

# TYMELY TOPICS

## Quinte Timekeepers - Chapter 119

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Date** April 7, 2019

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

1:00 p.m. - Meeting

**DUES** are due at this meeting. Still \$15, cash preferred.

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

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

## New Business

- a) members list update
- b) new hall rental dates: September, November, April, June
- c) upcoming exhibits
  - Bobcaygeon: Settlers Day, June 9
  - Madoc: ?
  - Lang: Applefest, October, 6
- d) future presentations ?
- e) next meeting: June 23, 2019
- f) other business

## Presentation

All members are invited to bring in horological tools and be prepared to describe their function. Maybe someone will tell you what a depthing tool, poising tool or preacher is used for!! Hartog will be bringing in some clock mainspring winding tools.

## Show and Tell

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

## 50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

## Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Ian Watson (postponed from last meeting) will have the question.

## Adjournment

# MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(November 4th, 2018)

## Reports

The President called to order our last meeting of this year. He outlined the agenda to the 17 members who were in attendance.

The Treasurer was not in attendance so the minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

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

## New Business

The President reported on our display at the Lang Pioneer Village held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. There was a good crowd in attendance at the Village where 7 of members of our club had displays and offered encouragement to any interested in joining the club.

The President also mentioned the passing of Jim Connell on August 31, 2018 at the age of 93. He was a well-known individual in the world of horology and an expert on Canadian clocks and had

co-authored/authored books on the subject. His presence will be sorely missed.

We also learned that member Robert Tarshis fell and injured a hip. He is now in Providence Manor on King Street in Kingston having physiotherapy. We wish him a speedy recovery.

At the last meeting, Michael Gillespie was asked to investigate acquiring Maynard Dokken's recently published book on Westclox alarm clocks. He reported that we now own book number 12 and it is signed by the author. It will be available in the club library.

The President discussed plans for our next meeting in April, 2019. He asked members for their input and, after some discussion, it was decided that members would show and describe various watch and clock repair tools.

It was also announced that the next meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **Presentation**

The Graham Escapement was the subject of this presentation by Jim Hartog. Jim gave an excellent history on escapements in general and in particular, the Graham type. He talked about the many types and the improvements various people had made in updating reliable timekeeping. He produced a handout relating to the various types of escapements, all the angles, and the various terms used such as lock and drop. He discussed how the various angles are determined for deadbeat escapements. He showed the lock and drop for a deadbeat escapement and how, by looking at the teeth and the direction of rotation, one could tell whether it was deadbeat or recoil. He had also made a model of a Graham escapement using wood for the pallets and hard board for the wheel and anchor. Using this, he could show us the lock and drop in action. He also explained how the various angles were determined. All in all, it was a very interesting topic. We appreciate all the time and effort put into providing this presentation.

## **Show and Tell**

Bruce Dyer showed a Welch clock, the "Litta", that he had purchased. The clock was around 150 years old. When he purchased the unit, he had asked for it to be packed carefully. When it arrived, there was plenty of packing material but some of the joints in the case had separated. As the clock was old, it was decided that the glue had dried out and the motion in transport was the cause of the joint breakdown. However, it has been re-assembled and looks very nice.

Jim Hartog gave us an update on his Seth Thomas Regulator Number 9 dial that he had wrecked and he discussed the trials and tribulations of soldering using a propane torch versus a soldering iron.

Jim Biggs showed a Zenith wristwatch that was 104 years old. It was a gift to his grandfather from the Renfrew Citizens Band when he enlisted in the first world war. It was engraved on the back and inside the case.

The theme letter was "H" and Andy Soper had a question that started with, How. How does a chronograph with seconds and time and stop watch ability function? How could one synchronize a time to the second in a group endeavour? There were some explanations and this could become a topic for a future meeting.

## 50 - 50 Draw

Our draw was won by Marjorie Wilson. She received \$15 and the other \$15 will be going to the club treasury.

## Contest Question

Our contest question was postponed to our next meeting.

## Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was moved and adopted.

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