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NEXT MEETING

WHEN:

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Meeting begins at 1:11 PM

WHERE:

Qualicum & Graham Park
Community Centre

25 Esquimault Ave., Ottawa

MEETING AGENDA:

- Annual Member Auction
- Show and Tell

THE CANADIAN CLOCK MUSEUM: 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In May 2010, our Chapter 111 took a trip to Deep River to visit the Canadian Clock Museum, and celebrate the museum's 10th anniversary.

The Chapter presented Allan Symons, and his museum, with a plaque to mark the occasion.

Pictures of the museum's collection, on page two, were provided by Chapter member Kevin West.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING WORKSHOP: ANALYZING THE RECOIL ESCAPEMENT

The September workshop is called 'Analyzing the Recoil Escapement'. We will discuss how to determine recoil pallet angles and the proper method of correcting these angles. The workshop will begin at 11:00 AM on Sunday September 26, 2010 and run until about noon.

The method of instruction will be by slide presentation, however participants are welcome to bring a recoil escapement to examine.

workshop info provided by Dan Hudon

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UPDATE ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Introductory Clock Repair Course

This fall's Introductory Clock Repair Course, provided by Dan Hudon, began September 11th, 2010, running 5 Saturdays through mid October. For more information, contact Dan Hudon.

Training info provided by Dan Hudon



2010 EASTERN STATES REGIONAL

The Eastern States Regional was held in mid August this year in Syracuse, New York. This is a small, fun show that is sponsored by a number of chapters including Number 33 in Toronto. If you have never been to a regional in the United States, this is a great one to start with as it is just a few hours from Ottawa. You will get hooked.

The regional is held in the convention centre attached to the Holiday Inn, Liverpool just to the north of Syracuse. It has been there for as long as I can remember, but this year seemed a little special. Not only is the hotel expanding with a separate suites inn on the site, the convention centre has expanded in size. There have always been two Mart rooms, but this year, the smaller of the two was much larger and, with the addition of many windows, much brighter too. It seemed to me that there were lots more dealers, but organizer Ben Orzulak from Toronto tells me that only 11 new tables were added to the mart. He explained that by widening the aisles between the tables, it actually looked much larger. Truthfully, it was a lot easier to navigate the through the hordes surrounding the tables.

As usual, a bunch of folks from the Ottawa Chapter attended, including Allan Symons, Grant Perry, Dan Hudon, Pete Graham, John Ruhland,



*Left: Allan Symons with lathe and engine
Below: 18th (?) century wheel cutting engine*



*Above: John & Annie Ruhland
Right: Grant Perry & Pete Graham*



Peter Kushnir as well as Peter and Irene Dixon.

Below: Mart Room



Personally, I didn't find much for my collecting interests, but Allan Symons beat me to what had to be the best find from the show. He scooped a 19th century watchmaker's lathe and a wheel cutting engine that might be from as early as the 18th century - a scholarly argument was overheard between two experts, with Allan looking on with a somewhat bemused expression. Allan promised to bring lathe and wheel cutting engine to the September meeting. Hopefully he will have figured out who was right. I don't really care who was - I would have grabbed the two if Allan hadn't beat me to them. Wheel cutting engines do not show up very often at the national, much less at a regional. Congratulations, Allan.

Article and photos provided by Gary Fox

ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC

The annual chapter picnic was held in July at past president Maynard Dokken and his wife Teresa's cottage, just outside of Ottawa. It was a beautiful day. The Chapter would like to extend their thanks to Maynard and Teresa, as well as Kara Dokken, Judy Graham, Mrs. Needham, and all the others who helped make the picnic a wonderful event.



PICS FROM THE MAY 2010 MEETING



WE NEED A NEW SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After 3 years of serving as the Secretary & Newsletter Editor for our Chapter, I have made the difficult decision to step down from these duties.

Starting this fall, I will be going back to University on a part-time basis, in addition to my full-time career with the Federal Government. Though I am excited for my new challenges, it means I will no longer have the time to dedicate to the duties of the Secretary & Newsletter Editor position. The November 2010 issue will be my last. I would like to sincerely thank all those who have helped with the Newsletter over the years.

If you are interested in taking over this role, please let Wally know. Thanks.

LIST OF LOCAL SUPPLY SHOPS

- Metal Supermarkets: 2900 Old Sheffield Rd., Unit 1, Ottawa, 613-747-7511, www.metalsupermarkets.com
[All metal, sheets, rod plates, in small amounts]
- Dowd Supply Co.: 36 Rosemount Ave., Ottawa, 613-236-9493, www.dowdsupply.com
[Jeweler's Tools, and Equipment (Grobet USA)]
- Lee Valley Tools: 900 Morrison Drive, Ottawa, 613-596-9202, www.leevalley.com
[Tools and round Brass Stock]
- Fastenal: 6 Bexley Place, Unit 102, Ottawa, 613-288-1470, www.fastenal.com
[Some Metal]
- Busy Bee Tools: 1400 Agnes Drive, Ottawa, 613-526-4696, www.busybeetools.com
- Legere Industrial Supplies Ltd.: 1120 Morrison Drive, Ottawa, 613-829-8010, www.legereindustrial.com
[Machine mechanical supplies]
- Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd.: 175 Robertson Road, Ottawa (Bells Corners), 613-828-4117, www.ottawafastenersupply.com
[All metric and standard fasteners, Tools]
- Dynamic Hobbies: 21 Concourse Gate, Unit 6, Ottawa, 613-225-9634, www.dynamichobbies.com
[small brass rods and small diameter piano wire]

Club Information

This club acts as a meeting place for antique clock and watch enthusiasts. Members are interested in a wide array of topics: some collect, some do research, some do repairs.

Formal club meetings take place five times each year, on the fourth Sunday of every second month, with a break in the summer. Meetings are held in January, March, May, September, and November. Doors open at 1:00 PM.

Club members also enjoy two annual social events: a Wine and Cheese party each November, and a Picnic BBQ each July.

Courses on clock and watch repair are held throughout the year.

The Bytown Times is published five times each year.

Annual Dues for club membership is \$16. Club members should also have memberships to the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC). NAWCC Dues are U.S. \$65.

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Program & Social Director: Tim Bryans

Education & Workshop Chairman: Dan Hudon



Secretary's Corner

I would like to thank Wally Clemens, Ben Roberts, Charles Beddoe, Kevin West, Maynard Dokken, Dan Hudon, and Gary Fox for their contributions to this issue.

As usual, I would like to welcome members to submit their own articles for the newsletter. Topics can be anything: a review of your collection with pictures, a summary of some research you've gathered, 'how-to' or instructional information, museums and other horological sites you've visited, etc. Articles and pictures can be emailed to me at:

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Please don't forget to visit our website:
www.ottawaclocksandwatches.ca

Notes from the President's Desk

The September meeting is always hard to prepare, as it seems forever since the last meeting - May. It has been a hot summer and I do hope that you will bring all your "red hot" deals from your summer purchases to our "Show and Tell" this meeting.

I have heard many joyful stories on our May trip to celebrate The Canadian Clock Museum's 10th anniversary. Again I thank Allan for his kind hospitality.

As always the summer picnic at Maynard and Theresa's cottage was a perfect day. I am full of thanks to Theresa and Maynard, Judy and Peter, and all those many others who made the picnic a great success.

The contact person for Qualicum & Graham Park Community Centre has ask me to submit this year's meeting dates (2010-11). So it looks like we may be their for a few more meeting, I will keep you posted.

We have no main presenter for this September meeting so that we can all share in your Show & Tell items.