



# The Ratchet



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**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**The Meeting**

Our newly elected President Dennis Cordy cracked the whip and precisely two o'clock and the February meeting began.

A reminder that we are still in need of a Vice – President met with no positive response at this time, but we are still hoping someone will step up and fill this position.

**MARCH MEETING**

**The March meeting will be Sunday 3/08/09**

The meeting begins at 2:00.

**Board Meeting:** 1:00 p.m.

The agenda will be for Board Members to come prepared to discuss the new Chapter Charter and Chapter Handbook published by National and available on their web site. This will also be the subject of "New Business" during the regular meeting

**The Program** will be presented by Pat Cavanaugh. The topic will be spring winders.

**We meet at the** at the Fresh Start Market in Salem.

**Show and Tell** will be anything related to the letter "P", or related to the program. If you have any interesting springwinders bring them to the meeting.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

1/11/09	Christmas Make-up at Cavanaugh's
2/08/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market.
3/08/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market.
3/22/09	Multi-Chapter Meeting (See details below)
4/12/09	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market.



Past officers were awarded plaques as a show of appreciation for their time in service to the chapter. Dennis Cordy presented Jim Kneiling with his plaque for time served as President.



Al Dowler receives his plaque for his decade of service as Secretary. Ten years of note taking, Ratchet writing, record keeping, reports to national, emails, web site updates, name tags, registration records... etc, etc. One would wonder why he would want to give all that up! Thank you Al for your dedication to the chapter.



There were no further updates from Ken Graves on the street clock project.

Jim Kneiling tidied up the paper work and presented an accounting of chapter properties to the new President. All items accounted for.

The National has a new Chapter Charter that they are asking the chapter officers to sign. For information on the updated Chapter Handbook, and the updated charter information go to the National website for the links to the documents that you can download and print. Comments and discussion of these documents is welcome.

Liability and incorporation are still under discussion. Your thoughts on these issues is also welcome. This will be discussed at the next board meeting, and at the regular meeting.

An inquiry from Terry White was made concerning the scheduling of hosting for the multi-chapter meeting. As discussed and voted on in a previous meeting, our next date for hosting would be 2011. This gives the other chapters involved to have a chance to take their turns hosting the event.

An interesting opportunity came up concerning maintaining the timepieces at the Governor's residence. Dennise Gross presented the offer to the chapter, but details were not clear. A committee of Dave Berchtold and Jim Kneiling are going to pursue the offer and see what it might entail.

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AN EXCITING NEW FUND RAISER FOR  
THE CHAPTER!!  
SEE THE DETAILS BELOW

BRING AN ITEM OR SEVERAL!!  
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There was discussion of having an auction to bring another element to our meetings. An auction three or four times a year was suggested and approved. Some suggested a silent auction and others wanted a traditional auction. A starting price would be set by the owner of the item. Any bid amount over that price would be donated to the chapter to help cover chapter activities and projects.

**\*\*Start making a list of items to bring to the first auction\*\***

### **Show and Tell**

It isn't spring yet, but the "**B**"s were buzzing.

Many members brought items for the letter "**B**". Jim Dent started out with an array of 5 **B**aby **B**ens (two greens and a pink...still looking for the blue) He also had an assortment of Pendulettes including: a **b**rown **b**obbing **b**ird, a **b**luebird, a **b**ulldog and a **B**uggs **B**unny. To complete the set he had two full size **B**ig **B**ens, one **b**lack dial and one white dial which had advertising. Dave Cast had three brilliant watches (Illinois, of course) a **B**unn keywind, model 1, a **B**unn with time zone hands, and a **B**ates 7j. model. George Lytle had an animated clock showing a monkey shaving a man. It was **B**ritish. Ritva brought a **B**uggs **B**unny, Mc Donald's Happy Meal clock. Tom Seymour brought a **B**all Hamilton ORRS watch, and **B**rewster and Ingrahams gallery clock with the east - west movement, where the winding arbor is above the hour cannon. Dennis Cordy had an even better **B**all watch with dial and movement marked "**B**rotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers". He also had a Hamilton 4992B Military watch with a **b**lack dial, and an Elgin With a **b**lack dial **b**ombers stopwatch. Which also sounds like a **b**uzzsaw. Jim Kneiling brought the **b**ackbone of holological education, and something every collector needs many of: a **b**ook. This one was the Gilbert **b**ook by Tran DuLy.

Roy Billington had books by **B**arkus. One brought with him, and one (Using the Lathe)he won in the raffle!!

