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New Board Members Assume HAV Leadership !

In conjunction with the 2003 Horological Association of Virginia Annual Convention in Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 27, 2003, the new board members were voted on and sworn into office.

Incoming officers include:

President - Mike Frost

1st Vice President - Lowell Fast

2nd Vice President - John Enloe

Treasurer - Stan Palen

Secretary - Lloyd Lehn

Immediate Past President - Bill Trapp.

As all these positions are volunteers, the membership thanks you for your desire and dedication to serve the greater good of Virginian horology. Many thanks to



Photo by Bill Burgert

Left to Right: Lowell Fast, Mike Frost, Stan Palen, John Enloe, Bill Trapp, and Lloyd Lehn

the outgoing board members. Your service during the past years is greatly appreciated and leaves an example for others.

Outgoing members include Bill Trap (President), Mike Frost (1st Vice President), Lowell Fast (2nd Vice President), George Evans (Secretary), Stan Palen (Treasurer), and Mike Davidson (Immediate Past President). Do a lot of these names look familiar? George Evans was the Secretary for 8 years before giving up his post this year; Stan Palen has been the Treasurer for the past 17 years. If you have considered volunteering to help with HAV activities, see any of the officers for challenging and rewarding opportunities.

Donny Sobel wins 2003 President's award !

By Bill Trapp

Donny Sobel has been an active and involved member of the AWI, the HAV, and the George McNeil Potomac Guild since 1975. Donny is a true professional and a master artisan when it comes to clock restoration. As a businessman, he is known for possessing the highest ethical standards and is a major contributor to the commercial life of the Town of Vienna, VA.

Donny is always willing to support his Guild and HAV. He readily shares his knowledge with fellow Guild members, be they professionals, running clock repair businesses or hobbyist members. He has actively par-

ticipated in numerous Guild meetings, leading question and answer programs. His experience and advice on how to perform many technical procedures involving clock repair and restoration is always valued and appreciated by all Guild members.

Donny has been actively involved in the field of horology since 1974. He is married to Susan (Gail) Sobel, who is a HAV spousal member, and they have two children. Donny's commitment to excellence in the field of horology makes him the excellent choice for the HAV President's Award for 2003.



Photo by Bill Burgert

Bill Trapp, left, presents Donny Sobel the 2003 HAV President's Award

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The President's Message

By Mike Frost

First, I would like to say thank you to all who expressed confidence in the HAV Board by taking time to vote. All of us will strive to serve the members as best we can and to continue to improve the Association.

We recently held an Executive meeting where I outlined an agenda for this term. Two main goals were established that I believe are attainable. The first is Recruitment and Retention. We

currently have about 163 members of which 30 are spousal members. From a high of over 300 a few years back, it is imperative that we attract new members as well as try to retain our current members. Certainly it is difficult to retain a member who has passed on, but many members have left the Association and are still living and working in Virginia. We can only guess as to reasons they left.

A survey will be sent to all members as well as prospective members in an attempt to better understand why more people do not join, why they leave, and what we can do to keep them. Hopefully, enough information will be learned from this survey to enable us to better provide

for current members and to attract new members. Increased Guild involvement is also necessary in achieving this goal. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

The second goal is to increase participation in Association activities, events, and proceedings. While turnout is acceptable at our conventions and seminars, I believe that this can be improved. We will be looking at ways to enhance participation both by attendees as well as volunteers. Volunteers? What? Well, every year, one or more of the Board members has to brow-beat, beg, bribe, or otherwise threaten people to get volunteers for Board positions, committee chairmen, convention

and seminar coordinators, etc. Many of you have been there before and done that many times. Others, who may consider helping, may seem daunted at the task. So part of the goal is to seek ways to make volunteering a bit more attractive. Look for more on this soon.

There were other miscellaneous items we dealt with such as using more technology for routine Association issues, better information flow to and from the Guilds, and the death of MAHSI. As I mentioned before, comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Thanks for listening; we'll be listening to you.

HAV members tour Hermle Factory



Photo by Bill Beger

Helmut Mangold addresses the HAV visitors

Many HAV members and spouses took an opportunity to tour the Hermle Black Forest Clock Factory in Amherst, VA during the recent HAV Annual Convention. Normally closed on Friday afternoons, Helmut Mangold and his employees were gracious hosts to a wonderful all afternoon tour, complete with healthy snacks. Every step of the clockmaking process was demon-

strated by the skilled Hermle employees.

Hermle manufactures all kinds of clocks such as grandfathers, anniversary, carriage, regulators, and wall clocks. Complete technical service is available from their trained staff and clocks can be directly ordered from their plant. Quantity discounts are available.

Contact information is as follows:

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Jack Kurdzionak addresses the HAV

Jack Kurdzionak, American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute President and self-employed AWI Certified Watchmaker from Stoneham, MA, addressed the HAV at the Lynchburg Annual Convention. Jack has committees emphasizing three major areas.

The Certification program. This program is not used by members. The clock tests will remain as they are for a while because there are so many clock "operating systems." The watchmaker's test, with the same "operating system", may have to

be taken at a central location.

Education Committee. Although not doing as well as he would like, Jack wants to teach subjects related to the certification program.

Horological Times. Jack feels there is difficulty in getting writers and there are no policies on how articles are accepted.

These and other topics will be discussed in more detail at the AWI's 43rd Annual Meeting in Jul-Aug 2003.



Photo by Bill Beger

Jack at the HAV Convention banquet



Laurie Penman instructs the HAV membership !



Photo by Bill Bager

Laurie Penman at the 2003 HAV Annual Convention in Lynchburg

Laurie Penman is a world renown Clockmaker. A trained Mechanical Engineer who served in the Royal Air Force, he started clockmaking after a series of machine and mechanical engineering jobs. The author of many fine clockmaking references, he now resides in the U.S. and is the clock instructor for the AWI. He also currently writes a column for *Clocks* magazine.

Laurie spent an entire morning at the HAV National Convention refining the audience's clockmaking skills and answering many questions from the attendees. Included in the subjects

were details of making a clock rack and snail, fixing bent wheel teeth, making a clock cock, fixing cracked wheels, replacing teeth (his method versus the traditional dovetail method), cutting posts, matching a new wheel to old movements, and a lengthy discourse on recoil escapements. For all, the time was well spent and seemed to pass too quickly. His clockmaking knowledge is vast and the audience tapped as much as they could before the next speaker.

HAV thanks Laurie and his wife for sharing his time us, not only at the formal class but during the casual gatherings.

Feature of this issue – Gettysburg

Gettysburg Pennsylvania is the seat of the Adams County government and is the location of a famous courthouse. Seventy-seven thousand residents currently live in Adams County, 8,000 in the city alone. One hundred and forty years ago this July, Adams County was the scene of the turning point in favor of the Union in the War Between The States. Up to that point, the South's Confederacy won most of the decisive battles against the Northern Army and seemed unde-

featable. The three day battle, July 1,2, and 3rd 1863, centered in Gettysburg and almost all buildings instantly turned into makeshift hospitals for the almost 55,000 casualties from those three days.

The Adams County Courthouse, with its clock tower pictured to the right, was one such hospital. Local accounts described sights and sounds too horrible to describe. Today, Gettysburg is a peaceful "tourist attraction" with ample reminders of the carnage in 1863.



Photo by Bill Bager

Lloyd Lehn earns his CC !

Lloyd L. Lehn, Ph.D., is AWI's newest Certified Clockmaker (CC). Lloyd passed the certification tests in March and was notified just prior to the Annual Convention in Lynchburg. He recently retired from the Federal Government's Department of Defense after over 35 years of service; this affords him more time to his clockmaking. Lloyd is Vice President of the George McNeil's Potomac Guild and the newly elected secretary of the HAV.

Dr. Lehn has authored various articles for Steven Conover's *Clockmakers Newsletter*, the *Horological Times*, and is a frequent lecturer and demonstrator at the Potomac Guild's monthly meetings.

Lloyd speaks briefly of his test taking experience and stresses that there are four separate tests and they are all challenging.

Congratulations, Lloyd !



Photo by Bill Bager

Lloyd at the HAV Convention banquet

Hint: use candle wax as a lubricant for jeweler's saws



Stan's Komputer Korner

By Stan Palen

This is a regular column for Loupes and Tweezers. It includes computer information for IBM compatible computers in the form of hints, helps, suggestions and news. Please submit your questions to Stan Palen, 8283 Oakwood Drive, King George, VA 22485 or via email to spalen@crosslink.net. Please note that this column is often submitted for publication 30 to 60 days before publication. I now have a web page located at: www.stanpalen.com. My columns will be posted there when I have completed them.

If you want to be notified when the new columns are posted, please send me an email and I will add you to the list.

