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MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2009

LOCATION
Home of
Shirley Cavanaugh
Meeting begins at Noon

PROGRAM

Christmas Party



Seasons Greetings

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 13, 2009	Ch. 157	Shirley Cavanaugh
Hosting		
Jan. 10, 2010	Ch. 157	Fresh Start Café, Salem
Feb. 14, 2010	Ch. 157	Fresh Start Café, Salem
Mar. 14, 2010	Ch. 157	Fresh Start Café, Salem

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Chapter #157 NAWCC Meeting Minutes

Our chapter met at the Fresh Start Market in Salem at two o'clock. We had twelve members on hand. There were no strangers. Members in attendance were Dennis Cordy, Jim Knieling, Al Dowler, Clarence Clapp, Bob and Marianne Schug, Jim and Lola Dent, Shirley Cavanaugh, George and Ritva Lytle, and Roy Billington.

President Cordy began the meeting by asking for a treasurer's report. Treasurer Dent said we have \$2,177.00 in our bank account.

Old Business:

Jim Dent told the group about representing our club by visiting a nursing home at their request. He gave a talk to them about our hobby.

Al Dowler was asked to tell about a show he recently visited in Portland. It was sponsored by an organization called "GEARS". They are a group of clubs of members who make model engines. The crossover between clocks and watches and model engines is the use of miniature machine tools. The models on display all worked and they were just beautiful (like a fine watch).

For the last few meetings one of us has volunteered to bring refreshments for our meetings and the Dents were thanked for doing the honors this time. Next month will be our annual Christmas party (more about our plans later in the newsletter) and so we won't need a volunteer for December. The schedule for the next quarter is:

- January 2010 Al Dowler
- February 2010 Jim and Lola Dent
- March 2010 Bob and Marianne Schug

Annual Christmas Party

The Christmas party plans were finalized during the business session of the meeting. We met at the home of the Cavanaugh's last year and we were invited back again this year! I never ate so much at a Christmas party as I did last year. The pies, cakes, torts, fudge, cookies, tarts, and candies were special. Shirley Cavanaugh apparently has strange tastes because all of a sudden and out of nowhere she suggested we bring more food this year instead of deserts. Just when things are going good somebody has to come along and screw it up. The guys who pigged out last year acted as if they were afraid to say anything.

- The Christmas party will start at noon on December 13th.
- Those who plan to attend are encouraged to contact Shirley before then so she can have enough stuff. Her phone number is (503) 873-9318.
- Please bring a dish to share. Suggestions are for us to bring salads and casseroles. That kind of stuff. Deserts are ok but not so much.
- Ritva Lytle and Marianne Schug have volunteered to help Shirley provide real food. Somebody must have jiggered the thermostat because it was hot in there. My eyes were watering and I could hardly see what I was writing but my notes say the ladies are planning on cooking a ham and vegetables for us to eat.
- We approved \$50 for Santa Shirley to use to buy a few gifts for some lucky door prize winners.

New Business

At the suggestion of George Lytle (seconded by Jim Knieling) we agreed to meet at 12:30 next year. The start will be at 12:00. This is an hour earlier and it will allow us to go home after the meeting in daylight.

Dennis Cordy thought we should donate some money to the Fresh Start Market and we all agreed. Dennis will contact them about accepting a donation and to confirm the availability of the meeting room at the earlier time.

The next item was some correspondence from our national association. There is a concern that the clubs aren't conforming to IRS rules. Are we a tax exempt organization? Are we registered as a 401C non profit? Do we have an "EIN" (Employer Identification Number)? The answer to that is yes according to our treasurer. After discussion we decided to just keep going as we are and if IRS says we are doing something wrong we will do what is necessary at that time.

Bob Schug asked if the copy of the newsletter that is emailed every month could be reduced in size. He says the print is so large he has to continually scroll from side to side to read it. And when he goes to the NAWCC website the newsletter is not there.

Raffle

The raffle table got a big boost this month from items donated by Shirley Cavanaugh. There were four lucky winners. The Lytle's numbers were the first ten or twelve tickets drawn but they graciously allowed some other members to have a chance. Winners were George Lytle, Al Dowler, Jim Knieling and Roy Billington. The raffle netted \$35.

Show and Tell

We were charged with bringing items related to the letter "e" and/or items we had recently obtained. George Lytle was first to go with a watch he had recently bought. It was a beauty! It was Swiss made and about eighteen size and it had 15 jewels. The case was sterling with a glass cover over the movement. The main dial had the normal numbers that told the time and there were four smaller dials sunk into the main dial. One told the day (in German) and one told the month (again in German), and one showed the date. The fourth dial was a moon dial.

Bob Schug first showed us a Baby Ben with peg legs. It was an "e" and a new purchase because he had recently bought it off eBay. Bob said it was unusual as it had the name of a jeweler on the dial and he had never seen one other that did. The jeweler was located in Champaign, Illinois. His next item was a brass alarm clock (a recent purchase) that had a funny looking bell on top. The alarm would wake the dead.

Dennis Cordy brought a nice Elgin pocket watch. He said it was extra nice because it had a silver case with an engine engraved on the back. He was wearing a Swiss wristwatch made by Eterna.

Shirley Cavanaugh had a nice red Sessions clock. The case looked like an oil can. And she showed us a little round clock that she has hung in her kitchen for ever. She said it was extra special to her.

Lastly, Ritva Lytle showed off some of her tiny clocks that were appropriate to the theme of show and tell.

The Program

We were treated to a DVD presentation about tall case clock dials. Mostly about the evolution of metal dials that were made in England, starting in the 1600's. Some of the dials were made in England and imported to our country and put on American made tall case clocks. Some of the dials discussed were made in America. It was a very nice presentation given by a lady who restored dials. She said her mother and father were part of the business and they worked on the dials too. Her name was Kathi Edwards and the original talk was recorded somewhere close to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where her business is located. The earliest dials were unpainted brass and while they were durable and while the engraving on some of them was lovely, they were hard to read. Eventually the dial makers began to paint them. They used a long process of painting many layers of paint, sanding between the different coats. The finish was very near to a porcelain dial in terms of durability, she said. Many of the dials her presentation talked about were decorated. Some of the ones made in Boston were extraordinary with painted marine scenes. Many of them had decorated corners that depicted the four seasons.

The Program for January 2010

We should have fun participating in a kind of show and tell presentation next January. Ritva Lytle, who just might have a killer clock of hers in mind, suggested the program be called "**Why did I buy that?**"

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