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## Next Meeting: Sunday, Nov 15, 9:00 AM

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EDUCATION PROGRAM  
PART ONE OF TWO  
BAROMETERS  
IDENTIFICATION  
DAVID LEE

### *Menomonee Valley Chapter 47*

November 15

### *Madison Chapter 171*

Dec 2

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- ▶ Treasurer: Lynn Share
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- ▶ Director: Larry Wheaton
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- ▶ Director: Bert Strom
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- ▶ Member Retention: Vic Share
- ▶ Web Master: Jim Mirek

### Chapter 47 Members,

Included in this newsletter is a survey that I wish all would take time to fill out and return to our meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Your board has been working very hard since the last meeting to try to identify things that we hope can improve this chapter. We will have a box at the meeting for you to drop off your surveys. If you can't make the meeting and still want your survey counted, please mail it to me at: >

Mike Dempsey  
13550 Lannie Court  
Elm Grove WI, 53122

If you choose to mail your survey, you need to include your name or NAWCC number on the survey for it to be counted. If you want to remain anonymous, bring it to the meeting and drop it off in the survey box.

The survey can also be downloaded at our web site at: [www.NAWCC47.com](http://www.NAWCC47.com). I will report to all the membership the results at the next meeting newsletter.

To keep all chapter members informed on board meetings, the minutes are published in this newsletter. If you have any comments please let me know.

Since this is our last meeting of the year, we will start collecting dues at this meeting. The dues have been increased to \$25.00 for the year.

Please take time to stop at the front desk and pay.

We will be having a very interesting educational program at our meeting. Our own David Lee from Lake Forest Ill will be giving a program on Barometers. This is a two part program over two different meetings.

The first will be on Identification and at another meeting will cover Repair. If you have a barometer and would like to get some information, please bring it to the meeting and David will try to give you some information on it.

I hope to see you at the next meeting,  
Mike



Sept. 20, 2009 Mart



## YOU HAVE MAIL!

### The Field Suitcase Workshop:

Send me your request for classes (2010) & info on the best dates for you. Please mention several dates so the best opportunities for all can be arranged.

**Chapter 47 Board of Directors and Officers** have been working overtime to juggle every-



thing because of how the economy is affecting the Chapter & its members. **We all feel the pain.** It's refreshing to hear those members who have positive suggestions & to those who donated money & want our Chapter to survive & thrive, Thank you very much.

*Jim* James@ClockBug.com

### Chapter 47 Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2009 Business Meeting

The entire Chapter membership was invited to participate in a discussion regarding the state of the Chapter.

Chapter President Dempsey opened the meeting with a statement that the chapter had insufficient funds to hold meetings the remainder of the year. He felt that the Chapter membership should have an opportunity to discuss the financial situation & provide suggestions.

Chapter President Dempsey provided a short overview of the membership history of Chapter 47, other chapters, & the national association. Two years ago, Chapter 47 had approximately 180 members; current membership has dropped to around 65 members. One of the largest chapters, in Texas, has experienced similar erosion of membership. Membership in the national association has also decreased.

A spreadsheet summarizing Chapter expenses & income was distributed to the members. The spreadsheet indicated that, at present levels of income & expenses, the Chapter loses about \$70 a meeting. The primary source of income is dues. The primary expense is room rental, followed by newsletter copying & mailing costs. Maintenance of the Chapter website was also cited as an expense. The spreadsheet indicated that there were only a limited number of expenses; as a result, there was little to cut for balancing finances. In one effort to control costs, the Christmas party for 2009 would be canceled. Both the Christmas party & picnic result in net losses to the Chapter, & in recent years had been funded by individuals through donations.

Chapter President Dempsey stated that he planned to ask the Chapter board to consider a motion to raise the annual dues to \$25, & asked for comments from the membership. Several members spoke in favor of an increase in dues. A show of hands was requested to determine whether the membership supported an increase in dues; a majority of members responded in the affirmative. An alternative option was also discussed. Chapter dues could be maintained at \$10; however, the primary expense of facility rental would need to be addressed. This would likely require use of a public facility such as a school or library. Board members had looked at several possible venues, including facilities in Wauwatosa, Brookfield, Elm Grove, South Milwaukee, & Milwaukee County Parks. It was found that public spaces generally forbid buying & selling of goods. Requirements for liability insurance were in place at some venues. Members voiced a preference for maintaining the mart & continued use of the Norway House.

Several members noted the policy of the national association pertaining to membership. This policy states that membership in the national association is required as a condition to joining a chapter. Several members expressed their displeasure with this policy, stating that paying dues for both national & Chapter membership is a financial burden. In addition, these members stated they derive more pleasure from belonging to the Chapter than they do from the national association. It was noted that the Chapter does not receive any financial support from the national association.

