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## PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

As in the past, the June membership meeting will serve as our annual HQ clean-up. Weather permitting; there will be grilled hot dogs, cold (non-alcoholic) beverages and an assortment of other side dishes to keep you fueled while we "spruce up the joint". There should be no heavy lifting and the work goes much quicker when everyone pitches in. Following the clean-up, we will hold a brief business meeting. Along with some other minor Association business, there are a six more shop member applicants to be voted on. This month's meeting will be the last one before the summer break. If we don't have a quorum, there won't be another opportunity to vote on them before the September meeting, so please plan to attend.

By the time we return from summer hiatus in September, the convention committee will be operating at fever pitch. Our 2013 convention occurs only 2 weeks after the September membership meeting. The convention booklet should be up on our website by late July or early August. Don't wait until the September meeting to send in your registration. Last year, two classes at our convention were canceled because they had not reached our minimum registration level by the cut-off date, even though later registrations came in that would have allowed us to run those classes. Still other classes reach their maximum capacity and had to be closed to later registrants. Don't let that happen to you this year! Register early!

While you are vacationing this summer, I would ask you to please give serious thought to serving your Association by running for office or one of the Director's seats during elections this fall. We will be holding nominations during the October meeting, followed by elections in November. Our Nominations Committee Chairman, Orvis Kline, will be looking for individuals who are willing to step up to the plate and serve their fellow GPLA members. It is vital to the existence of GPLA that we have mix of fresh ideas and veteran leadership providing guidance to OUR association. There is a lot of hard work involved, but the rewards are numerous. The camaraderie that exists on the Board and the knowledge that you are contributing to help GPLA remain the world-class association that it is make it all worthwhile.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Fraternally,  
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML  
President

## **Minutes of the May 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting**

The May 2013 GPLA General Membership Dinner Meeting was held at the Nick's Roast Beef, 2224 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia., PA, 19111 on May 20, 2013 and was called to order at 8:13 PM by President Cliff Shafer.

The President welcomed four guests to the membership meeting: Karen Hellwig, Judy Fitzgerald, Stefanie Marcinkowski and Gerald Guzinski.

A program was presented by Gerald Guzinski from Discount Hardware of Philadelphia. The program was Doors, Frames, Door Hardware and Related Items and concluded at 9:00 PM.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes: A motion was made by Sven Hellwig to accept the April 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/mailed in the Newsletter, 2nd by Barry Wilenski and was passed unanimously.

**Correction:** Ed Fitzgerald noted a mistake in April minutes of the Newsletter under N.J. Legislation report.

Michael DiCicco did not have his license suspended for two years as reported; he received a provisional suspension of his license and also received a provisional fine which is under appeal.

Additional information about the case can be found at:

[http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/action/20130117\\_34LS00008000.pdf](http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/action/20130117_34LS00008000.pdf)

There was a move on the floor to accept the minutes as corrected and was 2nd by Sven Hellwig. A vote to carry was passed unanimously by the general assembly.

**Treasurer's Report:** President Cliff Shafer stated that the Board of Directors did not have a meeting in May therefore there is no Treasury report. President Cliff Shafer also reminded all in attendance that any member in good-standing may have a copy of the financial statement upon request.

**Correspondence In and Out:** John Williams was not in attendance however he did pass on that he did not have any correspondence in or out. Sven Hellwig received a correspondence from Betty Singer and Carolyn Connelly stating that they will graciously accept our invitation to be the co-chair people at the convention.

**President's Report:** President Cliff Shafer noted that quite a few of our members were at the SAVTA convention including Dana Barnum, Clifford Shafer, Marty Arnold, Ed Dornisch, Joe Reustle and Michael Nimmo. Cliff stated that both Joe Reustle and Michael Nimmo were there each teaching a class. Cliff Shafer stated that they had a fabulous convention with a really good turnout education wise. Cliff Shafer reminded us that the ALOA will be in Baltimore this year as close as the convention gets to Philadelphia and you are encouraged to go. Dana Barnum stated that the SAVTA auction made \$22,000.00. Cliff also noted that next month's meeting will be a headquarters clean-up meeting with a hotdog BBQ.

