

TYMELY TOPICS

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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date: April 10, 2016

12:00 pm – Mart setup for items you wish to sell. Get rid of some of that stuff you'll never use to make room for more stuff.

1:00 pm – Meeting

Yearly dues are due this meeting. Still \$15!

Location: Parkwood Recreation Centre
119 Birch Street
Belleville, ON

Agenda: Call to order
Last report from retiring Treasurer
Report from Secretary

New Business – Business to be discussed at the meeting

- a) Robert Tarshis is retiring from the position of Treasurer. We need a replacement. The job entails two duties: 1. having set up a bank account, look after income, expenses and give a report on such each meeting, 2. maintain a roster of current members that will be sent to the NAWCC each spring and is also used as an inter-member contact list and mailing list for this newsletter. The Treasurer does not have to be a member of the NAWCC (as per our constitution). Robert will be staying on as a member and has agreed to assist the new Treasurer to get set up.
- b) Dissemination of the Vista Print promotion cards. (Michael Gillespie)
- c) Meeting dates. June 12 is booked. Tentative are September 11, November 6, April 9, 2017, June 18, 2017.

- d) Other business

Presentation

A number of members agreed to bring in alternating current electric clocks and share what they know about them. The list of members includes, but is not exclusive to: Jim Biggs, Bev Davis, Bruce Dyer, and Marjorie Wilson. Join in if you have something to bring and share.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question Ian Watson has this meeting's question. (Michael Gillespie)

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

November 8, 2015 – Jim Hartog presiding

Reports

Our final meeting of the year was held at the Parkwood Recreation Centre in Belleville. There were 23 members and guests in attendance. The President welcomed all and laid out the agenda for this meeting.

The Treasurer gave his report stating, at this time, we had 26 paid up members and a bank balance of \$1,237.87. The Treasurer's report was approved and adopted. The President also announced that for the new year we will need a new person to be Treasurer as Robert Tarshis is retiring from the position.

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

New Business

The President reported on the progress of the last kitchen clock workshop. This workshop discussed the various names given to clock parts and methods of oiling and what to oil in a kitchen clock.

Michael Gillespie reported on the outcome of having a business size card printed and the cost and number of cards that would be printed. These cards would be available as hand-outs at various shows in the hopes of attracting new members. A motion was put forward to approve the purchase of 500 of these business cards, with all members in favour.

The President talked about our next meeting in 2016, and the April Presentation will focus on electric clocks that run on alternating current. Bruce Dyer, Bev Davis, Marjorie Willson and Jim Biggs will have various types and styles of these clocks.

On a sadder note, the President announced the death of a long time member, Francis (Frank) Fowler. Francis was a long time member of the Quinte club and his presence will be missed.

Presentation

Jim Hartog talked about and showed a Joe Collins type mainspring winder that he had made. He was searching old NAWCC bulletins and also found a winder by Jon Leder which appeared in the bulletin in August of 1986 that appeared to be a precursor to the Collins winder. Jim used designs from all over and made his own. He explained what he used in materials and how this unit worked. It was indeed very informative and a piece of quality work. He also had made copies of the plans for the Joe Collins winder as found on the NAWCC message board.

Show and Tell

Tim English showed a torsion pendulum clock that he had found in an antique store. This clock had the circular metal disc at the end of the torsion spring.

Michael Gillespie displayed an Eli Terry wooden works clock of circa 1825. The case was made of rosewood veneer and was a fine looking clock.

Bruce Dyer showed a Seth Thomas "Eclipse" model clock. He mentioned they made 5 wall clocks and as many as 16 different styles. Also, it was noted, many other makers followed that design.

50-50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Allan Rigg who went home richer by \$24.00 with the remaining funds going to the Treasurer.

Contest Question

Peter Betts was our contest questioner. The question was, "Who was the first to be credited with using a fusee movement in a clock?" After a few hints, we were still unable to answer his question, so he asked us another one. This question was, "Who is credited with the invention of a seagoing clock, the chronometer, accurate enough to determine longitude?" The answer was

provided by Ian Watson who won the prize and gets to ask our contest question at the next meeting. The answer to the first question above was Jacob Czehk, and the second was John Harrison.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and all were in favour.

President	Jim Hartog
Vice President	
Treasurer	Robert Tarshis
Secretary	Jim Biggs
Directors	Tim Clarke (library) Hans Holterman (social) Bill Legere (shows) Michael Gillespie (contests)