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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC

SEPT 2018

NEXT MEETING - SEPT 16

May Program

Mike Demsey "Clock Repair Tips"

Show and Tell: Bring the clock you have been putting off repairing, and get some tips!



President's Message

The meeting dates are set for 2019; see column on left for details.

Educational programs for the balance of 2018:

Menomonee Valley Chapter 47

November 18, 2018
January 6, 2019
March 17, 2019
May 5, 2019
September 15, 2019
November 17, 2019

Madison Chapter 171

First Wednesday of even number months

Chicagoland Chapter 3

February 4, 2018
April 8, 2018
September 9, 2018
November 11, 2018
December 2, 2018

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 - Representative Craig White
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September: Mike Dempsey will share some clock repair tips
November: Craig White will discuss a James Ferguson-Inspired Astronomical Clock.

Talks for 2019:

- Jan - Looking for a volunteer
- Mar - Looking for a volunteer
- May - Strasbourg Astronomical Clock - Craig White
- September - English Watch and Clock Making Tools - Danno Osterud
- November - Beyer Clock Museum - Craig White

We received requests for educational talks on the following topics: 1) Veneering clock cases, and 2) How to repair of 400-day clocks. Contact Harry Schulz if you would be willing to provide a talk on either of these topics or any other subject

We have some Chapter 47 pins made many years ago. We will be selling them for \$1 to anyone interested in them starting with the November meeting. Proceeds will go to the club. They can be worn at regionals or national events. They will also be given to anyone who buys a gold card for 2019.

The May meeting was well attended. We had a good turnout with the good weather. Most tables were filled with items for sale.

Mike Dempsey presented a short history of electric clocks. There have been many more electric clocks produced than mechanical ones. The first battery clocks went into production in the 1840's but were not widely popular until the 1890's. The synchronous clocks came out in 1930. Telechron made over 20 million of these. Even the inexpensive quartz movement is battery-powered and keeps time by a vibrating crystal. Thanks for this presentation.

Bruce Shawkey informed us of a club for active collectors and traders. It is called the "Northern Illinois Watch & Clock Club", and has no affiliation with the NAWCC. They are primarily a mart trader-based group with occasional educational talks. They meet every month except December, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. 6 PM – 8 PM at Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd (Rt. 173), Loves Park, IL. Meeting dates for rest of year are: Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28.

Thank you,
Craig White

Spot a Clock

We dedicate this 'Spot a Clock' in remembrance of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, which suffered a devastating fire on May 15, 2018. A reminder that our historic buildings and clocks are difficult or impossible to replace.

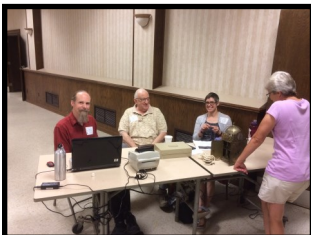


Photos from the May 2018 Chapter 47 Meeting



Treasurer's Report

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| April 1, 2018 | |
| Opening Balance | \$1,294.25 |
| Income: | |
| Dues and Admissions | \$ 123.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 123.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Coffee, Donuts, Fruit | (\$ 34.72) |
| Business Expense | (\$ 10.00) |
| Newsletter | (\$ 37.33) |
| Total Expenses | (\$ 82.05) |
| July 31, 2018 | |
| Closing Balance | \$1,335.20 |



Dan Osterud, Treasurer



Spot a Clock?

This month's 'Spot a Clock' is Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 1046 North 9th Street, Milwaukee. The picture below was taken during a Doors Open Milwaukee event in 2016.



As with many Lutheran churches in the city, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded by German immigrants. The congregation was founded in 1847, and is the oldest Missouri Synod church in the city.



The architect of the church was Fredrick Velguth, who designed the church in the German Romanesque/Gothic Revival style. The church was built in 1878.



The church was entered into the National Registry of Historic Places in 1979. According to the City of Milwaukee's Final Historic Designation Study Report, "The clock was made in Howard, New York, although it has since been electrified." A review of the E. Howard Co. clock records available online through the NAWCC did not identify a listing for the clock movement or dials



On May 15, 2018, a devastating fire erupted at the church during renovations. One of the spires collapsed, as did the roof over the main section of the church. The photograph below is from Fox6 News archives.



Subsequent newspaper articles indicate it will be possible to rebuild the church. A recent visit found a fence around the perimeter, and a sign asking for support for the rebuilding. This event is a reminder that our historic buildings are often one-of-a-kind structures, and cannot be easily replaced.



If you would like to suggest a clock for the newsletter's 'Spot a Clock', please contact Ed Buc at the Chapter meetings or by email at timecraft_wi@yahoo.com.

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| <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 | \$90.00 | \$110 with spouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mart Table at Chapter meeting* | 1 Mart | \$ 0 | *FREE to Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Newsletter via mail | 1 Year | \$5.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card ad in newsletter | 1 issue | \$5.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Chapter 47 | 1 | \$ | |
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**"By the Book" - Repair Tips and
Techniques**

Many of us have shelves of horological books, but how often do we use them? Each issue, we will feature a repair tip or historical tidbit taken from a common reference book. These tips are offered for informational purposes only. Chapter 47 or its board do not endorse any of the tips or techniques offered herein.

From "The Best of J.E. Coleman:
Clockmaker":

"This is the first book ever to be published of the original works of J.E. Coleman. It encompasses more than forty years of writing by one of America's foremost horological authorities. Written in easy to understand American English are Coleman's answers to thousands of questions pertaining to clocks, watches, history and related subjects."