

TEXAS LOCKSMITH'S ADVISOR

November 2006

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President's Message

For the last month your TLA Board has been very busy with the final steps to get the convention packets ready for mailing. The plan is to get them out by November 1st. Everyone should be looking at all the *Great* classes John Arnold has put together for you the membership, but don't procrastinate. The classes need students or they are cancelled. You should find a class or two that excites you. We are going to also try something different and offer a few classes on Sunday. This will let those that are working during the week the opportunity to attend at least one class.

I am still receiving many calls each week from locksmiths around the state wanting information on all sorts of things. There are several days I feel like an employment agency with calls from out of state. Many people are moving to Texas and looking for employment. I try to point them to contacts in the areas they are moving, although, I don't have a list of job openings. If you have a job opening at your company , you might consider posting it on the website.

Roy Yetter
President

***ADVISOR* Delivery Problems Explained**

TLA apologizes for the tardiness of the October issue of the *ADVISOR* to those of you who receive it in a hard copy form. The printer received it and printed it on time, and delivered it to the bulk mailer in Abilene, who notified us after a time that they were no longer doing bulk mailing on publications such as ours. We had to scramble to come up with a plan, and we are pleased that the printer, Best Printing, will now handle the printing and mailing at the same cost. We still have occasional problems with the post office, but will continue to try to get your booklet to you in a timely manner. It is also available on the TLA web site.

Subscribe to TLA's eMailing List to receive this publication [Texas Locksmiths Advisor] by email/download instead of regular mail. Go to www.texaslocksmiths.org/advisor and Subscribe to the eMailing List for User Name / Password to Members Area . Or, send an email to tladvisor@texaslocksmiths.org with SUBSCRIBE in the Subject line. You must supply your Last Name, First Name, TLA Member # and send from a valid email address. Note: AOL has a bulk email blocking system; Please use an alternate email account/address.

I encourage you to Subscribe to TLA's eMailing List to receive important announcements and the most up-to-date information as it is posted. By subscribing, you will also save the Association printing and mailing costs.

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE FUND

The Texas Locksmiths Association monitors legislation, licensing, and regulation to look after the interests of locksmiths in Texas. A portion of the membership dues helps maintain this program, but additional contributions are needed. Those wishing to support this effort with a donation or donate items for auction, please contact a member of the board or call 1-877-TLA-INFO.

UP COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
4	TLA BOARD MEETING	11	ALNT MEETS
9	LASA MEETS	12	GHLA MEETS
13	ALNT MEETS	14	LASA MEETS
14	GHLA MEETS	18	GDLA MEETS
20	GDLA MEETS	25	CHRISTMAS
23	THANKSGIVING	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE

Visit TLA's Website at www.texaslocksmiths.org



TLA IS AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OF ALOA
www.aloa.org

MEMBERSHIP

The following persons have applied for membership in the Texas Locksmiths Association.

Applicants will be listed in the Advisor for a period of 30 days to allow members the opportunity to identify any applicant that may be deemed "not suitable" for membership and allow proper notification of the Secretary, Colleen McAdoo at 832-593-8755 or email sec@texaslocksmiths.org, of such applicant.

Due to the recent bylaw change requiring posing for 30 days, all previous applicants have been published and were approved by the Board.

Anica Delgado, Victoria, TX
Carl D. Beckom, Killeen, TX

Texas License Verification

If you are curious as to whether an individual or company is licensed through the Department of Public Safety, it is simple to research on the DPS web site. To do so, just follow these steps:

1. Go to the Texas DPS Private Security Board Web Page at <http://www.tcps.state.tx.us>
2. On the Bottom Left, Select Search Individual or Search Company.
3. Enter Known Information

B.O.D Meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER

BOD

Treasurer position a priority. Budget for Door Prizes for convention at \$500.00. 1st motion John Arnold – 2nd motion Colleen McAdoo. Unanimous approval by board.

BENEDICTION

BILLY GARRETT

ADJORN MEETING

ROY YETTER

TLA LONGHORN AWARD

The Texas Locksmiths Association recognizes a member of our association each year through presentation of the TLA Longhorn Award.

