

**Next Meeting is
Tuesday,
March 3rd!**

**Meetings begin
at 7:00pm.**

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March 2020

The President's Message

"What a Great Opportunity This Has Been"

For the past 5 years, I have had the opportunity to serve as the president of this great Association and now we will have a new leader who has the same goals that I envisioned: To make this Association one of the best in the country to be a member of.

But let me say he can't do it all by himself. He will still need the support and cooperation to continue on the path and the goals the Board has set out to accomplish. 2020 has brought with it new challenges and new opportunities that must be dealt with in the future. The RMLA needs the support and ideas of each member to meet the needs of the new locksmith, not just in Colorado but all across the nation, because that is where the future is heading. The foundation has been laid through the efforts of so many in the past and now it is time for the building to be built. I believe the Board is on the right track to get the job done in 2020. Let me encourage every member to get involved by coming to the meetings, supporting the training classes, and filling positions on the Board. As I said at the beginning, "What a great opportunity this has been" to represent this Association as President and having a great Board to support me. THANK YOU FOR 5 GREAT YEARS.

**President
John L. Brown Sr.**

Top News from the Board

- ◆ Chuck Haas began the February RMLA meeting by showing the membership another way to decode a lock cylinder to find the master key bitting. Very interesting and useful information. Thank you Chuck!
- ◆ Kent Smith shared the new bumper stickers that the Board has developed, to direct consumers to our website with a QR code. The sticker also includes our RMLA logo and "Find a locksmith". Member contact information will be available to website visitors (consumers), hopefully bringing you additional sales. If you do not want your information (phone number) available, contact Bill Rosell for editing. "Thank you" Kent for all of the effort you put forth on this project.
- ◆ If you have a "how to" video of a project or job that you think other members could benefit from and would like to share it, contact Bill Rosell at cormlalock-smith@gmail.com . After editing, your video should be available to other members at our "members only" section of the website. "Thank you" Bill for helping the RMLA move toward a more digital entity.
- ◆ Membership badges are being processed and will be available soon.
- ◆ The next membership meeting will be March 3rd, 2020. It'd be great to see you all there.
- ◆ With traffic and winter weather, be safe out there.

Got some "Sunshine" for the Rockey Press?
Please send the editor an email at rmlapress@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.

Does not have to be just health; how about a compliment, a community honor, etc.?



Birthdays

Britta Singer-Mann, 3/11

Jerry VonFeldt, 3/25

Brett Miller, 3/29

Business Meetings:
January, April, July, and October

Educational Meetings:
February, May, June, August, September, and November

Induction Meeting:
March

Christmas Party:
December

Tricks of the Trade

Professional Locksmith Secrets Revealed

Club removal and spring steel tip

Here is yet another use for those steel inserts from wiper blades.

I've had numerous calls over the years to remove steering wheel clubs, usually the pick resistant four-sided key variety due to their ability to lock without the necessity of using a key to lock it.

My technique uses a slim-jim I made from the wiper blade insert, that I insert down the shaft alongside the locking bar. Because of the ratcheting spring latch design, I can hook the latch and by manipulating the bar, the locking section slides in past the latch one stop at a time. It only takes two or three stops to have it short enough to remove. The best part is it's in perfect working order should the key turn up later.

This works on broken ones as well, where the cylinder turns but doesn't retract the latch. So put away your drill bits and bar buster, you'll now be opening these in seconds. The original club is deadlocking, but easily picked the conventional way.

James Unsworth, SBC, Canada

Baldwin Images Lever Trick

The cylinders for the Baldwin Images Levers have a small round security plate that fits on the back of the cylinder under the tailpiece and screw cap retainer. Often, you will find especially if the lock has previously been rekeyed that this plate has been left off.

If you're called to open one of these lever sets, insert your pick all the way into the keyway. If you feel it hit a solid obstruction with no spring to it, the plate is in place and you will have to depend on your picking skills to get the lock open.

However, if you push your pick in and can feel springiness, then the plate has been left out.

What you are feeling is a spring loaded actuator rod in the back of the lever mechanism. Simply continue to push on your pick until you can't push it any deeper. Hold the pressure and turn the lever to open the door.

This trick does not unlock the door, it merely allows you to turn the lever and open the door. The door remains in the locked mode.

Crystal Nawrocki, Maryland

Mall Door Location Trick

When doing work at malls, I often have to go through the main entrance first, to notify the store manager that I am present and ready to do the job.

