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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date November 5, 2023

12 noon- Mart
1 p.m.- Meeting

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

Agenda Call to order
Report from Treasurer
Report from Secretary

New Business

- a) report on exhibit at Applefest at Lang Pioneer Village
- b) Wes Playter's Pequegnat clock dispersal (Paul Torrens: broker)
- c) discussion on the Contest Question, Gillespie would like changes
- d) January/February zoom meeting
- e) next meeting is April, 2024
- f) other business

Presentation

Hartog will do a presentation on replacing a motor on a Unimat db200 lathe.

Show and Tell

- a) recent acquisitions
- b) clock/watch stories
- c) tips, tools and techniques
- d) theme letter is "R"

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Gord Gibbins has the next question since he offered the correct answer to the September question. A "jiffy" is 1/100 of a second.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 10, 2023)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for today. There were 12 members present and we welcomed our guest speaker, Allan Symons, proprietor of the Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River.

The Treasurer was not in attendance but had informed the President that our current bank balance was \$1800. The President also reminded us of the increased fees for next year. The new fees will be \$25, as we approved at the next meeting to cover increased rental costs.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting and no changes were made.

New Business

Jim Hartog made available some plans for the cuckoo clock test stand that he showed at the last meeting.

He also reminded us of the exhibit at Apple Fest at the Lang Pioneer Village on October 1st. Also, after some discussion, we are withdrawing our participation at the Settlers' Village in Bobcaygeon because of the way we were treated.

Jean Wilson's clock, that was made available to our membership, has found a new home.

Our next meeting is slated for November 5 at our usual place in Belleville.

It was noted that Sam Bowers is dispersing his clock collection.

Presentation

Our special speaker was Allan Symons, curator of the Canadian Clock Museum. His topic today was about some of the Canadian clock companies. He mentioned companies like Snider, Walter, Westclox, Breslin, Girotti and others. On display were some of the clocks from the above companies. Westclox of Peterborough was the most well known for alarm clocks and other timepieces and also for a time Seth Thomas worked out of their factory. The factory ceased operating some time in the 80's. Another clock company was Walter Clocks that started in the 1930's and ceased operation in the 1950's. Walter made his own clock cases and used imported movements from England and Germany. The back doors of his clocks were round and there would be a paper label pasted on the inside of the door with his name. The

Snider Clock Company operated between 1950 and 1976 with operations closing for a time during that period. Some of the designs by Snider were alarms, shelf, wall including starburst types, and TV lamps with built in clocks. You can still find them today such as a rearing horse with a windup clock. There were also many more animal types. Also made were cast metal horses and stagecoaches with horses. These were usually mounted on a wood or metal base. Breslin Clocks was located in Toronto, as was Snider. In the 1950's, Breslin produced similar items including horses and horse shoes on metal and wood bases. You would have to look very closely to tell the difference between the horse style items. Also, between the 60's and 70's, was a firm called, Girotti Sculptured Art. They made battery operated wall clocks made of moulded chalkware and later moulded foam polymer clock cases.

Show and Tell

Jim Hartog had acquired an Ansonia "Regulator B" with Walsh and Sons Navan on the dial but the dial was not original to the clock. Some research showed that there was a Walsh family in Navan, which is a village east of Ottawa. Jim also had an Anglo-American that he had picked up. Jim also bought a functional Junghans electromagnetic clock at the meeting.

Michael Gillespie had acquired a Pequegnat "Moncton" with the 15 day, double spring movement and a Berlin era dial. The clock was in running condition.

Gord Gibbins told us about the Cheney banjo that he had acquired.

Andy Soper found a 17 jewel Elgin watch works number 16 made circa 1949-1950.

It was also mentioned that Marjorie Wilson still has a good selection of clocks at good prices as a result of her business closing.

Jim Hartog related the story of how Michael Gillespie tried to "fool" him into thinking that he had lost the auction for the Ansonia and Anglo-American, when in fact, he had won.

For the theme letter "Q", Michael Gillespie showed a quartz clock.

50 - 50 Draw

We had our 50-50 draw and the winner of \$17 was Jim Hartog.

Contest Question

In the absence of Tim Clarke, the contest question was asked by Michael Gillespie. The question was, "How long is a jiffy?" After many guesses, the right answer, 1/100 of a second, was given by Gord Gibbins.

Adjournment

A special thanks was again given to Allan Symons for his presentation and the meeting was then adjourned.

President	Jim Hartog
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Treasurer	Ian Watson
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