The person recognized must have provided extended unselfish devotion to the Texas Locksmiths Association without compensation, and through those efforts have made TLA a better association with lasting results.

The award is patterned after the most prestigious locksmith industry award, The Philadelphia Award.

Some members having received the award include:

Larry McCall	Howard Johnsen	Bill Reed
Gerald Connelly	Breck Camp	Herman Stroud
Judy Clifford	Rex Parmelee	Wanda Clark
Andrea Dee Buchs	James P. Rushing	Butch Titus
Pat Titus	ALOA	Dan Floeck

*TO PLACE YOUR NOMINATION FOR THIS AWARD, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN TO THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007.

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I, _____ nominate _____
As a candidate for receipt of the TLA Longhorn Award based on the following:

(attach separate page if needed.)

**Visit TLA's Website at
www.texaslocksmiths.org**

SUBMISSIONS TO TEXAS LOCKSMITHS ADVISOR

**Send your Comments, Questions, Suggestions, Articles, Letters,
Tips & Tricks, News & Class/Event Information to the Editor by:**

Email to: TLA_Newsletter@hotmail.com

Regular Mail to:

Steve Sandlin

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Submissions for inclusion in this publication must be received by the 10th of the month prior to the publication date. E.g., Submissions for the December issue must be received by November 10.

TLA Board to Meet

The Board of Directors of the Texas Locksmiths Association will meet in their quarterly meeting Saturday, November 4, 2006 in San Antonio. The meeting will be held in the El Tropicano Hotel, 110 Lexington Avenue on San Antonio's riverwalk. The meeting will address normal association business and discuss the possible location for the 2008 convention.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting. Additional information is available through any board member.

The date published in the October Advisor was incorrect, so please note that November 4 is correct.

***Happy
Thanksgiving***

LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

BASED ON OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION

I, _____ nominate _____

for a life membership in the Texas Locksmiths Association.

I feel this member qualifies for Life Membership based on the reasons indicated below: *(please check all that apply.)*

- Has served on the TLA Board
- Has served on TLA committees
- Has written articles for TLA *Advisor*
- Has been a TLA member for _____ years
- Has taught classes for TLA
- Has formed classes for TLA
- Has served as Director to TLA

Local Association affiliation _____

**Please understand that not every nominee for Life Membership may receive one; we are limited to the number of awards we may offer each year. In case of multiple nominations, awards will be given based on the nominee's contributions to the association.*

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN
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*The Greater Houston Locksmiths Association
Presents:
LOCKSMITH REFRESHER COURSE & ETHICS CLASS
INSTRUCTOR: C.D. LIPSCOMB*

NOVEMBER 18, 2006

*9:00AM—5:00PM—REFRESHER COURSE
COST: GHLA MBR.—\$60:00 NEN MEMBER—\$75.00
(if taking both classes— Ethics is included in cost)*

*5:00PM—6:00PM—ETHICS
COST: \$10.00 IF TAKEN WITHOUT REFRESHER COURSE*

*Earn your required education hours for the State of Texas,
including a 1 hour ethics class, all in one day. Classes will be
instructed by lecture and followed by group discussion. Bring
note taking materials. Each student will receive a signed certifi-
cate for proof of CEU's.*

Schedule:

*Doors open at 8:00am / class begins at 9:00am and ethics be-
gins at 5:00pm*

*Pre-registration is required /seats limited to first 45 registered.
No late comers will be allowed entrance—BE THERE BY 9AM
Morning and afternoon breaks with LUNCH ON YOUR OWN*

Subjects Covered:

<i>By-Pass Methods</i>	<i>Licensing re-registration</i>
<i>2006 Model Car Opening</i>	<i>Locksmith Software</i>
<i>Keyboard Management</i>	<i>Locksmiths and the Law</i>
<i>Shop Management</i>	<i>1 hr. Ethics Class</i>
<i>Collecting your money</i>	<i>Service Call Management</i>

Location:

*H.L. FLAKE CLASSROOM 5005 GULF FWY. / HOUSTON
FOR DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION CALL:
JUDY CLIFFORD 979.297.2413 anchor@houston.rr.com
SEE REGISTRATION PAGE AT www.houstonlocksmiths.org*

