



# The Ratchet



NOVEMBER, 2009

**Officers:**

Dennis Cordy, President  
503-508-7564  
[itsabouttime@att.net](mailto:itsabouttime@att.net)

Tom Seymour, Secretary  
313-204-1887  
[tomrsey@wavecable.com](mailto:tomrsey@wavecable.com)

Jim Dent, Treasurer  
503-623-8074  
[dentlola@hotmail.com](mailto:dentlola@hotmail.com)

**Directors:**

Charles Schubert  
503-244-8568, [CharSchube@comcast.net](mailto:CharSchube@comcast.net)

Shirley Cavanaugh  
503-873-9318, [clockdok@verizon.net](mailto:clockdok@verizon.net)

Jim Kneiling  
503-364-4168

*One-Fifty-Seven*



<http://www.nawcc.org/chapter157/default.htm>

***MEETING***  
***NOVEMBER 8, 2009***

**LOCATION**  
Fresh Start Café  
Salem, OR

Mart begins at 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

Design Of Tall Case Painted Dials

**SHOW AND TELL**  
The letter for September is "E"

**RECENT PURCHASES**  
Please bring any recent purchases that you wish to share with the group.

**MART**  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE MART!!

*We are looking forward to a great mart.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 8, 2009	Ch. 157	Fresh Start Café, Salem
Dec. 13, 2009	Ch. 157	Shirley Cavanaugh Hosting
Jan. 10, 2010	Ch. 157	Fresh Start Café, Salem

## October Meeting

Present at the October meeting were: Shirley Cavanaugh, Roy Billington, Jim Kneiling, Dennis Cordy, Tom Seymour, George Poole, Donna Lee Poole, George and Ritva Lytle, Dave Cast and Bob and Marianne Shug.

The first thing that caught the eye of most as they entered the meeting room was the delicious treats brought by Donna Lee. Delicious cookies some walnut and chocolate, and others with coconut and more, and all delicious.

Thank you very much Donna Lee. There were no complaints about being hungry during this meeting!

George and Donna Lee were the only one without nametags, and assessed themselves the appropriate fines.

There was no treasurer's report. The last reported amount in the coffers was \$2,204.67.

The chapter received a thank you letter from the American Clock and Watch Museum for their recent donation.

Chapter 31 has sponsored a lathe workshop. Some from our group attended the first one. The first one was excellent, and were looking for a report on the recent one, but no one present attended the latest one.

Jim Dent has volunteered to do a presentation at the Salem Senior Center. We will await his report.

Refreshment Volunteers:

November: Jim and Lola Dent

December: Shirley Cavanaugh will host the Christmas meeting. Details will be discussed.

January: ??

With the passing of Pat Cavanaugh we have an opening for his position as Director. After some discussion Shirley volunteered to take up the post. A motion was made and seconded followed by a unanimous vote. Shirley is now a Director of our chapter.

We received a communication from the national that they have upgraded their web hosting capabilities

and we now have a choice of how to have the site hosted. One way would give us more options for editing and posting information and allowing communication between members. This would also mean more work for the chapter member responsible for keeping the website updated. The other option is to keep things the way they are. After a short discussion, the decision was made to keep things as they are. The Ratchet may be viewed online as usual.

There was a discussion as to what the formula should be for the number of tickets drawn in relation to the amount of money collected. The usual is one ticket for each \$10 collected. It was suggested that a minimum of 4 tickets regardless of the amount collected, and then one more ticket for each additional ten dollars. The discussion ended with majority sentiment favoring the status quo.

The raffle this month added \$26 to the treasury. Shirley picked George Lytle's number for the first ticket and he selected the book *Clocks and Watches* by Jagger. The second ticket belonged to Dennis Cordy who chose a porcelain chapter ring. The final winner was Roy Billington who selected *American Clocks and their Makers*, by Swedberg.

