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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

I would like to thank VP Nelson Dayton, who stepped in on short notice and conducted the April general meeting in my absence. Unexpected last minute circumstances prevented me from attending. I was informed by those that were in attendance that the meal – courtesy of Fried Brothers, Inc. – was very good and the program by Carl Rollison of AlarmLock was quite informative. Time constraints and the normal format of our meetings usually make it difficult for the GPLA to run programs that are this comprehensive. By holding an abbreviated meeting, we were able to accommodate the increased time needed to present this program. From the positive comments received, I suspect the GPLA will look at running this type of extended program in the future.

As it turns out, the GPLA has needed to be flexible in our meeting format to allow for this month's program as well. The availability of the Kaba-Ilco truck required us to move our meeting up to the 2nd Monday of this month - May 14th - rather than the usual 3rd Monday of the month. The truck will be onsite at our headquarters beginning at 6:30pm to allow additional time for everyone to get the opportunity to tour the truck. We will begin the business portion of the May general meeting as close to our normal 7:30pm start as possible, but hopefully no later than 8pm.

The first quarter of 2012 is in the bag. Most businesses take a moment to evaluate their performance and upcoming prospects after each quarter. Have you done this with your business? The current GPLA Board of Directors and Row Officers have been seated since the January meeting. We want to evaluate our performance, too. How are we doing so far? We've approved changes to our membership application process and as noted above, are trying to present meeting programs with more substance. There are other initiatives we are working on as well. All of this is with an eye towards serving the membership better. If you have comments or suggestions, praise or complaints, please let us know. Your feedback will allow us to keep moving in the right direction.

Fraternally,

Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML
President

Minutes of April 2012 G.P.L.A. General Membership Meeting

The April 2012 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant in Bensalem on April 17, 2012 and was called to order at 8:27 PM by Vice President Nelson Dayton.

A demonstration of AlarmLock products was presented by Carl Rollison.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Sven Hellwig to accept the March 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Barry Wilensky and was passed unanimously.

Change of Meeting date: VP Dayton stated that the May membership meeting will need to be moved from May 21 to May 14 to accommodate the Kaba-Ilco truck presentation by Jerry Buckley.

Treasurer's Report: There was no financial report at the April 2 Board of Directors meeting to approve, therefore there is no update for the membership this month.

Correspondence In: Nothing to report.

Correspondence Out: Nothing to report.

Convention Committee: Chair Hellwig announced the theme for the 2012 Convention (October 4-6) is *Professional Locksmiths – Protecting the Consumer*. Also reported was that ALOA President Tom Demont will be leading a forum the Saturday morning before the Tradeshow to update us on battle verses illegal locksmiths. Mark Baldino has accepted the position of Honorary Chairman and will also be a guest speaker at the forum. Ron Marcinkowski reported he is contacting other associations to donate "regionally themed" gift baskets for the convention raffles. Also the ALOA Task Force is working on the Philadelphia area due to the many contributions from this area in support of the fight against illegal locksmiths.

Health & Welfare: Orvis Kline reported he is feeling better from his surgery and stated that his family enjoyed the basket from the GPLA. It was also reported that Bob Wagner had hernia surgery and was still recovering and that Steve Berger is also in the hospital.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Membership Committee: Chair Dayton issued the membership cards to those in attendance.

Newsletter: Reported that a new feature, Calendar of Events, has been added to inform the membership of up-coming classes & conventions. Please forward all items to Editor Mike Nimmo.

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Seeing is believing: Opening a York Safe with the wrong (?) hole

By Bruce Wallen

I tried to manipulate this safe for hours and just couldn't get that something just wasn't right with this lock. Thinking I had 1 of two locks: a Yale 025 or the Yale 062 1/2.....I went with the 025 drill point at 85. Stuck my scope in and



things didn't look right. I could see the wheels barely with the V4 so I switched to my old super scope and could really see what was going on. I turned the dial to start lining up the wheels and nothing was

moving.....pause three seconds for panic to pass. Then I move my scope around and what do I see: the wheel pack is not even touching the driver. Now at this time it's time to regroup and go have a break for ten minutes and come back. I'm thinking about having to drill a second hole so I can work wheels 3 and 4 around to the fence because the wheel pack it worked out beyond the back panel. Wheels 1 and 2 are clear of the fence. Just before I left the house, I grabbed my Olympus articulating scope (that I never used before) to take it for a ride to get some fresh air. What to do, what to do? I hate having to drill more than one hole or a hole bigger than a 1/4 inch. On my second fresh air break, it came to me: let's see if I can get the Olympus scope far enough inside the lock case to try and work the wheels around. This trick actually was starting to work. I managed to get the two wheels walked around close enough (to the fence) that I finished seating the wheels with a dead blow hammer and a ton of dial oscillation. BAM! The safe was open. I took the back cover off to find that my 50/50 guess on the lock ID was wrong.....but I did

find out that a drill point of 85 outside the dial ring will work on both of the 025 & 062-1/2 as well as the S&G 6826. I kind of like this drill point! One of the pictures shows the wheel pack halfway out of the back panel (at left) and the locking screw was in a drawer inside the safe.



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By-Laws Committee: Chair Kline reported that the first draft of the proposed changes is expected soon.

Good of the Association: Bill Neff reported that the ASIS Annual Convention will be held in Philadelphia at the Convention Center September 10-13. The show features anything and everything security from locks to cameras to access control to alarms.

Chuck Dixon asked that any interested parties in submitting a class for NJ CEU approval, to email him with the class outline and an instructor bio. In turn, Dixon will submit the request on behalf of the GPLA.

50/50: The amount of \$64.00 was won.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Fitzgerald, 2nd by Sven Hellwig and was carried unanimously at 8:54 PM.

Michael E. Nimmo
Recording Secretary

Calendar of Events

May 14	GPLA Membership Meeting at Headquarters	Philadelphia, PA
June 18	GPLA Membership Meeting at Headquarters	Philadelphia, PA
July 7-14	ALOA Convention & Tradeshow	Las Vegas, NV
September 10-13	ASIS Security Conference & Expo	Philadelphia, PA
October 4-6	GPLA Convention & Tradeshow	Philadelphia, PA

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**NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY, MAY 14, 6:30 PM**

**GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

**JERRY BUCKLEY DRIVES INTO TOWN
WITH THE KABA-ILCO TRUCK**

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