**CLASS #8
LOCKSMITH REFRESHER TRAINING – 7HR. CEU’S
ETHICS – 1 HR. REQUIRED CEU**

Instructor: C.D. Lipscomb, CML, CPS, CIL

Saturday, November 18, 2006

H.L. Flake Company

9:00AM – 6:00PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

COST: \$60.00 GHLA MEMBER

\$75.00 NON-MEMBER

IF TAKING ETHICS CLASS ONLY - \$10.00 PER PERSON

Earn your required education hours for the State of Texas, including a 1 hour ethics class, all in one day. Classes will be instructed by lecture and followed by group discussion. No materials will be furnished or required. Bring note taking materials. Even the most experienced locksmith will learn something new. Each student will receive a class certificate to verify completion of class hours.

SCHEDULE: Class from 9-5 and Ethics from 5-6

- Pre-Registration required / class size limited to 45
- You must be in class a full 7 hours to receive your certificate
- *****no late comers will receive a certificate!**
- Morning and afternoon breaks / Lunch on your own
- \$60.00 per person if a **GHLA** member - \$75.00 non member
\$10.00 for Ethics class only

SUBJECTS COVERED:

- * Bypass methods *Licensing Re-Registration
 - * 2006 Model Car Opening Methods
 - * Keyboard Management *Locksmithing Software
 - * Shop Management *Locksmiths and the Law
 - * Service Call Management *Collecting your money
- *1 hr. Locksmith Ethics Refresher Class

REGISTRATION FORM: (Make Checks Payable To: GHLA)

NAME: _____ **STATE LICENSE #** _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET/BOX CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE #: _____ **TDL# OR SS #** _____

INDICATE: COMPLETE CLASS: _____ **ETHICS ONLY:** _____

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:
JUDY CLIFFORD P.O. BOX 217 LAKE JACKSON, TX. 77566
FOR INFORMATION CALL: JUDY @ 979-297-2413**

GEORGE ROBBINS MEMORIAL EDUCATION AWARD

This award was established to recognize a member of the industry for his/her outstanding accomplishments in the field of educational service to the Texas Locksmiths Association.

Recipients of this award must have qualifications in teaching, planning, and/or managing educational classes for the Texas Locksmiths Association. Nominees should meet one or more of these accomplishments to qualify.

Some past recipients include:

Rex Parmelee	James P. Rushing	Buddy Clifford
Bill Reed	Kenny Lee	Steve Young
Gus Pena	Jerry McNickle	Wanda Clark
Judy Clifford	Keith Knott	Jim Hetchler

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I, _____ nominate _____
For the George Robbins Education Award based on the following:

(use additional page if needed.)

DPS Regulation Notes

We are as you should know are under the control of the Department of Public Safety, Private Security Bureau for licensure. This has been in effect since September 2004. Yet there are still some pretty good size shops and individuals out there that are not licensed. I fail to understand why they would jeopardize their lively hood????

Can anyone help me here? There is one shop I just became aware of that is owned by a really nice guy. He has been in business 20 years. Do you think he is going to do anything else beside Locksmithing? Yet he has not acquired his company license. Someone found out and filed a complaint to DPS. An Investigator is on the way to his place of business as I type. This is going to be an expensive lesson for him.

As stated in the Commission rules:

422.02 PERMITTING OR ALLOWING VIOLATIONS

Any person who has applied for or been issued a license, registration, security officer commission, instructor approval, school approval, or letter of authority, shall not knowingly permit or allow any person to violate a provision of the Act, a Commission rule, or any Criminal Statute.

If you have a company license with the State and you knowingly allow a person or company to function in the capacity as a Locksmith you are in violation of the Commission rules.

Please don't jeopardize your company for the sake of someone who chooses to ignore State Law.

You may not like the law or agree with it but that doesn't make any less responsible to obey it! You can go to your various legislators' and seek a change. That is all you can do other than comply. Don't be foolish.

