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**Next Meeting is  
Tuesday,  
August 6!**

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

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## The President's Message

Industries change...but human nature remains.

Sitting here thinking about the future, I ran across this article in the National Locksmith that helped me look at the future and confirmed my thoughts about the need for more training. If you have read this article before in the past, maybe it will encourage you also to take a look at your future again.

The article confirmed the fact that the locksmith industry has transformed many times in the last 50 years. But what industry hasn't? We still have plenty locksmith shops that still exist but research shows us over the last 10 to 15 years there are fewer than years past. We have more mobile service trucks now in the field now, but technology is cutting out lockpicking with the smartkeys and different products that prevent picking. We have been forced to become parts replacement technicians, or codesmiths, because we don't have the knowledge to keep up with the changing technology.

I know some will disagree and are satisfied with the way things are, but you can't deny things are changing, but along with the change new opportunities have come along also.

As the subject states time brings about changes, but human nature stays the same. We will always need to secure our homes, vehicles, and businesses, so we need to stay abreast with the changes whether it be in seminars by the distributors or manufacturers, classes with ALOA, or from training manuals from locksmith magazines, the information we need to remain profitable is available. So let's not be put out of business because of lack of knowledge, but look at our future and take advantage of the training opportunities made available to us now. Thanks for listening.

President  
John L. Brown Sr.

## Top News from the Board

- ◆ The July RMLA meeting brought Ryan Cofer from Mastercraft Truck Equipment, to share new products for locksmiths and the service industry in general. “Thank you” Ryan. It’s always a pleasure to have you visit.
- ◆ The CSCLA may be promoting a “Small Format / Large Format” interchangeable core class with William Link as the instructor. Look for updates on this class in the near future.
- ◆ The Board is considering a “meet and greet” at an upcoming RMLA meeting, to give people that are interested in learning the locksmith trade an opportunity to visit with people that are active in the trade. The October RMLA meeting has been mentioned but the date has not been set as of this writing.
- ◆ Members will be receiving their yearly, no cost death insurance from American Income Life. All you have to do is return the pink card, signed and dated. There are no further obligations. It may help your family if the unfortunate may happen.
- ◆ Don’t forget the August RMLA meeting. This is “tips and tricks” month and there is ALWAYS interesting new methods to learn and make your life easier. If you have a tip or trick to share, that’s even better. We hope to see you there!

Got some “Sunshine” for the  
Rockey Press?  
Please send the  
editor an email at  
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by the 20th of the month.

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

### Birthdays

Sandra Harmon, 8/14

Jennine Rose, 8/22



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

**BRING YOUR TRICKS OF THE TRADE TO THE AUGUST MEETING AND WIN A PRIZE!!!!!!!**

### **New Twist on an Old Trick**

I'm sure most of you are familiar with the idea of using a plastic sleeve to protect vehicle surfaces from getting scratched when inserting an opening tool.

Like many locksmiths, I make my own out of 2 liter bottles. But here's the new part to an old trick. For the longest time, I could not figure out how to get a locked storm door with no key in the handle open. Many times customers would say: "The back door is unlocked, or only has one lock on it, but the storm door is locked!"

Now I use the plastic sleeve to help unlock the doors. I start the process by inserting the sleeve at the bottom of the door, between the jamb and the door and work the sleeve upwards until it contacts the mechanism, manipulate the sleeve around the latch- depress the latch and pull the door open.

Larry Bors, Oklahoma

### **Easier Shimming and Lock Decoding**

I've found that it is much easier to shim such locks (those with serrated pins) by using a set of depth keys to control the pin heights. Shimming a lock with depth keys is very easy and requires almost no practice.

Starting from the back of the lock, insert each depth key so that its tip cut is under the pin in question, and attempt to advance the shim. If the shim won't advance, try the next depth key. When the correct depth key is found, the shim will advance and you can move on to the next pin toward the front of the lock. If you want to ensure that any master pins always end up trapped in the plug, start with the deepest cut depth key at each pin position.

