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**Our next meeting is scheduled
for Monday May 15**

PROGRAM

T.B.A

**Tickets will be issued for another
Pin Kit donated by LAB**

**2023 Membership Rosters and ID card will
be available**

Thank you LAB for your support!



Presidents message

Hello GPLA members and friends,

Spring has arrived, summer is right around the corner, and there are a lot of things going on. Our education chairman Cliff Shafer has lined up a picking class with New Jersey CEU credits for June 10th, so if you're interested you should check the website and sign up early as class size is limited. If there are any classes you would like to see this summer or in the fall, please let Cliff know so he can investigate what's available. These classes take planning, and the support is needed to make them happen. With no convention this year, there is a good possibility Cliff may try to line up another class or 2 for this fall.

The ALOA convention will be held in Orlando, FL from August 6th to the 12th. There's an opportunity to mix a little education and business with vacation time and take advantage of the product exhibit offered there too.

Convention Chairman Sven Hellwig called a meeting in April to go over the numerous venue's he has visited, on his own time thank you Sven, in preparation for the 75th Anniversary Convention in 2024. We hope the location and dates can be confirmed soon so the committee can get to work with planning what we hope will be a memorable event.

We will have several applicants for membership to be voted on at the general meeting on May 15th. Since we did not have a quorum at the March meeting, those voting members in attendance will make up a quorum this month, as required in the bylaws. The board would still like to see a good turnout as an indication of the members' interest in attending meetings and having programs of interest to present. Hope to see you on the 15th. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ed Fitzgerald, CML
President



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Membership Rosters**

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Membership Notes

We will vote on the following applicants at the May meeting.

Martin White, CPL, employed by Villanova University applied for active member of GPLA. Martin application was filled during the 2022 convention drive.

Anthony Wiersielis, is from Staten Island, NY. He is the NE director of ALOA. Tony applied for Associate membership. Tony was sponsored by Bob Mock.

Dan McGlynn, CML from Hopelawn NJ as active member, he was sponsored by Ed Fitzgerald

Johnny DePew, as Apprentice member. Johnny is a self employed part time Mobile locksmith from Lower Masefield, PA. He is Sponsored by Paul Kline.

The above mentioned candidates are not allowed to attend this meeting

Life member # 46 Sonny Brunell, suffered a mini-stroke recently and had a stent placed in one of his main arteries. Another blocked artery needs to be opened up at a future date. He is recovering at home and doing well.

Upcoming Conventions in 2023

Welcome to ELF 2023 in Helsinki Finland on June 8th-10th!

ALOA wil be August 6 to 12, 2023 In Orlando, FL

The International Automotive Association convention will be
September 14 to16 in Kansas City, MO

2023 Yankee show is from October 25 to October 29 in Springfield, MA

Friend from over the pond asked me to publish this info on the MLA Expo



MLA EXPO 2023



GPLA

is pleased to present a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved 8.0-CEU Course:

Lock Picking

Instructors: John Truempy, CFL, CRL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI
Vernon Kelley, CFDI, CFL, CPL, CMIL, ICML, IFDI, LSFDI

Date & Time: Saturday, June 10, 2023 – 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: GPLA Headquarters, located at 8013 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

Cost per Person: GPLA, SJLA, ALOA, MLANJ and NJMLA Members: \$115.00 Non-Members: \$165.00

Class Description:

Lock picking is one of our industry’s “signature” skills. While this 1-day course that is designed with the novice locksmith in mind, it is also an excellent opportunity for the veteran to improve their skills as well! Students will have a chance to experiment with many types of lock picking tools and techniques. While a large portion of the class is hands-on, students should still come prepared to take notes. A large assortment of picks will be provided, students are also encouraged to bring their own picks. This class will sell out quickly as class size is limited to 20 students. Don’t hesitate, mail your registration in today!

NJ Locksmiths will receive an 8 CEU certificate for their 2025 NJ State Locksmith License renewal. Students must bring their NJ State License to class to receive their CEUs.

A GPLA certificate suitable for framing will be awarded to each student.

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A Timeline for the History of Locksmithing

BY DON OSHALL

This story started in the February newsletter

In 1941, A fastener salesman named Curtis was owed money from a gas station owner who was broke. In payment the owner gave him the right to a tool he had developed for punching automotive keys by using a levered punch and a slotted post. Curtis marketed it as the Curtis Model 10. Two years later Curtis modified it to a multiple sided rotating post which became the Model 12. Later, discs replaced the slotted post, inserts permitted better key holding, and it became the model 14 clipper.

In 1945, Kwikset was formed, and was in full production in 1947.

In 1946, George Houlsey, Jr. patented the first in- the-floor door closer.

In 1948, Harry C Miller made the first heavy duty combination padlock for use on file cabinets.

In 1949, Harry C Miller developed the first "manipulation proof" safe and vault lock.

In 1949, the Hollow Metal door group standardized cylindrical lock preparations at 2-3/8 inch backset for residential and 2-3/4 inch backset for heavy duty cylindrical locks.

In 1950, the Locksmith Ledger published an article by Hollis DeVines that featured the first quadrille type chart for master key system development, the predecessor of the Standard Progression Format chart.

In 1950, Sargent introduced the Align-a-lock which could fit both the new standardized backsets.

In 1953, the Greater Philadelphia Locksmith Assn. began awarding the Philadelphia Award, which has been awarded annually since, and is arguably the industry's most prestigious award.

In 1955, the Associated Locksmiths of America was incorporated in New York.

In 1956 Adams-Rite introduced the 1850 series MS- Deadbolt with a swinging bolt.

In 1957 Lockmasters began teaching safe lock education.

In 1958, James Dayton Jr published an article in the Locksmith Ledger on master key system decoding using a series of progressive keys based upon the known master key to discover individual combinations without the need to disassemble the lock or cylinder.

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In 1968, Bill Zipf introduced the .010 inch increment universal pinning kit.

In 1968, Medeco (MEchanical DEvelopment COmpany) revolutionized the concept of high security locks through the use of a sidebar lock and rotating pins within the same lock

Also The National Locksmith magazine takes on new ownership and a bold new look.

In 1968, Wiegend Jensen developed the Jensen Microcrafter Code Key Machine.

In 1969, GM introduces steering column mounted locks for American automobiles.

In 1971, the gasoline crisis hit America and for the first time, foreign made automobiles began to become popular.

In 1972, Bertram Michaels and Paul Viertels provided a training manual, Steering Column Lock Service, on servicing steering column lock for automobiles, the first such manual for locksmiths.

In 1974, Frank Baxter, Buddy Logan and Don O'Shall all introduced books training locksmiths on servicing foreign automotive locks. Buddy went on to form ASP auto lock products, supplying locksmiths with foreign auto lock parts. Don O'Shall went on to write many books and many articles for The National Locksmith and The Institutional Locksmith magazines.

In 1975, Frank LaGard introduced the 1200 Code Key Machine which later was licensed to HPC.

In 1976, Wiegend Jensen and Bertram Michaels created the first master keying correspondence course, bringing professional master keying techniques to Locksmiths all across the country for the first time. Their course textbook is called Master Keying Simplified, the same name as an unrelated book by Don O'Shall, introduced the same year.

In 1977, LAB introduced the .003 increment pinning kit to fit lock cylinders even more closely.

In 1978 Vic Fanberg publishes the Locksmith Gazette, including complex diagrams introducing the concept of Matrix style master key system display.

In 1979, Billy B. Edwards, Jr published The Master Plan, the first book to mention Rotating Constant Method since the turn of the century.

In 1979 Bill Reed starts the "Frank and Bill" travelling education seminar program which eventually includes such names as Hank Spicer, Gerry Finch, Steve Young, and many others. Also The National Locksmith magazine takes on new ownership and a bold new look.

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