Chapter President Dempsey stated that the financial status of the Chapter may be a surprise to some members, as the financial status of the Chapter is not posted on the Chapter website or printed in the newsletter. Chapter President Dempsey stated that efforts would be made to post current Chapter membership count & the financial report on the Chapter website to improve communications.

Chapter President Dempsey closed the meeting by suggesting that a similar member discussion be held during the next meeting. The focus of the discussion would be to solicit ideas for improving the Chapter, such as

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creation of programs & boosting Chapter membership. Several members expressed a willingness to begin the discussion during this meeting. The start of the discussion was deferred so the scheduled educational program could be presented, & so the board could meet.

#### **Board Meeting**

Attendees: M. Dempsey, C. White, R. Fanchamps, E. Buc, L. Share, B. Curtain, L. Wheaton, D. Osterud, B. Strom, H. Young, V. Share, J. Mirek

The Board convened following the Business Meeting. President Dempsey opened the meeting by making a motion to raise annual Chapter dues to \$25, while maintaining current entrance, Gold Card, & mart table fees. The motion was seconded by Director Curtain. A discussed followed, which included the suggestion to raise annual dues to \$30, but eliminate the entrance fee & Gold Card. President Dempsey requested a vote on the existing motion first, as that was the issue on the floor. Voting in favor: Treasurer Share, Director Curtain, Director Strom, Librarian Fanchamps, Secretary Buc. Voting against: Director Osterud, Vice President White, Director Wheaton. Motion carried.

Director Wheaton offered a motion to raise the annual dues to \$30, but eliminate the entrance fee. The motion was seconded by Director Osterud. Voting in favor: Secretary Buc, Vice President White, Director Osterud, Director Wheaton. Voting against: Treasurer Share, Librarian Fanchamps, Director Curtain, Director Strom. With vote tied, President Dempsey voted against. Motion defeated.

President Dempsey offered a motion to reduce the number of meetings in 2010 from five to four, to provide additional cost control. Several Board members recommended that this motion be considered in early 2010, after dues are paid & Chapter income is known. No second was offered on motion. Treasurer Share stated that enough money had been collected during the September meeting from donations, dues, entrance fees & mart tables to fund a meeting in November 2009.

A discuss of meeting dates for 2010 was initiated. Treasurer Share is also on Board of the Norway House, & coordinates meeting dates & rental of facility. President Dempsey asked Treasurer Share to contact Norway House & ask if a reduction in rental fee could be obtained in 2010.

A discussion of fees for the Gold Card was initiated. Current entrance fees are \$3 per meeting, or an annual \$10 fee for a Gold Card, which entitles the purchaser to attend all meetings. If a Gold Card purchaser attends all five meetings, that purchaser realizes a \$5 savings. Director Osterud suggested raising the Gold Card fee to \$15, & eliminating the \$3 entrance fee except for visitors. This approach would allow all members to pay entrance fees up-front & greatly reduce the need to collect money at the door for each meeting. Director Strom stated that the combined fee of \$25 dues & \$15 for an entrance fee was raising the Chapter fees to those comparable with the national association. No motion was made.

Librarian Fanchamps suggested that the form used to purchase the Gold Card be modified to allow the purchaser to provide a donation to the Chapter. Treasurer Share stated that there is an existing form on the newsletter, which has this option. Several board members were unaware of this form, & Treasurer Share noted that many members opt to pay at the door prior to a meeting, rather than completing the form. Improved use of the form was discussed, so that updated information on Chapter members & email addresses could be obtained. Director Strom stated that sole use of the form would create an obstacle to members joining. No motion was made.

A discussion was initiated on the issue of requiring Chapter members to also maintain membership in the national association. President Dempsey suggested sending a letter to the national association requesting a short-term suspension of the requirement to encourage the organization (both national & Chapter) to grow from the local level. Librarian Fanchamps suggested an alternative letter. This letter would express the discontent of the local membership for the requirement, & ask what the national organization would do to help us solve this issue. Librarian Fanchamps agreed to prepare a draft letter for the board to consider.

A motion was offered by Director Strom to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Director Curtain. Motion carried.

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DESCRIPTION	Time	Price	<b>2010</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 47 Membership Dues	1 Year	\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Card prepaid entry to meetings	1 Year	\$10.00	OR \$3 at door
<input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues <i>Use NAWCC Form-send to NAWCC</i>	1 Year	\$65.00*	Or \$85 with spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Mart Table at Chapter meeting	1 Mart	\$ 5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> MART EXPRESS CARD* & Gold	1 Year	\$30.00	*\$55.00 with Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Ad in MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES	Annually	\$100.00+	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Chapter 47	1	\$	
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