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

Two FSW Classes Held At The National Convention In Ft. Lauderdale

The FSW Program had two very successful classes in conjunction with the 2005 National. The F301 Introduction to Basic Pocket Watch Repair had eight students from around the country under the tutelage of Jack Heisler from Grafton, Wisconsin. The students were from California, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia.

Joel Dunipace of Ocean Springs, MS taught the F100 Fundamental Skills Repair Course. The eight students were from Florida, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, and North Carolina.

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F100 Course Renamed / Prerequisite Removed

The Education Committee has decided to rename the F100 Fundamental Skills Repair Course. It will be renamed **F200 - Fundamental Skills For Clock Repair & Lathe Preparation**. F200 is no longer a prerequisite for the F102 Time And Strike With Spring Barrels or other clock repair classes. The F200 will still remain the Prerequisite for the F201 and F202 Lathe Classes.

Out Placement Policy In The Works

The Education Committee has agreed to once again try an Outplacement Policy for one to place out of the F101 Introduction To Basic Time And Strike ...The American Kitchen Clock. The Policy will consist of the potential testee disassembling an American Kitchen Clock movement, cleaning the movement, and repairing anything broken. The testee will also be required to take a written test with approximately 20 questions. Once completed, the movement and test will be mailed to a designated instructor. The test and movement will be evaluated and graded and returned back to the testee with a pass or fail grade. The cost will be \$200 with no refund for a failing grade. This will become effective November 1st, 2005.

If you are interested, email me at (mike@clocksandthings.net) or contact Pam at (FSWClass@Comcast.net) or phone 972-612-0712.

F105 Changed To Four Day Class

The F105 400-Day Torsion Pendulum Clock Course has been developed into a four-day course. It will expand on the history and identification of the 400-day clock. The F105 will continue to focus on the repair of the 400-day clock using modern hands-on repair techniques and the latest reference materials. The course can accommodate 8-12 students and the tuition is \$275 per student. The F101 is the prerequisite for the F105.

FSW Courses To Be Offered At The June 2006 National Convention In Cleveland, Ohio!

The FSW Program will be offering the following courses with the 2006 National:

F101 – Introduction to Basic Time And Strike ...American Kitchen Clocks

F201 – Lathe Skills Course (Prerequisite F200)

F301 – Introduction to Basic Pocket Watch Repair...The American Pocket Watch

These classes will be conducted in three days rather than the normal four days. The dates for the classes will be June 19-21, 2006 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM to fit into the three-day format. Students are already registering for these classes so contact FSWClass@Comcast.net if you are interested.

F202 Advanced Lathe Course

The students have been requesting for some time an Advanced Lathe Class. I can report at this time that one is being developed. The first trial class will be held in conjunction with the Florida Winter Regional in Daytona, FL scheduled for February 9-12, 2006. The class will be held Monday thru Thursday February 6-9 2006. Mike Dempsey of Elm Grove, WI will be the Instructor with Joel Dunipace of Ocean Springs, MS acting as the Assistant Instructor.

A few of the projects being covered will be making a staff between centers, making a barrel, arbor, and cover, and some tools and fixtures to make these as well as many more projects. This class should be of interest to both the watch and clock collectors.

Prerequisites will be the F200 and then the F201 to be eligible for this class. Tuition is \$300 for the four-day course.

Friends Of the FSW Program

Just want the Class Coordinators to remember that once you have organized 15 classes, you will automatically become one of the "Friends of the FSW Program"! Joe Cohen has organized 26 classes of the 140 classes the FSW Program has held. Congratulations to Joe and Chapter 60 for promoting the FSW program.

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