**Convention Committee:** Sven Hellwig reported that planning for the 2013 GPLA Convention continues to be right on track. He stated that everything is set with the hotel. Sven said that there will be some great classes lined up both pre-convention and at the convention. Sven is putting together a convention meeting



# The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association

GPLA is pleased to present a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved 7.5-CEU Course:  
**BASIC SAFE DRILLING**

**Instructor:** *Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML & Michael Nimmo*

**Date & Time:** Saturday, July 27, 2013 - 8 am to 5:00 pm

**Location:** GPLA Headquarters, located at 8014 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

**Cost per Person:** GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members: \$95.00 Non-Members: \$145.00

**Class Description:** This intensive hands-on, entry-level course will provide the students with a basic knowledge of the tools, theory and techniques used in forced openings of safes through discussion and hands-on training. Class will primarily focus on defeat of the lock, with some additional instruction on methods to defeat of the container when necessary. Students who complete this class will be able to diagnose common safe lock-out causes and formulate and implement attack strategies to successfully open the safe. NJ Licensed Locksmiths who complete this course will receive 7.5 CEU's towards their 2013 NJ Locksmith License renewal. All students will receive a GPLA certificate suitable for framing

Eye protection is a must, and students should also bring a penlight or scope, drill motor, several sharp 1/8" and 1/4" drill bits, 25' extension cord, end or diagonal cutters, vice grips, assorted Phillips and slotted screwdrivers, pencil and paper

Lunch will be provided. Go to [gpla.org](http://gpla.org) for class or weather cancellation updates, or contact: Cliff Shafer at 609-352-6426. **NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive credit.**

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this month to lay-out plans. He promises the theme for the Friday Night Social will be a lot of fun and everyone will leave with a smile. Cliff Shafer added that the GPLA has been officially approved to teach the first official Kaba Mas X-10 lock class. Cliff Shafer also noted said that Bob Mock will be teaching his Locksmithing 101 course.

**Newsletter:** Editor Mike Nimmo was not present therefore no newsletter report. Cliff Shafer reported that a few people are still not receiving the newsletter. Sven reported that Carolyn Connelly did not receive the newsletter and she wants to be notified of any convention news.

**Building:** Ron Marcinkowski is continuing to investigate the high cost of the electric bill. He stated that he is getting nowhere with PECO. Ron spoke to an Electrician about what could be causing the high energy bill. The Electrician said that one of the largest problems you can have for energy loss is an empty freezer which would cause the refrigerator to keep running. Ron put a couple jugs of water into the freezer hoping that this will help. Ron verified this information with an appliance salesman. Sven mentioned GPLA would gladly accept a donation of a refrigeration only unit without a freezer.

**Health and Welfare:** Bob Monk reported that we lost a long time member, Sonny Haigh. Jimmy Armenakis lost his Mother and on his way to Greece for the funeral found out that his Niece passed away. Also, Mark Smith new shop member had a heart attack. Our thoughts went out to all.

**By-Laws:** Orvis Kline stated that By-Laws are all squared away.

**Membership:** Nelson Dayton reported that he received some applications for membership for some of Magee's Locksmiths. but the applications need to be approved at the next board meeting.

**Education:** Cliff Shafer mentioned that only 2 people signed up for the Lock Picking course and it may not go. He stated that the course is the exact same course taught at the GPLA convention with the same instructors but 1/3 the cost for members and the food is better.

