

# TYMELY TOPICS

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Date** April 8, 2018

12:00 p.m. - Mart setup for items you wish to sell.  
1:00 p.m. - Meeting

**DUES are due this meeting.** (Cash preferred since cheques cause problems.)

**Location** Parkdale Recreation Centre, 119 Birch Street, Belleville, ON

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

### New Business

- a) member list update
- b) report on Ailsa Craig auction November 18, 2017
- c) dates for upcoming exhibits
- d) dates for future meetings
- e) future presentations
- f) ride from Campbellford
- g) next meeting June 24, 2018
- h) other business

### Presentation

There will be a description led by Jim Hartog of the evolution of the "kitchen" clock from the 1870's to the 1920's based on clocks supplied by the membership. The clocks will be lined up at the front according to date of manufacture. The more the merrier! There will a handout.

## **Show and Tell**

- a) recent acquisitions
- b) clock/watch stories
- c) tips, tools and techniques
- d) the theme letter will be "E" for clocks/watches/etc.
- e) first clock/watch

**50-50 Draw** (Michael Gillespie)

**Contest Question** (Michael Gillespie)

Since there was no winner to the question at the November meeting, Michael Gillespie will have the question at the April meeting.

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

(November 5, 2017)

## **Reports**

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. At this meeting there were 25 members and guests. The President outlined the agenda for the meeting.

The Treasurer gave his report on finances and membership. He also asked that membership dues be paid by cash in lieu of cheques as this made the processing of funds easier. The minutes of the report were moved and adopted.

The Secretary reported on the minutes of the last meeting. These minutes were moved and adopted.

## **New Business**

Jim Hartog gave a summary with pictures of the auction process held by the Miller/Miller auctioneers. He outlined the displaying of items on shelves and in cases and of the assistance provided by staff to inspect some of the clocks in the display cases. Three members of our chapter were in attendance and a live bid purchase was made. Another of our members, not present, used a proxy bidder to acquire some clocks. Everything from tall case clocks, to wall clocks, to shelf clocks, to wrist watches and pocket watches were up for auction. There was also telephone and online bidding at the same time as live auction bidding.

For our next meeting on April 8, 2018, he proposed to have a group presentation on the evolution of kitchen clocks by decade, starting from the 1870's to sometime in the 1920's.

He also mentioned a clock auction to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by Murray McLean Auctions in Ailsa Craig, Ontario. There will be 100 or more clocks to be sold in a two-ringed event. Viewing starts at 8:30 a.m. with business starting at 10:00 a.m.

On another note, he reported on blinds for the windows at the meeting place. When we view a presentation, it is sometimes difficult to see the screen due to the lack of blinds on the windows. He was in touch with the powers that be but was not encouraged with the outcome. We may be making some removable blinds for our own use.

## **Presentation**

Jim Hartog gave a very informative lecture on the Brocot escapement starting with the history of the inventor and his family. He discussed the pallets and their composition, whether glass or ruby held in place with shellac or steel type being pressed into the anchor. The pallet size rules were also talked about and the degree of drop necessary. A physical model was demonstrated and he also provided a handout and a diagram of the actual escapement.

## **Show and Tell**

Jim Hartog shared with us his latest acquisition, a Pequegnat "Tokio" clock. It needs some case repair work and the pendulum was the maple leaf type. No doubt we will be seeing his restoration at the next meeting. Jim also acquired a Kroeber "Jefferson", an early kitchen clock circa 1878-1880 with the patented Jacot pendulum

Marjorie Wilson showed a base metal Wesclox pocket watch

The theme letter was "D" and Michael Gillespie showed a black mantle clock with a German movement and the model name was "Desota".

Dave Riley had a Smiths electric clock that Dupont Industries had ordered. He proceeded to tell us that the clock would have to be inspected to ensure it met the appropriate electrical code. The clock he showed us had a ground wire attached and he said the clock never worked so his submission for the letter "D" stood for Dead.

## **50 - 50 Draw**

Robert Tarshis again won the 50-50 draw and received \$24 with the other \$24 going to our treasury.

## **Contest Question**

Tim Clarke prepared the question and Michael Gillespie asked the question. Paul Newman had a Rolex "Daytona" wrist watch that was in a movie with him. What happened to the watch? No one got the answer. It appears that Paul's wife gave him a new Rolex "Cosmograph Daytona" watch so he gave his other watch to a James Cox who, at the time, was dating his daughter, Nell, and, at the same time, was helping rebuild a treehouse at the Nook House. Whether Mr. Cox put it away and forgot about it and later discovered the significance of it, he put it up for auction. When the watch showed up, Nell Newman was able to provide the authenticity that it was indeed her dad's watch that he had given to Mr. Cox. The watch sold for 17.75 million dollars at auction, with Mr. Cox donating a significant portion of the proceeds to the Nell Newman Foundation. Since no one got the right answer, the question for the next meeting will be provided by Michael Gillespie.

## **Adjournment**

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