

"Make sure you don't lose the students you've spent so much energy to acquire."

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Field Suitcase First Newsletter

Keeping an open line of communication is vital for the success of our program. I will be sending out a newsletter to all the instructors and coordinators a few times a year so we can stay informed on the progress of this program. Please email me if you have anything you would like included in the newsletter or if you have something that you would like to contribute to the newsletter. You can reach me at clock@execpc.com.

National Convention F101 Class

A F101 class was held in conjunction with The National Convention in Charlotte, NC. This class was a great success. There were eleven students in the class coming from all over the country. There were many great comments from the students and they can't wait for more classes to be offered. We are now underway to put on a F100 and a F201 class for next year at the National in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Thanks to Joel Dunipace who was the instructor for this class with help from fellow instructors Lehr Dircks, Fred Tischler, and myself. As always, thanks to Pam Tischler for her hard work in setting up the class.

F100 and F201

During the education meeting, the F100 Fundamental Skills class and the F201 Lathe classes were discussed. The committee approved both classes and now they will be part of the full series of classes being offered in our program.

The F100 class covers:

1. Different metals used in clocks and their properties.
2. The skills needed to cut, shape, drill, solder, harden and temper metals.
3. Basic hand tools needed for fundamental clock repair and their use.
4. Options for buying a lathe, spring winder, bushing tool and accessories.

The F201 class covers:

1. Introduction to the lathe and accessories.
2. Basic lathe care and maintenance.
3. Sawing, lapping, drilling, grinding, filing, and burnishing hard and soft metals.
4. Student lathe projects.

The F100 will be the prerequisite for the F102 class and the F100 will also be the prerequisite for the F201 class. Special thanks to Joel Dunipace and Fred Tischler for their hard work.

Coordinator Corner

The Education committee has come up with an incentive program for the coordinators of the suitcase program. If the coordinator can fill 8 paying spots for the class that he is setting up, they will receive tuition (number 9) for free. This is a way for us to say thanks for all the hard work setting up these classes.

New Coordinators

1. Roy Williams with Chapter 176 (FL)
2. Brian Lance with Chapter 35 (KY)
3. Andy Dervan with Chapter 6 (Michigan)

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F301 Pocket Watch Repair

Due to popular demand, a new class is being developed for the suitcase program. It is the F301 Basic Pocket Watch Repair. This class will deal with the disassembly, cleaning, and reassembly of a running pocket watch. The draft for this class is done and test classes will be scheduled for next year. If all goes well, the class will showcase at the 2005 National in Florida.

Education Committee

The following members make up the Education Committee.

Mike Dempsey, Chairman

Fred Tischler

Pam Tischler

George Orr

John McGrory

Al Dodson

Lehr Dircks

Joel Dunipace

Jack Heisler

Craig Grosby

New Instructors:

Jim Chamberlain

Jeff Hamilton

Jack Heisler