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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date November 10, 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) report on Lang exhibit
- b) Chapter 92 in London
- c) still looking for in-house presenters
- d) winter video meeting
- e) next meeting April, 2025
- f) other business

Presentation

no presentation

Group Photo for Website Update

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Since the last question was not answered by the membership, Ian Watson will have another question.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 8, 2024)

Reports

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

The Treasurer reported on our finances and had received some new membership payments.

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

New Business

Bill Trudeau asked the members if they would object to be part of the NAWCC social media page. He would look after the postings. It was agreed that this would give the chapter more exposure.

The President mentioned that a group photo, to update the website, will be taken at the November meeting so be prepared to bring a smile.

Applefest, at Lang Pioneer Village, is slated for Sunday, October 6. The President gave the location of the display and how to access the village for setup. It appears that 5-6 members will be participating in the event..

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10th, 2024, at our usual location. The President also asked if anyone was willing to do a presentation at the meeting.

Other business

It was mentioned that David Moore and Associates of Guelph were holding an online auction of a clock collection on September 6th.

Jim Hartog mentioned that he was out for a walk and he noticed that his local clock/watch repair business owned by a husband and wife team was permanently closed. No reasons are known but it was not for lack of business.

Presentation

Jim Hartog demonstrated how to make a bright, modern fastener look old. Using a zinc-plated screw his past idea was to burn off the zinc with a torch. However, on consulting the internet, burning the zinc would cause toxic fumes. A safer method was to soak the screw in vinegar and let it set for a while to chemically remove the zinc. After the zinc had been removed, the screw is heated to red hot and dipped in any kind of oil. The hot metal burns the carbon in the oil onto the metal. This is one type of hot "blue-ing". There was a sample passed around of the changes in the colour of the screw at various stages in the process.

Show and Tell

Bill Trudeau displayed a Hamilton Clock Company short drop octagon wall clock dating between 1876 and 1880. It appeared that the works had been modified since it looked like a time and strike movement with the strike train cut off. The dial was original but the bezel glass was missing. He replaced the glass but after installing, it was too heavy for the hinge. After a discussion, it was suggested that he use thinner picture frame glass that was old so that it would have the wavy characteristics of the period. He had been in contact with Allan Symons at the Canada Clock Museum in Deep River and the museum has one of these clocks in their display with the same cut down movement. Bill searched the internet for others of these clocks but there appears to only be 2 or 3 found.

Michael Gillespie showed a mantle clock with a German movement stamped 1956. The case was focal point as it appeared to be covered with little brown bead heads. It was suggested that the clock would fit our theme letter of the day which was "U" as in ugly tramp art.

Peter Betts displayed a lantern clock that he had purchased in the Phillipines. He found it in a huge warehouse that had many, many clocks for sale.

Jim Hartog, at the last meeting, showed a Seth Thomas Regulator No. 2 that he had acquired and told us of the work that needed to be done. Today, he showed us the finished product of his labours. He touched up the paint and numbers on the dial, replaced missing veneer on the "bowtie" by re-veneering the entire piece. It is going to find a new home in his dining room.

Ian Watson showed an aircraft clock that he acquired that will need some work.

Our theme letter was "U". No one had an entry. Utica was mentioned but the only thing that surfaced was a shelf clock with the name, Utica.

50 - 50 Draw

The winner of the draw was our President, Jim Hartog, who received the sum of \$22,00

Contest Question

Since Ian Watson's question was not answered by anyone. the prize money (\$22) went to the treasury and Ian will ask a new question in November.

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned

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