

# TYMELY TOPICS

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

### Date: 12 April 2015

11:00 am -- Third of five kitchen clock movement workshops

12:00 pm – Mart setup for items you wish to sell (WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE STUFF AT THE MART)

1:00 pm – Meeting (**This IS the watch-themed meeting**)

**Annual dues (\$15) are due.** See Robert Tarshis and be sure to update your contact information and include your NAWCC number if you have one.

**Location:** Parkwood Recreation Centre  
119 Birch Street  
Belleville, ON K8P 4J6

**Agenda:** Call to order  
Report from Treasurer  
Report from Secretary

### Presentation

- a) The Evolution of the Pocket Watch (Bill Legere)
- b) The Transition from Pocket to Wrist (Bruce Dyer)

**New Business** – Business to be discussed at the meeting

- a) Report on the third kitchen clock movement workshop
- b) Past issues of the Tymely Topics
- c) Club history update

- d) Report on Gerber auctions for Wm. Chipman Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14
- e) Rapid-Sell online auction for Irene Hartwick close April 12 (Goderich)
- f) Future meeting dates: May 31 (confirmed), September 20, November 8, April 10, 2016, June 12, 2016
- g) Doug Legge: [www.justintimeclockdials.com](http://www.justintimeclockdials.com), [d.legge@rogers.com](mailto:d.legge@rogers.com)
- h) Terry and Sons wood works clock for the Lang Pioneer Village
- i) Craig Unruh has bought Arlington Press from Tran Duy Ly
- j) Other business

## **Show and Tell**

- a) Recent acquisitions
- b) Clock/Watch stories
- c) Tips, Tools and Techniques
- d) Theme letter will be "P" for clocks/watches/etc.

**50-50 Draw** – (Wayne Precoor)

**Contest Question** – Jim Hartog (Wayne Precoor)

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

9 November 2014 – Jim Hartog presiding.

## **Reports**

Our fourth and last meeting of 2014 was held at the Parkdale Recreation Centre in Belleville, with 18 members and guests present.

The Treasurer gave his report, stating we had 31 paid up members and a bank balance of \$978.05. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made to amend the minutes regarding the 50-50 draw that was held. The total of the pot was \$78.00 with the winner, David Try, getting \$38.00. The motion was moved and approved and the revised minutes moved and approved.

## **New Business**

The President reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> kitchen clock movement workshop. The time side main spring was oiled and the gears in the time side were installed and some of the terminology of the movement was discussed. The next session will be assembling and setting up of the strike side.

The presentation of the evolution and transition of the pocket watch to the wrist watch will be held at the first meeting in 2015. Bill Legere will be the speaker for the evolution of the pocket watch. Bruce Dyer will speak on the transition to the wrist watch. If Bruce is unable to attend, Ian Watson will be the backup speaker for Bruce.

The Uxbridge Library Clock project was still on hold but may no longer be a chapter project due to the illness of the original organizer. However, Ian Watson expressed an interest in the project. Wayne Precor and Ian will discuss the project and check with the Uxbridge people.

The President mentioned the opening of a new clock sales/repair shop in Gravenhurst. The owner is Martin Sheffield and operates under the name Muskoka Time. He has a web site [www.muskokatime.net](http://www.muskokatime.net).

Past issues of the Tymely Topics were given to the President by Dave Riley as well as a disc from Robert Tarshis that contained the Tymely Topics. Jim Hartog is reviewing them and hopes to store the works by decades into individual binders.

A grace period for memberships was discussed. Guidelines for continuing membership were presented and it was decided that after two years, if no dues were paid and members had not attended any meetings, they would have their membership in the local chapter cancelled and be removed from the newsletter mailings.

The President mentioned a clock auction being held by auctioneer G. Murray McLean on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. This auction was being held in Ailsa Craig.

## **Other Business**

The tall case clock works at the museum from Lang Pioneer Village has been cleaned by Bill Legere and Michael Gillespie will be assembling the clock at the museum.

The Terry and Sons woodworks clock movement has been restored by Maurice Blanchard and Jim Hartog will be working on the restoration of the case. It is hoped the complete unit will be presented at the next meeting. This project was again on behalf of the Lang Museum.

Advertising in The Wayback Times was discussed and it was agreed to continue with it. Marjorie Wilson is looking after the details.

## **Show and Tell**

a) For Recent Acquisitions, Tim English showed a carriage clock that he had just purchased from the mart table. It was a time only dating to around 1870. He also showed a cuckoo clock that he had just purchased from another seller.

Bruce Dyer told of his recent clock addition, that being a tall case clock. It was a trade off, Bruce got rid of nearly 20 items and in return got the tall case clock. Now, he says, I have 2 tall case clocks and

still no room.

b) As a Watch/Clock Story, Bev Davis showed an iron key with the initials SK. She asked if anyone knew what the initials stood for, but no one could offer any advice.

c) Tips, Tools and Techniques. Jim Hartog presented some spring-loaded screwdrivers for starting screws in difficult places. He also had a Snap-On screwdriver from the 1950's that seemed to hold screws tightly. Also he had magnetic screwdrivers for starting screws in hard to reach areas.

d) For the theme letter "O", Marjorie Wilson produced some glass tablets for ogee clocks. Marjorie will make these tablets for you and does a very good job at designing and colouring.

## 50-50 Draw

The 50-50 Draw was held and the winner was again David Try, this time he received the sum of \$28.50. He's on a roll two meetings running.

## Contest Question

Marjorie Wilson asked the question: "What is an Albert?" The next clue she gave us was "It has to do with a watch." The answer was it is a chain for a pocket watch. The winner was Jim Hartog who received a book titled The Gustav Becker Story. The next question will be asked by Jim Hartog.

## Adjournment

Just before adjourning the meeting, it was announced that we had a new addition to our library. The book is by Gary Fox called "Henry R. Playtner and the Canadian Horological Institute". For those interested in the Canadian clock scene, it is a very good book. The meeting was then adjourned.

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<b>President</b>	Jim Hartog
<b>Vice President</b>	Wayne Precoor
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