



The Ratchet



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NOVEMBER MEETING

The Meeting

This time someone remembered to bring the combination to the front door lock and we were able to meet inside the Fresh Street Market. Jim Knieling brought the meeting to order at two in the afternoon. There were fifteen clock nuts in attendance.

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The December Meeting will be Sunday 12/14/2008 at twelve noon.

We meet at the home of Pat and Shirley Cavanaugh. A map and directions will be provided.

The Program: We will have our annual Chapter Christmas Party. It starts at noon.



See us on the web at: www.nawcc157.org
Or:
www.nawcc.org/chapter157/default.htm

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Hosts
12/14/2008	Chapter Christmas Party	Cavanaugh
12/31/08	Pay Chapter Dues	
1/11/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157
2/8/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157
3/8/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157
4/12/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157



Dennis Cordy nominated Marlene Knieling for best hostesses of the month and we all approved. She and Jim provided the snacks for the meeting and they were wonderful.

The first item on the agenda was an update of the proposed reorganization of the chapter structure. Jim explained that the original version has been revised and is now much more benign. It is still a work in progress and we won't have to comply until the final version is approved sometime next year.

Jim next told us of the progress on our street clock restoration project. The club member in charge here is Ken Graves and while he couldn't make the meeting he did call Al Dowler and Jim Knieling to tell them what has been decided. Remember the clock is the one that was in front of the Salem Clock Shop before that store moved. Ken learned that it is owned by the city of Salem and that they would like to have it working again. It has an electric movement in it and it doesn't run and that there is no power to it. That is about all we know about its problems. The city maintenance person who is responsible has requested a meeting with our committee early next year and we have agreed to do so. The committee consists of Jim Knieling, Al Dowler and Ken Graves.

Donna Lee Poole told us of the recent article about the restoration of the tower clock located at the old Burlington Northern railroad station in Seattle. Chapter 50 took that project on and according to Donna Lee did a heck of a job. Jim Knieling wondered what civic projects we could do as a club to educate the public about horology.

Donna Lee wanted to know if anyone has seen the movement that belongs in George Poole's Ansonia Capitol clock. George wants to sell the clock but somehow in the process of getting it ready to sell he misplaced the movement.

Biennial Chapter Election

We held elections for chapter officers in November. Beginning in 2009 Dennis Cordy

will be our new president. The new secretary is Tom Seymour and our new directors are Charlie Schubert and Pat Cavanaugh. Jim Dent will continue as treasurer. We need a vice president. This is my final issue of the Ratchet. I especially want to thank the chief copy editor who worked on every issue during the ten years I have been doing this. Thank you Mary Lou!

Annual Chapter Christmas Party

We finalized our plans for our annual Christmas party. It will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 12:00. A map and directions are attached to the mailed copy of the newsletter and every club member will be sent a newsletter.

- ✓ Please bring a dish that may be shared.
- ✓ Shirley will provide her world famous coffee.
- ✓ We approved \$150 for door prizes again this year.

The Program

The program we all had been waiting for was going to be about something and George Poole was going to give it. That program apparently needed a little more tweaking because we were treated to another program. Dennis Cordy selected a DVD borrowed from the NAWCC that was about the opening of our new library and clock museum located in Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Treasurers Report

We have \$2,313.15 in the bank and the raffle raised another \$45.

The Raffle

We had three winners at November's meeting. They were Dave Cast, Shirley Cavanaugh and Roy Billington.

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Show and Tell



The show and tell letter for November was W.

Dave Cast went first and showed us two pocket watches made by Illinois. They were both very early Illinois watches and they were both eighteen size. One was marked **IWC** and the other was marked **SWC**. They both were key **w**ound.

Tom Seymour was next and he also brought two pocket watches. His were made by Hampden. They were different models of a **W**illiam McKinley movement. He also brought a clock to show. It was made by New Haven and was their **W**innipeg model. According to Tom the **SS Winnipeg** was a civil war iron clad. The clock was eight day time and strike it was made about 1881.

Dennis Cordy showed and told about his **W**altham Vanguard **W**ind Indicator **W**atch.

Al Dowler showed his **W**altham Crescent Street **W**ind Indicator **W**atch.

Wind Indicators were put on railroad watches and other high grade watches. A small dial and hand showed how much power the mainspring had.

Pat Cavanaugh brought a clock he has owned for ever and forgot he had it. It was a little Lux-Keebler **w**ag on the **w**all cuckoo with a bobbing bird. It was mint and complete with the instructions on how to hang it.

Bob Schug brought something I wish I had thought of. Can you believe he had two little desk alarm clocks with animated **w**indmills on

the dial? They were both German and the dial had a **w**indmill on it with sails that went around as the clock ran.

Bob brought three pocket watches to show and tell also. One was made in 1888 and was made by **W**aterbury. It was a back **w**ind model. The second watch was an Ingersol (made by **W**aterbury) and the third was a **W**elsh dollar **w**atch.

The last show and teller was Donna Lee Poole who brought **w**atch holders.

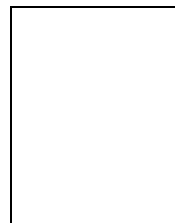
New Web Address

Our club has been online for many years now. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Brendan O Mara. He is a watch collector and former member of the club who used to have a business on the internet. His servers have hosted our site since the beginning. He contributed many hours to the project and paid for the registration of our domain name www.nawcc157.org. Brendan got out of the internet business many years ago but he continued to allow us to use his servers. We owe him a very big thank you for his help. Starting in 2009 the club website will be hosted by the NAWCC and we will no longer be using Brendan's servers. The national association will charge the club \$100 a year, which is more than free but very reasonable. There may be a glitch or two in the transfer. Our permanent web address hasn't been determined yet because the association is in the process of upgrading their website and they aren't exactly sure how the various club newsletters will be addressed on the new site. The temporary web address is www.nawcc.org/chapter157/default.htm. If you get the chance you may go there now and see us. After the first of the year we will not be found at our old site.

2009 Dues are due!

Please use the attached dues form and pay your dues for 2009.

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