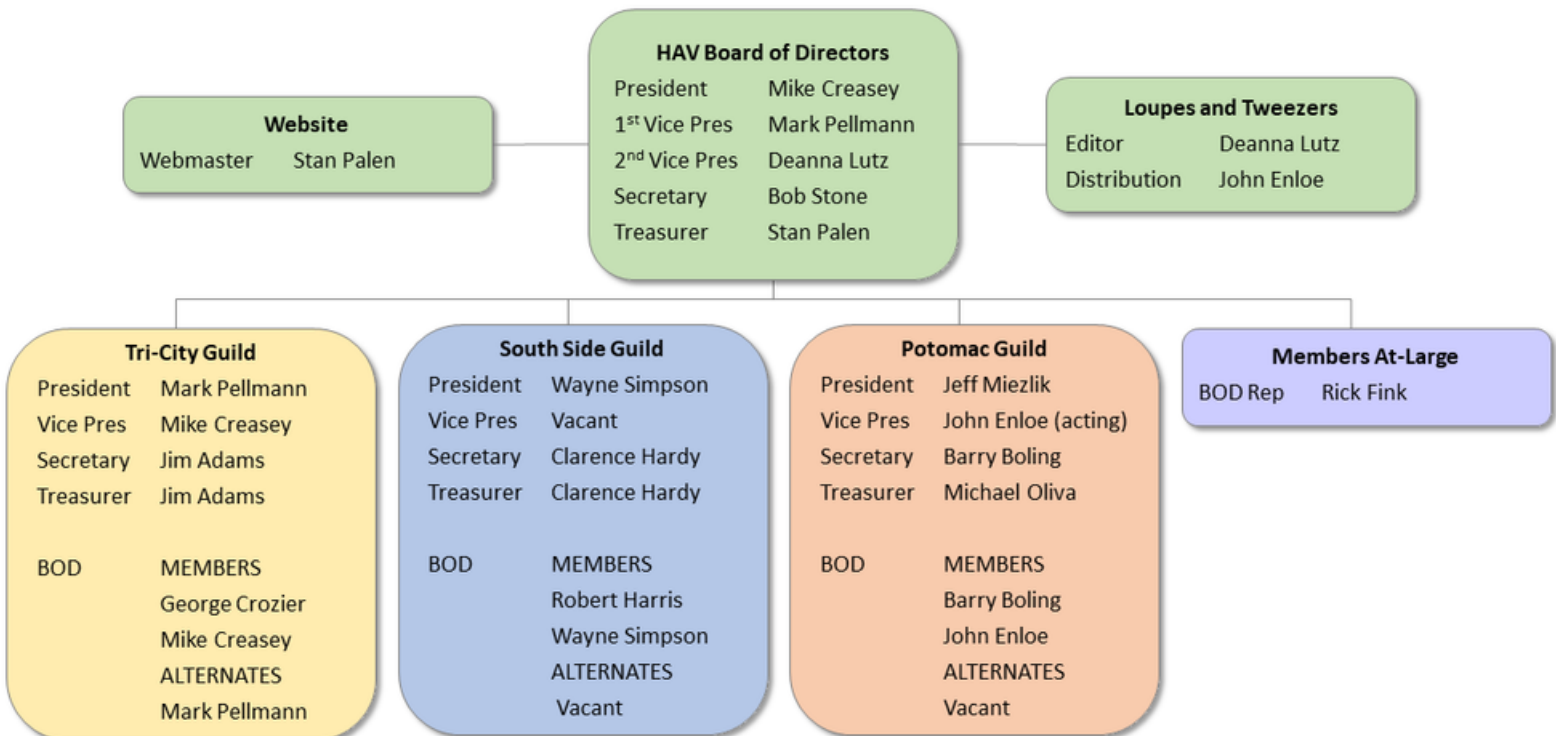
While on the subject of mobile phones, is it time to replace yours? One thing that may help you decide is how your battery is doing.

The measure some folks use is that if your battery has more than 80% life left in it, should be good. Most phones have some way to check it, usually under "About" in your phone's settings. Some will say everything is ok if it is above 90% and not give you a value. Below that it might give you a number. The other indicator would be if the battery runs out of charge in an obviously noticeably short time. The specification for some batteries is that it must be above 80% after 500 full cycles. A full cycle can be over more than one day. For example, 3 days of charging your phone from 67% to full charge is one cycle. Hopefully, you are not charging from dead to full charge each day.

Do you know people with very poor or no internet? Starlink is available everywhere in the US but it does not seem to be very widely known. It costs about \$120 a month for 200 Mbps. It does, however, have a one-time equipment cost of \$600 or so.

If you have questions about computers, I may be able to help you. Some of my sources of information are AskWoody.com and DavesComputerTips.com.

HAV ORGANIZATION



The **Horological Association of Virginia, HAV**, welcomes all with an interest in clocks and/or watches, whether as a collector, clock or watchmaker, craftsman, enthusiast, or just as a casual visitor. Comprised of three Guilds located throughout the state, the scope of HAV has expanded with the purpose of offering education to its members in the latest techniques, up-to-date technology, and the prompting of fair trade practices.

The following is a brief summary of the many things HAV is actively doing for each of its members:

- Technical Seminars
- Annual Convention
- Loupes and Tweezers Newsletter
- Magazine Subscriptions at Reduced Prices
- Membership Certificate and Lapel Pin
- National Publicity Affiliation with the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute.

Please share this newsletter with a friend and invite them to visit our website at havhome.org for more details on how to become a member.

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