**A new feature has been added to the meeting. A place will be on the agenda to share recent purchases with the chapter. They do not have to be related to the program or to the letter of the month.**

### **Show and Tell – “L”**

Donna Lee started things off with a Lux clock. Then a Lacquer bracket clock also known a “Jappanned”.

Ritva followed with 2 Lupe alarm clocks; Luxor model Swiss clock; Ladies Lapel watch.

Shirley brought a street lamp clock, and LeCoultre travel alarms.

Bob Shug shared a 16s and 18s A. Lincoln model Illinois watches. He also had a “Liberty” Ingersoll. The hit of the day, however, was a Lindberg commemorative watch fob and watch along with some post cards. These were great items and I made sure to take pictures of Bob and the watch. The pictures were to be used in this newsletter. As you see no picture, an explanation is in order. Well, I can’t really explain it. I have downloaded thousands of pictures from my phone to the computer without mishap – until now. I saw the pictures on the camera, and briefly on the computer screen as they were being downloaded. However, for the first time ever, it locked up at the end of the download, and when the dust cleared I lost several pictures. Some of the meeting and some of other events. I had a few choice words of advise to the computer, and it hasn’t slipped up since. However, those pictures were, very unfortunately, lost. Very disappointing.

George Poole brought books about Louis Brueget including auction catalogues, a Smithsonian issue on the Art of Brueget.

### **THE PROGRAM**

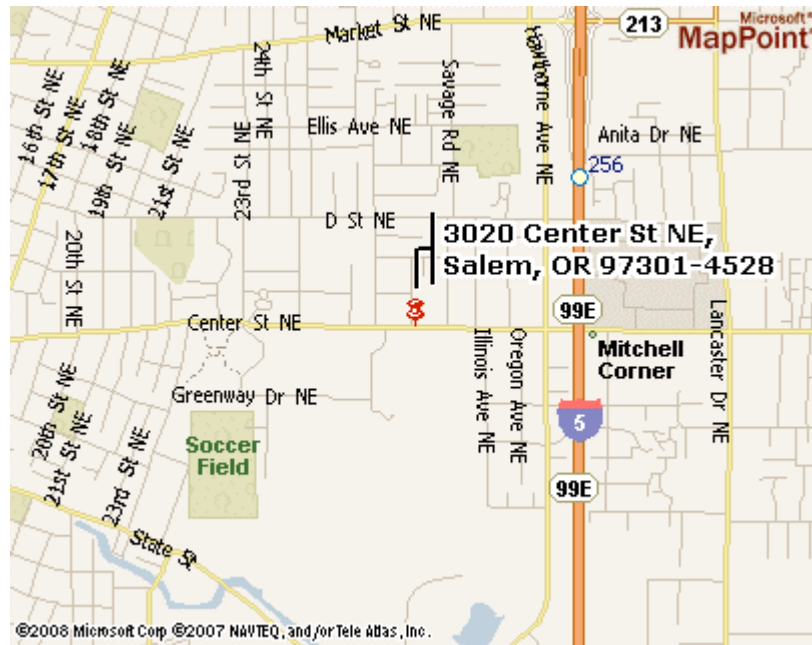
George Poole presented an excellent program on Louis Brueget. Brueget founded the oldest watchmaking company still in business today. Some of the heirs are still involved with the company. George told of how Brueget learned watchmaking and how forming political alliances was both good for business, as he had many commissions from royalty. But also for survival. He spent some time in France, but fled during the reign of terror and returned later, a favorite of Napoleon.

Brueget made a decimal clock during the Jacobean revolution. This divided the day into ten hours. It did, however, have a subdial with the traditional 12 hour day. He also developed a sight telegraph mounted on the roof of the Louvre.

He made tourbillon movements to prevent positional error. He also developed a military regulator that counted steps/minute to calculate the pace of military marches, and the time an approaching army might arrive.

George did a great job relating many interesting details with great pictures to back it up.

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.



Willamette Valley Chapter #157  
NAWCC  
955 Hayes St.  
Mount Angel, OR 97362