Jim Hetchler

210-CAR-KEYS

LockPAC Pledge Card

One for One

(One service call fee for One year)

The Texas Locksmith Association needs your help! The future of OUR industry is in our hands. If you want the laws of this state to reflect your wishes, and be passed into law in a way that benefits all locksmiths of our great state, then TLA is asking for two things of you.

1. Would you pledge one service call fee a month for one year?
2. Would you make an honest attempt to sign up a non –member. The leaders of our state must see that the TLA represents the majority.

If each one of the companies currently a member of TLA pledge the above, we would double our membership to about 1000 in a year! And provide OUR lobbyist the tools to work on our behalf. Invest in your future. The license laws are new, and will change! Let's make sure they change in our favor! Please sign up today!

I, _____ will pledge one service call fee per month for one year to support our lobbyist efforts, and I will contact one non-member and ask him to join TLA.

It's that simple! You my mail in your pledge monthly, quarterly, or yearly. Thank you in advance for being responsible with our future, together.

TLA Board of Directors.....

Company Name: _____

TLA Member Number: _____

April Board Meeting Minutes

THE TEXAS LOCKSMITH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THE HOTEL SOFITEL IN HOUSTON, TX
APRIL 8, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:10AM	ROY YETTER
INVOCATION	BILLY GARRETT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	JOHN EASTERLING
ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS	COLLEEN MCADOO
All present except for Steve Sandlin and Jim Hetchler	
RECOGNIZE GUESTS PRESENT	ROY YETTER
One guest present – Janice Yetter	
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	COLLEEN MCADOO
Read General Membership Meeting from Feb. 10, 2006 at the Hotel Doral – One correction noted	
NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER POSITION	BOD
Troy Maynard – no appearance at BOD meeting Jason Miller from Odessa Delaying vote until later	
COMMUNICATIONS	BOD
Discussed Computer Class for convention Jim Hetchler mailed bill to secretary for 800 # Discussed bills for printing and mailing Discussed putting interactive questions on website	
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	OTTO ARNIM
Needs full membership reports. Names to be voted on next 30 days – applications need to be reviewed.	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	JIM HETCHLER
No report	
ADVISOR	STEVE SANDLIN
No report	
WEB MASTER	GLENN KOONS
Upgrade for website – hosting change to cost approx. \$250.00. Anonymous Donor has donated \$1500.00	

B.O.D. Minutes *con't from previous page*

software upgrade. 1st motion by John Easterling – 2nd motion by Robert Vinyard. Approved by BOD vote.

EDUCATION

JOHN ARNOLD

Classes for 2007 discussed were computer classes, business classes, 4 hour classes for Sunday, Ethics Classes for minimum charge with monies to legislative fund. Craft Class for spouses proposed for minimum charge w/lunch by Janice Yetter.

FINANCE REPORT

NONE AVAILABLE

GRIEVANCE

JOHN EASTERLING

No grievances reported

LUNCH AND TOUR OF HOTEL 12:00PM TO 2:30pm BOD

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ROY YETTER

CEU'S to remain the same, companies being investigated

RULES & BY-LAWS

ROBERT VINYARD

By-laws with changes to be printed in booklet form
Send current by-laws to Glenn Koons in pdf format

PUBLIC RELATIONS

ROY YETTER & BOD

Hans Johnson show in Dallas was lacking TLA materials
All Board to keep applications and promote TLA

SECRETARY REPORT

COLLEEN MCADOO

Contacting Troy Maynard to reschedule for training as he was a no show

EXHIBITS 2007

BILLY GARRETT

Booth price to be \$475.00 to determine with or without lunch
Checking with Freeman on layout of booths at the Sofitel

CONVENTION

BOD

Hotel Sofitel discussed for 2007 convention
1st motion by Robert Vinyard, 2nd motion by Otto Arnim
BOD vote unanimous approval for the Hotel Sofitel

NEW BUSINESS

BOD

Road Shows discussed training in Abilene @ Flake location
And Odessa area show at Jason Miller's classroom in shop
Master of Ceremonies at head table for banquet night
Plaques to be awarded will be looked at by Janice Yetter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Complete and Mail to Secretary
Or email information to sec@texaslocksmiths.org

OLD:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

NEW:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ Effective Date _____

_____ FOLD HERE _____

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HERE**

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