This technique has the added virtue of decoding the lock as it is being shimmed; simply keep track of which depth keys allowed the shim to advance at each pin position. If the lock is being decoded to produce a key, there is no need to further disassemble the lock or measure the pins.

Of course, this procedure only works on locks that have standard heights that correspond to your depth keys.

Matt Blaze, New Jersey

### **Roll Pin Removal Tool**

Over the years I've found that getting those pesky roll pins out of automotive ignition locks has often been a chore. Well, no longer!

I used an ice pick, ground off the end to a 90 degree angle with a fine grinding wheel, so that the edge of the flat is very sharp. This tool works great for driving the solid roll pins out of the lock housing.

The hollow roll pins are a little more difficult, but the sharp edges of the flat of the ground off portion, bite well into the edges of the roll pin to grip it when driving it out of the housing. A fine whetstone keeps the edge on the tool.

I keep three of these roll pin removal tools in my van. Each one is broken off at a different thickness along the blade so that I have a tool that will extract virtually any size roll pin.

J.W. Ritchie, Texas

Little Bit of Humor

Papa Bear and Baby Bear went into the kitchen for breakfast one morning.

"Someone's eaten my porridge!" wailed Baby Bear.

"And someone has eaten my porridge," grumbled Papa Bear.

"You morons!" yelled Mama Bear. "I haven't even made the stuff yet."

Two vampire bats are hanging in a tree just before dawn, when one says to the other, "Did you hear that? My belly just rumbled. I've gotta get some food."

His pal tells him that it is far too dangerous as the sun will be up soon, but he promises to be quick, and takes off. Within a minute, he's back on the branch, blood dripping from his mouth.

"That was quick, where did you go?" asks his pal in astonishment.

"Well, see that tree over there?"

"Yeah."

"Well, I didn't."

A police officer pulls over this guy who had been weaving in and out of the lanes. He goes up to the guy's window and says, "Sir I need you to blow into this breathalyzer tube."

The man says, "Sorry officer, I can't do that. I am an asthmatic. If I do that I'll have a really bad asthma attack."

"OK, fine. I need you to give a blood sample."

"I can't do that either. I am a hemophiliac. If I do that, I'll bleed to death."

"Well, then we need a urine sample."

"I'm sorry, officer, no can do. I'm also a diabetic. If I do that I'll get really low blood sugar."

"Okay then. I need you to come out here and walk this white line."

"I can't do that, officer."

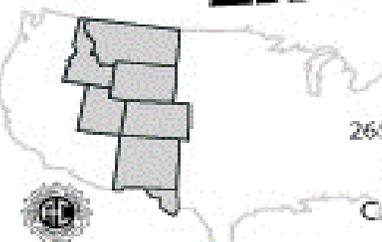
"Why not?"

"Because I'm drunk."

I really hope these put a smile on your face. Humor is hard to find nowadays. If you have a funny one email it to me so we can include it in the Newsletter. Thanks

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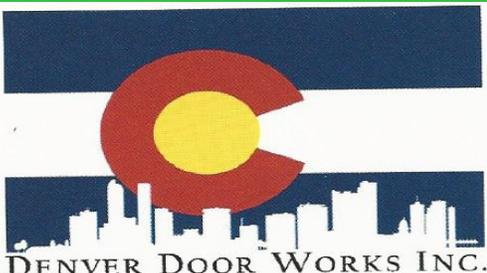
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 The Officers**

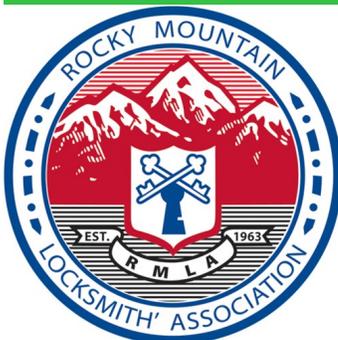
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### **Rocky Mountain Locksmiths' Association Code of Ethics**

*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.

### **Committees**

Not all committees are listed. For more information on RMLA committees, see the RMLA Membership Manual.

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