My free web site host went away. I was kind of disappointed to find out that my site was no longer working. I am not sure how long it was not there. I shopped around and found a new host. The new host required that I pay for my domain registration through them. This cost \$30 a year, but comes with 50 megs of space and all kinds of tools. These tools allow you to run an Internet business from your site. It also comes with 5 email addresses. I have one set up in the form of xxxx@stanpalen.com. This one my family uses and so far has had no spam.

My cost per year before this was \$15 for the domain registration. This makes my hosting cost \$15 a year. The host I am using is IT3. They have several hosting plans depending on your needs. The available tool icons on their web page after you register fill up a whole screen. This site does not use pop up ads. At my old site, it usually required several tries to get it to come up. The new one comes up right away.

Spam is getting much worse. My regular email account gets tremendous amounts of it every day. I tried creating my own filters, but they never work very long. I tried using McAfee spamkiller, but I did not like it. Spamkiller looks at your email and it separates the mail into ones you probably don't want and ones you probably do. You can then look at titles and delete the ones you want to get rid of. It does not load the whole email, so it is fairly quick.



If you are having good results from an antispam program, please let me know.

If you set up a wireless network in your home or business, please be very careful about security. You need to make sure that all the users are either deleted or have their password changed. There are a number of web sites that publish the master or administrator or manufacturers passwords for various systems. Some systems come with some security turned on and others do not. You need to make sure there are no unauthorized ways into your system. You need to read the security sections very carefully.

There is a great article in June's Computer Shopper about selecting a new printer. Several of the major points the article makes is that you need to consider the cost of the printer cartridges. A cheap printer may have very expensive consumables. It also mentions that you should do test prints of the various printers you are looking at. A companion piece is about reusing cartridges. Sometimes this will change the color balance, and can sometimes damage your printer.

Speaking of color balance, does your monitor show the same color that your printer prints? It is rare that it is exact. It is adjustable on both ends. The other variable is your camera. If you take many pictures and do your own printing, you need to take the time to adjust the color balance of your system. If you spent a lot of time getting a picture just right on the screen with a photo editing program and then it prints differently, you need to do it over again. You can learn to bias your editing so the print comes out right, but since you cannot view the results, it is trial and error. You also may not remember the exact changes the next time you need to print a picture.



Stan's Komputer Korner (Continued)

By Stan Palen

The following are quotes from various publications about the computer and electronic world taken from Edupage emails that I get three times a week from a service of EDUCAUSE:

NEW YORK AUTHORITIES ARREST BUFFALO SPAMMER Authorities in New York have arrested Howard Carmack, the so-called "Buffalo Spammer," on charges of identity theft in connection to a spam ring Carmack operated. Last week EarthLink won a \$16 million judgment against Carmack as well as an injunction preventing him from sending further spam. Carmack is accused of stealing identities and setting up nearly 350 EarthLink accounts, from which he sent or helped other send hundreds of millions of unsolicited messages. New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said Carmack is the first to be prosecuted under the state's recently enacted identity-theft law. Dave Baker of EarthLink said, "Carmack's arrest demonstrates that spamming has both civil and criminal consequences." Internet News, 14 May 2003
<http://www.atnewyork.com/news/article.php/2206311>

SEC FILES FRAUD CHARGES The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed a lawsuit against K. C. Smith in a U.S. District Court in Tennessee. Mr. Smith, a 20-year-old Kentucky resident, was charged with raising \$102,554 through two fake Web sites and millions of spam e-mail messages between May 2002 and February 2003. SEC regulators allege that Mr. Smith's Web site for a fake company, Kryer Financial, offered double-digit monthly returns. Mr. Smith also invented the United States Deposit Insurance Corporation to insure Kryer Financial investments against loss, with a Web site that featured the SEC's official seal. Mr. Smith allegedly used the money he collected for living expenses and neither invested nor insured it. Mr. Smith agreed to a settlement that requires him to return \$107,510 of gains and interest. Wall Street Journal, 12 May 2003 (sub. req'd)
<http://online.wsj.com/article/0,,SB105275277289057500,00.html>

OWNER OF WEB SITES ACCUSED OF EXPLOITING DO-NOT-CALL LIST The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) this week filed a complaint against Ken Chase, the operator of two Web sites that federal officials say misled consumers about the upcoming federal do-not-call list. The two sites, www.free-do-not-call-list.org and

www.national-do-not-call-list.us, reportedly offered consumers free registration on the federal do-not-call list as well as services to remove consumers from many marketing lists. When the FTC's list goes into effect later this year, however, the agency will not accept registrations from third parties. The FTC expressed concern that the registration services Chase offered were misleading and were used as a "pretext for gathering personal information about people." Chase said he had no intention of misleading anyone but wanted to help consumers fight back against telemarketers. Chase said, "It seems we've blundered, but it was only an attempt to help the public." San Jose Mercury News, 9 May 2003
<http://www.siliconvalley.com/mld/siliconvalley/5822642.htm>