If I'm working on a panic device or other hardware located on the back exit door, I obviously need to pull my service vehicle to the backside of the mall to the door in question. At many malls the doors are not always marked or identified; which makes locating the exact door in question difficult.

To save time and keep from missing the door I'm going to work on, I mark it by using my metallic address-phone/ number labels.

When entering through the main entrance for the first time and checking out the rear door, I apply my sticker to the outside of that door. Then when I drive around the back, I can easily spot the door I need to work on.

Merlin Bechtel, Mississippi

We want to thank THE NATIONAL LOCKSMITH for the use of these tricks of the trade. We hope these can be of some use to the locksmith working in the field.

Little Bit of Humor

One Tuesday morning a guy arrives at the pearly gates. He waits there for ages until he has reached the front of the line. St. Peter is leafing through the big book to see if this guy is worthy to enter heaven. After several minutes, he closes the book, he says you haven't done anything really good in your life, but you haven't done anything bad. Tell you what, if you can tell me one really good deed that you did in your life, I'll let you in.

He thinks for a minute and says, one time when I was out driving I saw a gang assaulting this poor girl. There was about 20 of them. I stopped, got out my car, grabbed the jack out of the trunk, and walked up to the leader of the gang. He was a big guy with a studded leather jacket and a chain running from his nose to his ear. As I walked up to him, the gang formed a circle around me. So I ripped the chain out of his nose and smashed him over the head with the jack. I then turned around and yelled at the rest of them, "Leave the poor girl alone! You're all a bunch of sick, deranged animals! Go home before I kill all of you!"

St. Peter, very impressed, says, WOW! When did this happen?
"He said about ten minutes ago."

There was a man who had only ten days left to live. He told his family to sell all he had and trade in his money for gold and bury it with him in a suitcase, as he wanted to take it to the next world. After he passed away, he approached St. Peter at the pearly gates. When St. Peter asked him to explain what he was doing with the suitcase, the man replied, I brought the most valuable possession I have. Curious, St. Peter asked what it was. The man excitedly opened his suitcase for him to see, and upon viewing what was inside, St. Peter drew a perplexed face and asked, "Pavement?"

One day, a farmer was tending to his livestock when he noticed that one of the cows was completely cross-eyed. He called up a friend veterinarian of his who told him to bring the cow to him. The vet took one look at the cow, stuck a tube up the cow's butt, and blew into the tube until the cows eyes straightened out.

The vet charged the farmer a \$100.00 dollars and the farmer went home happy. About a week later, the cow's eyes were crossed again, but this time the farmer figured he could probably take care of it himself. So he called his hired hand over, and together they put a tube up the cow's butt. The farmer put his lips to the tube and started to blow. Strangely, nothing happened, so he asked his hired hand to give it a try. The hired hand removed the tube, turned it around, put it back into the cow's butt and started to blow.

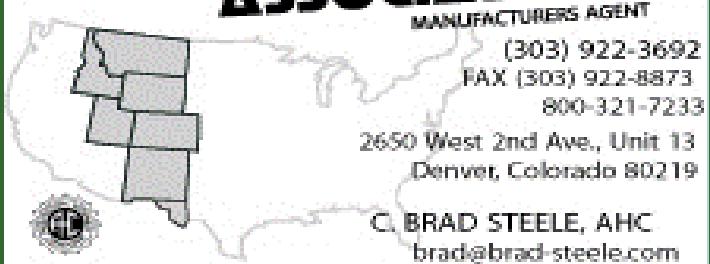
"What are you doing?" asked the farmer, horrified.

"Heck, I wasn't gonna use the side that you'd put your lips on," came the reply.

Hope you enjoyed this humor, I hope it put a smile on your face, I hope you can share them!

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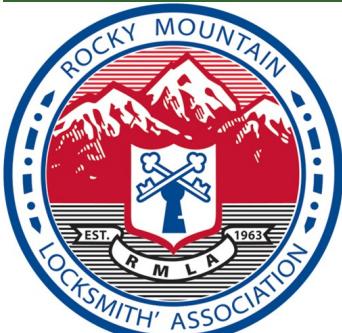
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It is the duty of each member to perpetuate and advance the dignity of locksmiths and locksmith trade through the fairest possible dealings with all person, be they fellow locksmiths, clients, or other persons.

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Membership Round-Up

Whom will you sponsor this year as a member for RMLA? Do you know a locksmith that is not a member, but should be or would like to be? Ask them to join the Rocky Mountain Locksmiths' Association. After all, we look forward to having other distinguished locksmiths among our ranks. We can all learn from those around us and new faces may mean new ideas.

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