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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date November 4, 2018

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

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

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

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

New Business

- a) report on the Lang Pioneer Village day
- b) Jim Connell
- c) Dokken's Westclox book purchase
- d) April presentation ideas
- e) next meeting: April 7, 2019
- f) other business

Presentation

Jim Hartog will be doing a presentation with a physical model of:

The Design and Operation of a Graham Deadbeat Escapement

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Last meeting's winner was Ian Watson so he will have the contest question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 9th, 2018)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order. He welcomed the 21 member in attendance and outlined the agenda for today.

The Treasurer reported on the finances and number of paid up memberships. This report was moved and adopted.

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

New Business

Marjorie Wilson and Bev Davis were to attend the Settlers' Days at O'Hara Mill in Madoc on the 22nd of July. However, due to a heavy rainfall forecast, the event was cancelled.

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Jim Wilson, a member of our group. Our sympathies go to his wife, Jean, and his next of kin.

Maynard Dokken, of the Ottawa chapter, published a book on the history of Westclox in Peterborough. Included in his book are pictures of his own Westclox collection. A motion was made to purchase one of his books for our library collection. A vote was held and all were in agreement with the purchase. As there are only a limited number of copies available, Michael Gillespie is coordinating the purchase of the book.

The November presentation will be made by our President, Jim Hartog.

Jim Hartog also mentioned our display at the Lang Pioneer Village on September 30th and encouraged members to attend.

Discussion was held in regards to the 200 Pequegnat clocks that were to be for sale on eBay. After the initial bunch of listings with poor sales, no more clocks appeared. Apparently, sales were stopped because desired prices had not been reached.

Our next meeting is slated for November 4th at our usual place in Belleville.

Presentation

Ian Watson gave a very interesting talk on jewels in watches and their functions and why they used jewels instead of other materials. He explained how the number of jewels could affect the quality of the watch. However, he stressed that anything over 23 jewels was more or less window dressing. He also mentioned shock absorbing systems in watches. He indicated that the Incabloc system was top of the line. He had a functional model of this to show the members. He also had a handout of his presentation for all members. It was a very interesting lecture and a good learning experience that was much appreciated.

Show and Tell

Jim Hartog had purchased a Seth Thomas Regulator #9 at a place in Guelph. The case had been painted brown and all the brass parts had been painted gold. He commented on the case assembly. The wood had been finished before assembly, the unit was held with screws, the top was held with screws and nails and even the glass was held with screws. He refinished the case, polished the brass, cleaned the movement and used 300 lb test, braided line for the weight. The movement (#61) had maintaining power and, after having removed the weight, the clock ran for another 15-20 minutes. Work is still being done on the dial and, at the next meeting, we will see a lovely ST #9.

Michael Gillespie found a Seth Thomas "Auburn" model (short drop wall clock) at a flea market. The clock had been a wedding gift at some time. The clock itself had been assembled in Peterborough at a building to the side of the Westclox factory.

Andy Soper told of his purchase of a tall case works by John Lumsden, who died in 1784. He said it had 5 pillars and also a strike/silent lever. He was not sure of the 5th pillar but the clock ran without it but wouldn't run with it fastened. He is now looking for a case of that era to fit the works.

Michael Gillespie and Jim Hartog combined to give us tips on how to drill holes in dials and other thin metals. Michael had a new, old stock dial that needed three holes drilled. A carpenter friend measured the hole spacings and made an elm template to fasten to the dial for drilling. The drill bit used to drill the holes was a Forstner style bit. In the meantime, Jim had been experimenting drilling holes in thin metal with a twist drill, brad point drill, Forstner drill, and a step drill. According to Jim, the best cut was with the brad point drill using a drill press.

50 - 50 Draw

Michael Gillespie collected for the draw and the winner was Trish Blanchard who won \$19.00 with the other \$19.00 going to the Treasurer.

Contest Question

As Bill Legere was unable to attend, Michael Gillespie asked the question, "What was the first watch to be worn on the moon?". Ian Watson answered the question correctly and won the prize. The answer was an Omega Speedmaster Professional which is a manual wind watch since the gravity on the moon is insufficient to wind an automatic watch and the travel to and from the moon is weightless. Ian will ask the next contest question.

Adjournment

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

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