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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date September 7, 2025
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) latest member contact list
- b) Sam Bowers
- c) Jeff Crouch presentation Nov 9 (Dyer)
- d) Applefest at Lang October 5 (Gillespie)
- e) NAWCC National Convention Report (Dyer)
- f) other business

Presentation (none)

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Michael Gillespie will be asking the contest question at the September meeting.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(June 22, 2025)

Reports

The President called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance.

The President was standing in as the Treasurer since Ian Watson was out of the country. Dues from two members was collected.

The Secretary, Jim Biggs, was also absent due to a prior commitment. The problem with determining the co-winner of last meeting's Contest Question was discussed and since said person was absent, there was no resolution to the fix required for the minutes. Thanks was extended to Bill Trudeau who had volunteered to take notes at the meeting.

New Business

The President passed out the updated contact list and challenged people to find a typo that he had discovered after printing. No one found that typo but several other errors were discovered. The updated list will be re-updated. Members were reminded to let the club know of changes or errors in contact information.

Bill Trudeau gave the final update on the Belleville clock tower tour idea. Apparently, the folks at Belleville do not really want to participate in the venture so the idea was shelved.

The Pequegnat presentation at the Chapter 33 Invitational was discussed. Bruce Dyer (absent) had suggested via email that we could get that presentation for our meeting. An honorarium may be necessary and members would need to bring a bunch of Pequegnat clocks. We were all in favour and Bruce was named as the contact person to make it happen.

Other business

In Other Business, it was explained why we were not invited to the Bobcaygeon Settler's Village Settlers Days as an exhibitor. Apparently, it was cancelled for the year and replaced by a "thankyou" day for the volunteers at the village.

Hartog described a scam email that he had received to the QT website. It is from a Fuller Library and tries to get the recipient to embed a link into the website. Hartog's wife got the same scam sent to her cottage association website.

Jon Cross has retired from being the coffee urn custodian. At the end of the meeting, Dave Lawrence volunteered to take over the job. We offer our thanks to Dave.

Presentation

As a late entry which did not make it to the published agenda, Michael Gillespie started a discussion on what to do with your collection once it is "time" to let it all go or just some of it. Michael has, at this time, several superfluous clocks at a local auction hall. If going the auction route, investigate the buyer's premium and the auctioneer's fee. Some auctions do better photos and have better descriptions or even invite you to make the description. Some auction businesses will come to your house (MaxSold, Silent Bidders) so that you do not have to transport material to an auction hall. EBay reaches a wider audience but then shipping is a requirement. Kijiji is an option that is free but requires you to do the photos and description and deal with people at your place. Shipping could be requested. Using the QT website was mentioned but Hartog did not want to inflict his wife with that chore. Setting up a binder of stuff for sale at a local horological shop was discussed along with the problems. The end result of the discussion was that there is no good, cheap way to disperse your collection so enjoy them while you're "here" and don't worry about them when your not.

Show and Tell

In Recent Aquisitions, Jim Hartog showed us an Ansonia iron mantle clock that he had picked up at the last meeting covered in rust. The restoration was gratifying but there were still a couple of things to do (proper pendulum and back cover). Peter Betts solved the back cover problem at the meeting. Thanks. Peter.

Dalton Nyberg showed us his Waltham "Vanguard" 23 jewel pocket watch which was railroad grade.

There were no entries in clock/watch stories, tips/tools/techniques, nor the theme letters, "X", "Y", or "Z".

50 - 50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Peter Betts who won \$13.00 and he pulled his own winning ticket from the tin with no sleight of hand.

Contest Question

Since the mystery winner of the April question was not present, co-winner Hartog asked the question. In a fast strike American movement, like an ogee, how many pins are present to energize the hammer tail? The answer is 13 and Michael Gillespie guessed correctly and got the other \$13..

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned