



The Ratchet



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Meeting

Before the regular meeting Jim Knieling chaired a meeting of the directors. Our meeting followed. Jim called us to order at two o'clock. Charlie Schubert passed around the red ribbon and the award citation that we earned at the national convention for our entry into the craft

OCTOBER MEETING

The October Meeting will be Sunday 10/12/2008. The Mart is open at 1:30 and the meeting begins at 2:00.

We meet at the Fresh Start Market & Coffee House 3020 Center Street NE. All NAWCC members and their guests are welcome.

The Program: Dennis Cordy will show us a program borrowed from the NAWCC library about the watchmakers lathe.

Show and Tell will be any horological item related to the letter "N" and/or related to the watchmakers lathe.

Please bring donations for the Raffle

The income from the raffle helps your club meet expenses.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Hosts
10/12//2008	Board Meeting at 12:00 –Fresh Start Market	J. Knieling
10/12/2008	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157
11/8/2008	Horology Workshop at Monarch in Portland	Chapter #31
11/9/2008	Regular Meeting at Fresh Start Market	Chapter #157
11/9/2008	Election of Chapter Officers	Chapter #157
11/20-11/22	Southwest California Regional-San Diego	Chapter #59

One-Fifty-Seven



contest.

Chapter Clock Restoration Contest

Class 24

Entry No. 241

Pre World War II Japanese Art Deco Clock

The scope of restoration of this rare clock included repairing the movement to running condition, restore the dial and make missing parts, and refinish the case including repair to the backboard. The chapter has been researching the history of the clock and believe it to be a copy of an earlier European magnetic pendulum driven clock movement. The clock is believed to be unusual because of the motor driven rack and snail strike only mechanism.

*The Willamette Valley 157 (OR), James Knieling, President
Charles J. Schubert, Project Coordinator*

Jim Knieling passed around fliers about the tower clock at Corban College. He reminded us of wonderful program Steve Hunt gave and of the field trip we took to see it. Dave Cast suggested we write the National Association and register the clock and Jim Knieling agreed to do this.

We next talked about who would be willing to serve as a chapter officer for the two year term starting in January. President Knieling called for nominations. Dennis Cordy agreed to run for president and Jim Dent will stay on as treasurer. Tom Seymour offered to serve as secretary. Pat Cavanaugh and Charlie Schubert will fill the two open director s positions. Nobody came forward and said they would serve as vice president. It was a little embarrassing. So much so that we agreed to table the nomination subject and go onto other business.

Ken Graves is still researching Salem street clocks. Recall he told us about a clock that needed repairing. It was located outside a store that many years ago was a jewelry store, named Pomeroy and Keene. Well it took a little time to find out who owned the clock and when he did finally see the owners he discovered they had just had the clock repaired. There is a second street clock and that one needs work. One of only two clocks in Salem; it was in front of a store that used to house the Salem Clock Shop.

Ken is in the process of finding the owners of this clock to see if we may adopt it as a club project.

The last order of business was to fix the site of the club Christmas party. Pat and Shirley again graciously offered their home (and Shirley s' famous coffee) and we accepted their offer.

The Program



Dave's Clock

You never know. I was dreading going to the September meeting because the program was going to be about clocks. And if that wasn't enough to give you insomnia the two fellows who were going to give the program are dull. Nice guys but a little boring in their presentations. Well you could have knocked me over with a feather! It turned out pretty good. Not one member went to sleep! Dave Cast and Al Dowler had built a wooden clock from scratch. The plans were drawn using measurements taken from a clock made in the early 1800 s.' The material they used was mostly

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Russian Baltic Birch. They started working together a year ago. Dave would transfer the design onto the plywood and rough out the parts down at the Salem Senior Center. Al would finish the parts and fit them to each other. In the middle of the project Dave decided to go see how the penguins were doing in Antarctica. They are doing fine. The clock runs well and keeps excellent time.

Board Meeting

The board of directors met before the regular meeting. They hoped to nominate a candidate for Vice President but weren't able to suggest anybody who hasn't already served as an officer or who hasn't declined to serve. The second subject was to review the suggested restructuring of our chapter organization to agree with the proposed format the NAWCC is developing. These changes that are being proposed are designed to make the chapters operate better and to formalize the responsibilities of the association and the various chapters. Some of the recommendations include us becoming a non profit corporation and buying liability insurance to cover us when we meet.

The proposed changes are not approved yet and are still being debated so our board decided to discuss the matter again before the meeting in October. **Board Members please note that we will meet at 12:00 on Sunday 10/12/2008.**

Show and Tell

You wouldn't believe how many members have an attraction for wood clock movements. The program was about wood movements and so we were asked to bring an item for show and tell that complemented the program or one that had something to do with the letter **Q**."

Charlie Schubert was first and he brought many nice wood movements for us to see and he brought an 8 day clock Joseph Ives clock with a wood movement. He told us a little about the

early pioneers in Connecticut, Joseph Ives, Eli Terry and Noble Jerome. Their contribution wasn't that they made good clocks it was that they invested so much work in designing them and in developing the jigs and manufacturing process so that they could be made cheaply and precisely.

George Poole brought a nice clock (it is for sale for \$70) that was marred because of a broken tablet. It was an Eli Terry wood movement in an **Q**gee case.

Shirley Cavanaugh showed us a little advertising alarm clock in an **Q**ctagon case.

Ken Graves had several items to show. The first was a wooden movement. He has done some research and was unable to determine who made it. His second show and tell item was a clock in an **Q**ctagonal case. The case was made of **Q**nyx. The third clock was a little blinking eye wall clock made in the shape of an **Q**wl.

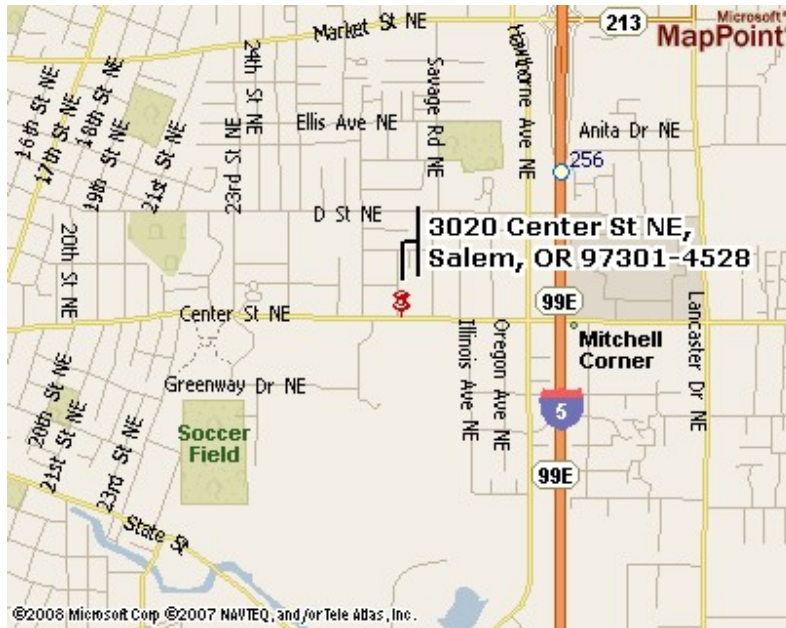
I don't know where George Lytle finds some of his clocks. The one he showed at this meeting was a statue clock made in 1870. It had an animal on it George said was an **Q**liphant ." Wikipedia says the word **q**liphant is a variant spelling of the archaic word **q**liphant meaning "elephant", "ivory", "elephant-tusk", "musical horn made of an elephant tusk", or "a musical instrument resembling such a horn".

Tom Seymour always has a watch made by Hampden that is appropriate to the theme of show and tell. For this meeting he brought an eighteen sized pocketwatch with a movement marked **Q**hioan ."It had twenty-one jewels and was very nice. He also brought a very finely made spring wound wooden movement skeleton shelf clock. The wheels were finely finished and the clock was well crafted. It was made by Wayne Westphale of Steamboat Springs, CO.

Southwest California Regional

We have registration forms for this event. It will be held November 20th through the 22nd in San Diego.

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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