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## NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22

### September Program

**Craig White - The Beyer  
Clock Museum in Zurich,  
Switzerland**



### President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed our new venue in May. The sight was perfect for what we do in our meeting and I understand the coffee was good too. This summer they have repaved the parking lot so entrances should be easier for carts and dollies. The steps have been eliminated.

### **Menomonee Valley Chapter 47**

January 6, 2019 (West Allis)  
March 17, 2019 (West Allis)  
May 5, 2019 (S. Milwaukee)  
Sept. 22, 2019 (S. Milwaukee)  
Nov. 10, 2019 (S. Milwaukee)  
January 5, 2020 (S. Milwaukee)  
March 8, 2020 (S. Milwaukee)  
May 3, 2020 (S. Milwaukee)

### **Madison Chapter 171**

First Wednesday of even  
number months

### **Chicagoland Chapter 3**

February 3, 2019  
April 14, 2019  
September 8, 2019  
November 3, 2019  
December 8, 2019

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Thanks to Mike Dempsey for his presentation. This lecture dealt with designing and re-producing clock parts which are not available to purchase. The lecture covered putting a plan together to help succeed in making these parts, with common everyday clock repair tools. There were some great tips for repairers. Methods for making parts were shown along with developing critical thinking steps in developing a plan to make the parts.

Mike stressed that thought must be given on how to make parts. Everyone has different tools and mechanical abilities. Your plan for making the parts must be well thought through to make a successful part. Remember today we many times have better tools and equipment that the original clock maker had 200 years ago. Yet the clock was somehow made 200 years ago.

The September educational talk will be given by Craig White. The subject is the Beyer Clock museum in Zurich Switzerland. I had the opportunity to visit this museum after the NAWCC travel chapter visit in 2018 to Amsterdam and a trip down the Rhine River.

The Beyer Clock and Watch Museum is housed in Zurich's heart of the city, in the premises of the Beyer watch store. The exhibition comprises some 250 pieces from all fields of chronology, which are examined in technical and scientific terms as well as from an art history point of view. The museum is home to one of the most important horological collections in the world. It recounts the complete history of timekeeping from 1400 BC to the present day. The exhibition comprises rare and precious exhibits such as shadow sticks, sundials, oil-lamp clocks, hourglasses, water clocks, grandfather clocks, table clocks, pocket watches, wrist-watches and scientific instruments for timekeeping and marine navigation. Historical masterpieces that are rarely set running because of their fragile mechanics come to life in enthralling video clips. The exhibition is constantly being expanded and is widely regarded as one of the most important horological collections in the world. Photos and video clips will be shown describing the clocks and their workings.

Educational presentations for balance of 2019 are:

September - Beyer Clock Museum, by Craig White  
November - Golden Age of the Swiss Wristwatch, by Bruce Shawkey

We still have a request for educational talk on veneering clock cases. If anyone knows someone who would be willing to present please contact Harry Schultz.

Thank you,  
Craig White

### Spot a Clock

Last month's 'Spot-a-Clock' was St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church at 1434 South Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee.

Can you guess this month's 'Spot-a-Clock'?



### Photos from the May 2019 Chapter 47 Meeting



### Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2019	
Opening Balance	\$1,606.59
Income:	
Dues and Admission	\$ 297.00
Printed Newsletter	\$ 10.00
Total Income	\$ 307.00
Expenses:	
Donuts, Fruit	(\$ 44.07)
Hall Rental	(\$ 250.00)
Website	(\$ 15.99)
Newsletter	(\$ 51.10)
Total Expenses	(\$ 361.16)
July 31, 2019	
Closing Balance	\$1,552.43



Dan Osterud, Treasurer



## Spot-a-Clock

This month's 'Spot a Clock' is St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, located at 1434 South Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee .



The parish was founded in 1888 by German Catholics living on the south side of Milwaukee. The church was designed by E. Brielmaier & Sons, which also designed St. Josephat's Basilica. The architectural style is Romanesque Revival. The church was constructed between 1905 and 1906.



The clock faces date to the original construction of the church. Interestingly, a clock movement and hands were not installed until 1988



St. Lawrence parish merged with St. Matthew's parish in 1999 to form the Prince of Peace parish. The church and adjoining school building were subsequently sold to Grace Hmong Alliance Church, which then relocated to a new facility. The school is currently occupied by Notre Dame School of Milwaukee.



This section of Layton is known as the Layton Boulevard Historic District. The district was created to recognize and preserve the residential architecture located in this area of Milwaukee, and is on the National Historic Register. Few commercial buildings are located in the district, but one additional notable facility is located on the west side of Layton Boulevard from St. Lawrence. St. Joseph's Convent was initially constructed in 1887 and rebuilt following a fire in 1890. A chapel was constructed on the south end of the complex in 1916



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](mailto: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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to Chapter 47	1	\$	
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**Have too many  
project clocks or  
watches? Extra  
tools gathering  
dust? Books  
taking up space  
on your shelf?**

**Clean house and sell your unneeded horological  
items at the Chapter's Silent Auction Tables!**

**"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 "Twenty-First Century Watchmaking" by William O. Smith, Jr.

"Watchmaking is presently undergoing a predictable but startling change. It is indeed a sign of the times when handmade replacement parts for coveted wrist-watches are as valuable as diamonds! This phenomenon is the direct result of a growing scarcity of ready-made parts for the finest quality mechanical wrist-watches."

"From the watchmaker's standpoint, techniques for making watch parts have changed little in decades. Photochemical milling, electric discharge applications, computer-aided design/manufacturing, and electrochemical polishing are wonderful advancements. But these developments have not impacted the watch repair industry in the hand-making of single piece replacement parts."