President Cliff Shafer also informed the association of the following CEU approved courses that are coming up and to sign up as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 9, Panic Devices, Instructors John Truempy and Vernon Kelley, 8 CEU's  
Saturday, June 15, ASSA High Security Locks, Instructor Tom Demont, 4 CEU's  
Saturday, June 29, Electronic Access Control, Instructor Tom Foxwell, 7 CEU's  
Saturday, July 27, Basic Safe Drilling, Instructor Cliff Shafer, 7 ½ CEU's

**NJ Legislation:** See Correction above.

**PA Legislation:** Nothing to report

**Electronics/Communications:** Orvis Kline sent out his "Constant Contact" email. Orvis stated that if you did not get an email to drop him a line so he can update his list. Orvis also stated that he has been relearning HTML and FrontPage and has been updating the GPLA web page. Orvis added a new link to the courses being offered this year with down-loadable PDF registration forms. Orvis asked if you see anything on the website that may need to be fixed to send him an email.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Maurice Onraet went to check out the new locksmith shop, AM/PM Locksmiths that Jimmy Armenakis reported that N.E. Philadelphia on Bustleton Avenue but found out that they are closed on Saturdays.

## *Potential Members to be Voted on at June Membership Meeting*

Jay Ricciardi	Shop Member	Sponsor: Ed Fitzgerald
Michael Hall	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jack Magee
Harold McHale	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jack Magee
Daniel McHale	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jack Magee
Cheri Gizzie	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jack Magee
John Reimel	Shop Member	Sponsor: Jack Magee

**Good of the Association:** Orvis Kline stated that there were almost 600 attendees from all over the world at JustCars in Las Vegas on May 3rd and 4th. Orvis taught a High Security course and Paul Kline worked security at the event. Orvis mentioned that JustCars in next year's event will be on May 2nd and 3rd in Orlando Florida.

Bob Mock noted at the end of February ALOA had their first Latin American convention in Guadalajara Mexico. He said it was extremely well attended with Locksmiths from 17 different countries. Bob also mentioned that it is an election year at ALOA. He stated that Tom Demont is running unopposed for President and all ALOA members should show their support for all of Tom's hard work by casting a vote for him. Bob also wanted to make everyone aware that Mary May, a long-time employee of ALOA has become executive director and is doing a fantastic job. Bob wanted everyone to know that ALOA Convention is coming up in Baltimore and is only a day trip away. He stated that and everyone should check out the river excursion and the kickoff party.

Ron Marcinkowski mentioned Tom Demont is working very hard against scammers. Ron stated that Mark Baldino put a website to help prevent scammers, [www.legallocksmiths.com](http://www.legallocksmiths.com). Ron also stated that you can have a premier ad on legallocksmiths for \$100.00 per month. Ron mentioned that you also can report scammers on Mark Baldino's website.

Orvis Kline said that Clearstar is now a sponsor of GPLA.

**50/50:** The amount of \$57 was won as was various prizes were distributed including Detex door hardware from Gerald Guzinski of Discount Hardware of Philadelphia and a nice tee-shirt that Orvis brought back from Justcars.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Fitzgerald, 2nd by Sven Hellwig and was carried unanimously at 9:58

Maurice Onraet  
Substitute Recording Secretary



## The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association

GPLA is pleased to present a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved 7-CEU Course:  
**Electronic Access Control**

**Instructor:** *Tom Foxwell*

**Date & Time:** Saturday, June 29, 2013 - 8 am to 5:00 pm

**Location:** GPLA Headquarters, located at 8014 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

**Cost per Person:** GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members: \$95.00 Non-Members: \$145.00

**Class Description:** The demand for electronic access control continues to grow at a rapid pace. This hands-on class will take you from initial site survey, system layout and hardware selection to wiring and installation. Students will learn electric strike and mag lock application and installation and how to professionally wire and install an electronic access control system. You will learn methods that will enable the job to go quicker, easier and be more cost effective with the end result being a professionally installed system that will pass any code inspection. You will also learn stand-alone type locks, switches, relays, and wiring drawings will be discussed. Students should bring small screwdrivers, wire cutters, wire strippers and a volt-ohm meter. A GPLA certificate suitable for framing will be awarded to all students. NJ locksmith license holders will receive a 7 CEU certificate for their 2013 NJ State Locksmith License renewal.

Lunch will be provided. Go to [gpla.org](http://gpla.org) for class or weather cancellation updates, or contact: Cliff Shafer at 609-352-6426.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 PM**

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

**SCHEDULED PROGRAM:**

**COOKOUT AND CLEAN-UP**

**The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association**  
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**71 Cutchogue Trail**  
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