

# TYMELY TOPICS

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## NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Date** June 23, 2024

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) new contact list
- b) report on Bobcaygeon
- c) making an email list
- d) Chapter 33 Invitational April 28?
- e) antiquing shiny, modern fasteners presentation in September
- f) next meeting September 8, 2024
- g) other business

### Presentation

none this meeting

### Show and Tell

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

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

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

### **Contest Question** (Michael Gillespie)

We hope to have a new question from Peter Betts.

## **Adjournment**

# **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

(April 14, 2024)

## **Reports**

The President called the meeting to order and outlined the agenda for today. He welcomed the 16 people in attendance to our first meeting of 2024. He also mentioned that our annual dues of \$25 were now payable.

The Treasurer gave his report on our current fiscal position. Our balance at this time was \$1,841.26, but this does not include any memberships paid today nor the cost of the hall rental.

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

## **New Business**

Our contact list of members was discussed and reviewed and some names were deleted as they had not been involved nor attended meetings for a period of time.

The Google meeting on February 18th, 2024 was discussed and fell short of expectations. A few participated but not as many as hoped. It was decided to give it another try next winter.

The dates for the meetings for the rest of 2024 are: June 23rd, September 8th and November 10th. All meetings will still be at the Parkdale Recreational Centre in Belleville.

Chapter 33 of Toronto has informed us that their annual Invitational will be held on April 28th. Details can be found on their website.

The President talked about topics for presentations for 2024. Anyone wishing to provide an information session, please let Jim Hartog know.

## **Other business**

The President let us know that the website now has a new maintenance provider, Mrs. Hartog, and that there is now a section for all the archived Timely Topics. Mr. Hartog will attempt to update the photos section of the website to better reflect the current membership. There was a request from a lady in Cambellford who wished to have a tall case clock serviced. Jim Hartog has the contact information if you are interested. Also, the Bobcaygeon exhibit is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. Several members have committed to attend even though we will be back in the barn, but without the line dancers.

## Presentation

Jim Hartog gave a talk and showed his restoration methods for a Pequegnat "Canadian Time" clock. This clock had been acquired through an online auction. The original description did not mention that it was a Pequegnat but Jim recognized it as such and placed a low bid hoping for a bargain. Unfortunately, the auction site changed the description to include the word Pequegnat and then more bidders appeared. Jim had to raise his bid to get the clock which was still a bargain because it had many problems. The case was not in good shape with the lower brackets missing and only two of the three top pieces present. The pendulum stick was cracked, there were 28 extra nails in the back, the dial pan was creased, and the minute hand was made of cardboard. A template was made of the bottom brackets from another "Canadian Time" and a new moulding was produced to replace the entire top. The 28 extra holes in the back were filled and the original 18 holes had new, antiqued nails put in. The dial creases were removed by running his thumbnail down the apex of the creases. The new wooden pieces were stained with Minwax Jacobean stain and finished with orange shellac. He showed us how he made a new minute hand from sheet metal using brad point drill bits and a scroll saw. The existing screws in the clock were Robertsons so he attached the new top with Robertson screws instead of nails. All in all, it was a very good learning experience for the members.

## Show and Tell

Jim Hartog showed a Pequegnat "Brandon" clock with a quartz movement installed. He will be upgrading his other "Brandon" with parts from this one.

Pat Blanchard displayed a wrist watch she had purchased from a Mart table. The name on the dial was "Vidas" and etched on the back of the case was 1942.

Michael Gillespie showed a Sperry and Show OG clock that he had acquired. It was all original and made between 1844-49. He pointed out that the outside of the back of the clock was covered with old newspaper. There was discussion as to the reason for this but other than noise reduction, no good reason could be determined.

Dalton Nyberg displayed a Sessions Master Crafter electric clock with a lady sitting on a swing. It was really in need of a good cleaning and some new wiring. He explained the gearing method to get the lady to move forwards and backwards. It was plugged in at the meeting and was keeping good time. This clock was produced in the early 50's.

## 50 - 50 Draw

The 50-50 draw was cancelled because no draw tickets were available.

## Contest Question

Since there was no money available from the 50-50 draw, the question Peter Betts had sent in was read and the answer was given. Mr. Betts will get to give another question at the June meeting. His unused question was "Who exclusively used wagon springs to power his clocks?". The answer was Joseph Ives.

## Adjournment

<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) Bill Legere (shows) Michael Gillespie (contests)