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PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

I was reminded recently of some of the huge benefits of attending conventions and trade shows, such as our own GPLA Security Training Seminar and Product Exhibit (September 30th through October 3rd, 2015), the ALOA Convention and Security Expo (July 19th – 26th, 2015 in Reno, NV) and many others, by my attendance at the extremely successful Just Cars Show in Scottsdale, AZ!!

Not only did fellow attendees, Paul Kline and Sven Hellwig, and I get a great update on the ever increasing complexity and knowledge required to remain proficient in our primary field (Automotive Locksmithing), but we were able to spend some time exploring the local area. This part included a 37 mile 4-wheeler trip through the desert and a canyon that the Butterfield Stage Mail route used to follow in the 1850's, a trip to Tombstone to take part in the reenactment of the "Gunfight at OK Corral" (which we found out was a Hollywood "embellishment" - the fight did not occur at the Corral – but in an alley nearby), and a trip to Bisbee, AZ to visit one of the largest copper mines in the world!! Living and working in Arizona is in sharp contrast to what we're used to! Oh – did I mention – we also got to handle and look at all the new toys – I mean tools – which we can buy to help us earn a living.

Our program for our General Membership Meeting on Monday, May 18th, will be "Basic Wiring and Devices – Hands On", presented by longtime GPLA member, Murray Bilker! Light snacks and refreshments will be available at 7:15 PM and our program will commence at 7:30 PM! Come out and join us and learn a few things about basic wiring techniques and devices in use in our industry!!

Another reminder to everyone that GPLA has scholarship's (two full days of classes at our 2015 Convention) available to GPLA members and members of sister Associations!! Go to the GPLA

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Minutes of the April 2015 GPLA General Membership Meeting

The March GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at Headquarters April 20, 2015, and was called to order by President Orvis Kline at 7:33 pm. Sergeant At Arms Bruce Wallen led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was 1 guest, Scott Roop of Clark Security.

Program: Murray Bilker gave a 25-minute presentation on storefront door servicing.

Minutes: Motion by Murray to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Barry Wilensky, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Martin Arnold reported that since the last Board meeting was cancelled there is no approved report to report. Also, Dan McFarland has resigned. We have 109 total members now.

Correspondence In & Out: Secretary Paul Kline reported receiving Don O'Shall's new publication, "The Definitive Guide To Rotating Constant Masterkeying" as a donation to our Library. Paul will send a thank you. Our newsletter was mailed to 4 members. We received an invitation from the PBF AA to attend their convention in Valley Forge in May.

President's Report: As Chair of the GPLA nominating committee, Orvis is soliciting members to run for office. SAVTA is coming up, and he, Paul, and Sven Hellwig are going to Just Cars in Arizona.

Health & Welfare: none

Newsletter: none

Convention: Chairman Cliff Shafer has secured 3 Gold sponsors so far – Allegion, Clearstar, and Medeco. Friday night will be Pirate Night. Education Chairman John Williams reported that the classes are finalized. Exhibit Chairman Ed Fitzgerald said booth contracts will be mailed out in early May. Cliff reminded us that we offer scholarships each year toward our Convention classes, and that you must be an Active, Apprentice, or Shop member.

Building: The roof leaked in the bathroom.

Membership: There are 3 applications in process.

Legislation: PA – none. NJ – Ed said they are developing a new website.

Holiday Party: Paul reported next year's party will be Saturday, December 12, at the Cannstatter Club.

Good of the Association: Cliff reported a problem with Wink Z-wave routers that suddenly locked up. The company had to ship out a bunch of free ones. Also, the ELF convention will be in Ireland next month. Ed, Jack Magee, and Bob Mock plan to attend.

50/50: Several people won various prizes.

At 8:43 pm the President called for a motion to adjourn. Sven Hellwig made the motion, seconded by John Williams, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelson Dayton, Recording Secretary

Applicants to be considered for membership:

Under the vetting process, each applicant must attend 2 of the next 4 meetings to qualify for voting into the Association. The Board of Directors on May 4 approved the applicants for presentation to the Membership.

Gabriel Kanas

Apprentice Member

Sponsor: Cliff Shafer (CLC Locksmiths)

Scott Roop

Associate Member

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After each applicant attends 2 meetings, they may be voted into the Membership at the next official meeting

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web site (gpla.org) and click on “GPLA Scholarships” in the left panel for full information and downloadable applications. Take advantage of this member benefit!

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Fraternally,

Orvis A Kline, CPL, CAL

President, GPLA

Calendar of Events

May 18	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
June 15	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
July 19-26	ALOA Convention	Reno, NV
Sept 30-Oct 3	GPLA Convention & Tradeshow	Philadelphia, PA
Dec 14	GPLA Holiday Party	Pennsauken, NJ

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015

GPLA HEADQUARTERS
8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

SCHEDULED PROGRAM:

Murray Bilker presents ...

BASIC WIRING AND DEVICES – HANDS ON

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