FEDS CONTINUE TO FIGHT SPAM AND WEB SCAMS Federal officials continue their crackdown on spammers and Web frauds, announcing this week another 45 criminal and civil actions carried out by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in coordination with various other state and federal groups. The recent actions cover incidents ranging from online auction fraud to the illegal sale of controlled substances. The FTC has also moved against online scams dealing with SARS, the national do-not-call registry, and someone selling cell phone radiation protection patches. The FTC began an effort to persuade organizations in 59 countries to close so-called open relays, which allow spammers to send e-mail through servers they do not maintain. Such routing of e-mail makes it difficult to identify the source of much spam, and those supporting the move to close the relays believe it would have a significant impact on the amount of spam. Internet News, 15 May 2003
<http://www.internetnews.com/IAR/article.php/2207161>.

Stan Palen, the author, is retired from the Navy as a Supervisory General Engineer. He has been involved with computers since the early sixties. He used to purchase all the hardware and software for a group of 40 scientists and engineers. Stan has marketed Swim Meet programs nationally. He was an associate editor of the Apple II section of the Washington Apple Pie a computer users group based in Washington DC.



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Hint:

While holding the jeweler's saw, install a saw blade with the teeth towards you

Mark your calendar !

- July 1, 2003 - Registration deadline for the AWI's 43rd Annual Meeting
- July 2-6, 2003 - NAWCC 2003 National Convention, Charlotte, NC
- July 31 - August 3, 2003 - AWI's 43rd Annual Meeting, Cincinnati Airport Hilton
- August 17, 2003 - HAV Board Meeting, Charlottesville, VA
- October 5, 2003 - HAV Fall Seminar, Sandston, VA (Details in next issue)
- October 11-12, 2003 - AWI bench course on Cuckoo Clock Repair, Baltimore, MD
- October 17-18, 2003 - NAWCC Chapter 12's Mid-East Regional, Germantown, MD

HAV Mission

The Horological Association of Virginia is dedicated to the advancement of the Art and Science of Horology. We will provide opportunities to our membership to advance their skills and knowledge. We will support our members by providing educational opportunities at our Conventions and Seminars. We will support our local guilds, wherever possible, in their efforts to advance the causes of the HAV.

The HAV was formed in October 1939 for the purpose of promoting cooperation among the horologists, principally watchmakers, throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and surrounding locales. In the ensuing years, HAV's spectrum has broadened to include clockmakers, bench jewelers, retail jewelers, collectors, and hobbyists associated with this precision industry. The scope of HAV has grown by expanding its offering of education to its members in the latest techniques, training in the use of advances in technology, and continued prompting of fair and ethical trade practices.

Obituary - Charlton Jr., Edgar Anderson

NEWPORT NEWS - Edgar Anderson Charlton Jr., 85, died at his home in Newport News Saturday, March 8, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Schaub Zerr Charlton; his sisters, Lucy Charlton Johns of Dillwyn, Anne Charlton Miller of Richmond, and his brother-in-law, C. Robert Schaub; and by his many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eloise Schaub Charlton, and his son, Edgar Anderson Charlton III.

Born in Mount Hope, W.Va., he grew up in Dillwyn, Va., and graduated from Dillwyn High School. He received his BS degree from Randolph Macon College followed by a four year apprenticeship at the C & O Shops in Huntington, W.Va. He was employed by the C & O Railroad, now CSX, at various locations and retired in 1978 as Superintendent of the Mechanical Maintenance Department in Newport News, Va. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Newport News, the C & O Retired Officers Club, the Newport News and Tidewater Watch and Clock Makers, the Virginia and the National Horological Society, the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and the Peninsula Council of the Blind. During his 54 years as a Mason, he belonged to the Warwick Blue Lodge #336 AF and AM, Royal Arch Chapter #80, Order of the Eastern Star #43, Scottish Rite Mason 32nd degree, Khedive Shrine, Commodore #17 and A.M.D. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the First United Methodist Church in Newport News. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund of the First United Methodist Church, 10246 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601, or to the American Heart Association, 500 Plume Street East, Suite 110, Norfolk, VA 23510-2310. Arrangements by Riverside Funeral Home. Published in the Daily Press from 3/9/2003 - 3/11/2003