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NEXT MEETING

ALL ARE WELCOME

Date Sunday, November 8, 2026
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 (Applefest)
- b) mid winter virtual meeting
- c) other business

Presentation

Jim Hartog will demonstrate how he installs a bushing in a clock plate.

Show and Tell

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

50-50 Draw (Michael Gillespie)

Buy your tickets from Michael Gillespie.

Contest Question (Michael Gillespie)

Bruce Dyer will be asking the contest question at the November meeting.

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(September 20, 2026)

The President called the meeting to order and welcomed the 15 members present.

Both the Treasurer and the Secretary were absent from the last meeting and there were no written reports. However, the Treasurer mentioned that we had funds to cover our operation and also reminded us that some dues were still outstanding.

New Business: The President spoke about the auction of Marjorie Wilson's effects held at her shop in Bancroft. Some members of our club were there and there were many types of clocks to choose from and many items of general interest. Clock prices were very reasonable.

He also mentioned Applefest at Lang Pioneer Village in Keene and asked how many members were going to attend the September 27th event.

Our next meeting will be held November 8th, 2026 in Belleville and the President, Jim Hartog, is going to show us how he does clock bushings.

He also told us of the imminent closing of the Sherline Company who made the Sherline lathe and various attachments.

Presentation: Jim Hartog talked about his conversion of a time punch clock into a regular clock. He created a new wooden base to replace the punch card mechanism and added some moulding at the top. He talked about changing the very heavy mainsprings to standard 0.018 inch ones. The problem there was that the winding arbors in the time clock were quite large and the standard mainsprings had to be re-sized to fit the arbor and the movement posts. A new pendulum has been made but he is missing the dial and surround which will have to be found or a facsimile made..

Show and Tell: Ian Watson told us he had been looking for many years for a pocket type watch that had been used on board navel vessels. This watch was used to coordinate with the ship's main chronometer when navigating or planning coordinated events with other units. It looks the same as an ordinary pocket watch but was always in the hand of someone on deck watch. The watch he purchased was a Waltham 15 jewel, dual barrel with wind indicator.

Bruce Dyer showed us 4 large dials including Seth Thomas and Canadian Pacific.

Jim Hartog showed how he made a 400 day clock beat setting tool.

Michael Gillespie showed a small cottage clock with alarm in a pine case circa 1870.

Janice Gibbins told us about an American wood works movement that had an alarm that struck on a glass bell.

50/50 Draw

Our 50-50 draw was won by Peter Betts and he is \$25 richer.

Contest Question

Our contest question was asked by Michael Gillespie. The question was "What Hollywood movie had the greatest number of clocks shown?" Bruce Dyer won the prize of \$25 with his answer of High Noon starring Gary Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned.