

# TYMELY TOPICS

## Quinte Timekeepers - Chapter 119

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

### Date: **May 31, 2015**

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

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

1:00 pm – Meeting

**Annual dues (\$15) are due.** If you missed the last meeting, 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

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

- a) Report on the fourth kitchen clock movement workshop
- b) Club history update volunteer?
- c) Report on the Jantzi auction May 18
- d) Future meeting dates confirmed and paid for. September 20, November 8, April 10 ('16), June 12 ('16)
- e) M. Gillespie for the Lang Pioneer Village
- f) Upcoming exhibits: Bobcaygeon is on June 24. O'Hara Mills (Madoc) is probably July 26. Lang is August 30 if we like that date. (W. Legere)
- g) 50-50 draw, question contest, vice presidency??????

h) other business

## **Show and Tell**

- a) Recent acquisitions
- b) Clock/watch stories
- c) Tips, tools and techniques
- d) Theme letter will be "Q" for clocks/watches/etc.

**50-50 Draw** – ?

**Contest Question** – Jim Hartog ?

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

April 12, 2015 – Jim Hartog presiding.

## **Reports**

Our first meeting of the year was held at the Parkdale Recreation Centre in Belleville with 25 members and guests in attendance. The President welcomed all those attending and laid out the agenda for the meeting.

The Treasurer gave his report stating we had at this time 23 paid up members. This first meeting was also to collect membership dues for the year. He also stated that the rental fee for the recreation centre had been paid till the end of May 2015. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved and adopted.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Bill Legere gave us the evolution of the pocket watch from the early 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> century until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He discussed the many transitions from the originals in the 15<sup>th</sup> century which were considered more as jewelry for the wealthy till the pocket watch became available to all. He discussed dates of various events that improved the running and manufacture of these pocket watches. It was a very interesting talk with lots of new information.

Bruce Dyer gave a talk on the transition of the pocket watch to the wrist watch. He covered the history of how the watch became popular first with the ladies, then later on how, with the ease of looking at your wrist, the use of the pocket watch began to decline. Time was becoming more important in many avenues and the ease of telling time by raising the wrist, plus the fact it was

becoming a fashion statement played a major role in its use. Bruce, while explaining the various changes in the wrist watch, had with him some of his collection. The watches he displayed followed the time frame of the advances in wristwatches from the early windups to the latest that now run on solar power.

Bruce then handed over the floor to Ian Watson who had a display of the progression of the methods of attaching the straps and bands that now make the current wristwatches. Again, it was a very informative talk and a special thanks go to the presentors.

## **New Business**

The President gave a progress report on the kitchen clock workshop. This workshop was on the installation of the strike side of the clock. Next session will deal with putting both sides together.

The President, during the winter break, put together all the past issues of the Tymely Topics in binders each binder representing 10 years of our club. He is also looking for a volunteer who would like to do a club history update.

He also reported on the Gerber auctions for Bill Chipman. The auctions were held in February and March of this year. It is estimated that there were over 1000 clocks on auction plus many other items.

Also he mentioned the Rapid-Sell online auction for Irene Hartwick in Goderich. The close of that auction was April 12, 2015.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Our next meeting is May 31, 2015 at the Parkdale Recreation Centre. This is a definite date and has been confirmed. Others meetings are slated for September 20, November 8, April 10, 2016, and June 12, 2016. These dates are tentative and have to be finalized with the Belleville Recreation Committee.

The President discovered a person here in Ontario who provides dial finishing, porcelain dial repair and reproducing old paper labels. He has a website and provides pictures of before and after. His name is Doug Legge and can be reached at [www.justintimeclockdials.com](http://www.justintimeclockdials.com) and the email address is [d.legge@rogers.com](mailto:d.legge@rogers.com).

An update was given on the Terry & Sons wood works clock for the Lang Pioneer Village. It is now ready to be returned to the Village. It appears some restorative work was made to the clock back in the late seventies.

It was also mentioned that Craig Unruh has purchased Arlington Press from Tran Duy Ly.

On a sadder note, three members of the club have died. On September 24, 2014, Bernard Wright passed away and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, his wife Isabel died. Isabel had been secretary and treasurer of the club for many years. Bernard was always available to assist in meeting the clubs

needs. On March 16, 2015, our vice president and former president, Wayne Precoor, passed away at the age of 68. Wayne was always ready for a chat, had a good sense of humour and was always ready to help out. He will be sorely missed. Our sympathy goes to all their families.

We need someone to run the 50-50 draw and be in charge of prizes for the contest. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

## Show and Tell

For Recent Acquisitions, Jim Hartog displayed a Seth Thomas “Lincoln” with a #66 movement that he had found at the Chipman auctions. It needs work done to the case and works. He will keep us up to date on his progress. Maurice Blanchard showed a clock he purchased at a military auction. It was a small desk or mantle clock with a soldier on the base of the stand . Originally, the soldier was holding a rifle and had a helmet. Maurice made a mould for both missing pieces after fashioning them from balsa wood. Looking on the internet for more information, he found a picture of the clock and the military event that it represented.

## Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, was seconded and voted to accept.

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<b>President</b>	Jim Hartog
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Robert Tarshis
<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Biggs
<b>Directors</b>	Tim Clarke (library) Hans Holterman (social) Bill Legere (shows)