The **b**ook he brought, "Teaching the Escapement," went with the **B**arkus visual aide he also showed.



The escapement model was in its original box. Bob Schug finished off this part of the meeting with an Illinois **B**urlington Special. What was really special, was the story that went with it. Bob had all the paperwork that went with the ordering, delivery and payments. It cost a total of \$25.00 in 1909. He even had a picture of the owner of the watch astride a horse. The owner was his Dad. Great watch and story!!

### **The Program**

The program was a DVD titled "The History of the Watch Lathe" by Jack Heisler. It followed the history of the lathe from Egyptian times through drawings by DaVinci to the clockmakers turns of 1740. The Bottum lathe of 1850, the first real watchmaker's lathe. These were rented, not sold. Designs by Moseley followed with the lathes we are familiar with today. It also showed the Boley F-1, the best of lathes, and also the most expensive.

Raffle winners were Jim Dent, Dennis Cordy, Roy Billington and Jim Kneiling.

# THE AUCTION

**There will be no Mart at the March meeting.**

**Instead we will be trying something new.**

**A semi-periodic oral fund-raising auction**

**which will be held at a consensus point**

**during the regular 2:00 pm meeting.**

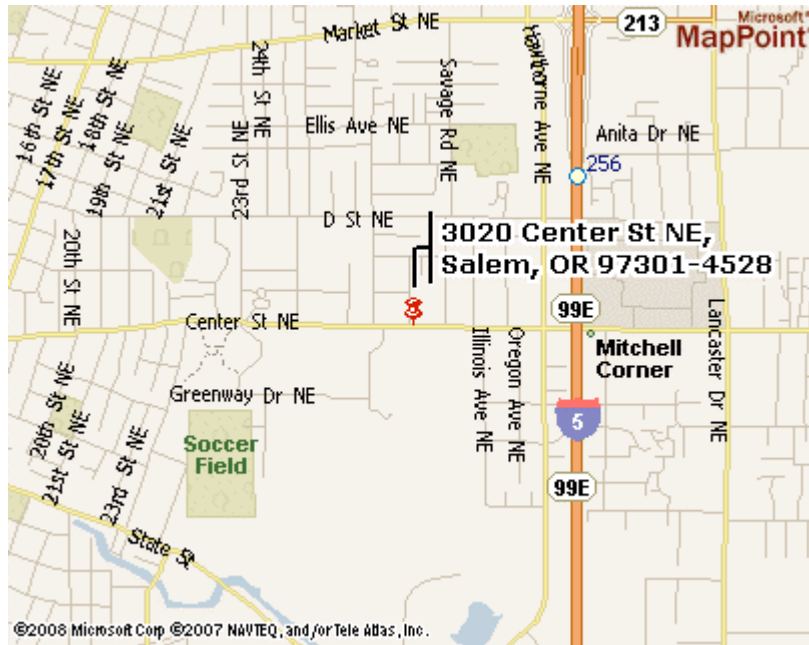
**The rest of the meeting being the same as usual.**

**The initial auction guidelines are as follows**

**(these may be subject to change over time):**

- 1) For those wishing to participate, a maximum of 3 items per person/couple.**
- 2) Sellers put a label or piece of tape on each auction item with your last name and the minimum amount (reserve) you are willing to accept for the item. This can range from zero to whatever, however, being reasonable is key. "Big Ticket" items will probably not do well so be creative because as we all know "One Persons Trash/No Longer Wanted/Unusable Items May Be Another Persons Treasure". Maybe this is a good opportunity to rummage around and clean up the shop ?**
- 3) Sellers put your labeled items on the "Auction Preview" table for others to see.**
- 4) Each seller will be asked to briefly describe or comment on their item. The item will then be auctioned off starting at the reserve price. Any amount over the reserve will go to the Chapter.**
- 5) The item will then be marked with the buyers name and sale price and presented to the buyer.**
- 6) At the end of the auction it will be up to the buyer ("honor system") to "settle" with the seller(s) and the Chapter. This may require making change among members (bring change if possible), writing checks or as a last resort issuing IOU's.**
- 7) Have Fun !!! We will have a critique of the auction during the regular meeting.**

Meeting Location is 3020 Center St. NE. Take Exit 256. If coming south from Portland follow signs to City Center and merge onto Market St. NE. Turn left at Hawthorne Ave and right on Center Street. From Albany get off at Exit 256 and turn right on Lancaster Dr. Turn right at Center Street.



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