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MAY 2019

NEXT MEETING - MAY 5

May Program

Mike Demsey — "Designing and Reproducing Missing or Broken Clock Parts"

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 15, 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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<u>Vice-President's</u> <u>Message</u>

For the March educational program we showed the second half of "Anniversary Clocks: History, Repair, & Maintenance" by Bill Ellison.

The following repair guide lines were given: Don't file anything. Don't adjust anything.

Don't bush anything. Don't bend anything. Usually burnishing of the pivots is not needed. Always clean and lubricate the clock. Always clean and lubricate the mainspring. Frequently a new main spring is needed. Always use a mainspring winder to remove and install the mainspring. Any coning of the mainspring will cause a significant loss of power. To set the beat: Stop the clock and let it come to rest. Mark the ball that is farthest from the back of the clock. Using a paper protractor, line up the 0 point 180 degrees from the marked ball. The protractor should have marks at 270 degrees to the right and left of the 0 point. Other marks to the left and right are also useful. Start the clock running. Adjust the suspension saddle until the marked ball is an equal distance from the 0 point in both directions when the 'tick' sound occurs. A beat setting tool makes this much easier. Usually a swing of 270 degrees in each direction is sufficient for the clock to run successfully. If less than 270 degrees check for source of power loss.

Rough regulation of the clock can be obtained by measuring the beats per minute with a stopwatch. Most normal-sized anniversary clocks are 8 beats or swings per minute. Miniature clocks are 10, 12, or 15 beats per minute. The suspension spring can be thinned to slow down a clock that can't be slowed down enough with the regulator. Use 320 – 400 grit emery paper glued to two popsicle sticks. Holding the pendulum down pinch the suspension spring between the popsicle sticks and gently slide down. 2- 3 strokes will usually make a significant difference.

Harry Schulz

President's Message

<u>New Location for May and all subsequent meetings will be:</u> Knights of Columbus, 732 Badger Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172

See left column for new dates. The March 2020 meeting time has been moved to March 15, 2020.

The May Educational Talk will be given by Mike Dempsey Designing and Reproducing Missing or Broken Clock Parts. (Continued on Page 3)

Spot a Clock

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We are carrying over last month's 'Spot a Clock' to provide space to report on WCTC's proposal to eliminate all personal enrichment classes, including clock repair. We have already lost MATC's class—please consider contacting the WCTC board.

One more chance to identify the clock below.

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Treasurer's Report –Annual Report	
February 1, 2019 Opening Balance	\$1,741.75
Dues and Admissions Newsletter Subscriptions Total Income	\$ 422.00 <u>\$ 10.00</u> \$ 432.00
Expenses: Donuts, Fruit Hall Rental Printed Newsletter Total Expenses	(\$ 29.62) (\$500.00) <u>(\$ 37.54)</u> (\$567.16)
March 31, 2019 Closing Balance	\$1,606.59

Dan Osterud, Treasurer

Photos from the March 2019 Chapter 47 Meeting







WCTC is proposing to discontinue the Antique Clock Repair class, and we request your help - Please write in favor of continuing the class.

Dear fellow NAWCC Chapter 47 members,

The purpose of this message is first, to let you know about Waukesha County Technical College's (WCTC) budget proposal to discontinue all personal enrichment classes, which includes Antique Clock Repair. Second, I ask your help. Please contact one or more members of the WCTC Board of Directors before May 14, 2019 when they vote on the budget, with a message in favor of continuing the class.

Many Chapter 47 members have taken clock repair class at MATC or WCTC. It benefits the Chapter if the class continues because clock repair knowledge helps collectors. The public benefits by having competent repairers. I have looked at a radius of over 100 miles, and there are no other places to learn about clock repair.

WCTC Board Member CONTACT INFO:

The 9 members of the WCTC Board of Directors can be contacted by e-mail.

The following webpage has their names and links to their e-addresses:

https://www.wctc.edu/about/leadership/district-board/ index.php

For US mail, each of the Board Members can be reached via the WCTC address:

WCTC District Board 800 Main Street Pewaukee, WI 53072

It is my hope that you consider writing in favor of continuing the clock class. Thank you to the Chapter 47 Board of Directors for permitting this message to be sent to members. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help,

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President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

This lecture will deal with designing and reproducing clock parts which are not available to purchase. The lecture will cover putting a plan together to help succeed in making these parts, with common everyday clock repair tools. This is a great class for repairers. Methods for making parts are shown along with developing critical thinking steps in developing a plan to make the parts.

Educational presentations for balance of 2019 are:

September - English Watch and Clock Making Tools - Danno

November - Beyer Clock Museum - Craig

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

There will be many horological books for sale at the May meeting. A former member's library will be for sale at good prices so come prepared to buy some books!

Thank you, Craig White

Additional Photos from the March 2019 <u>Chapter 47 Meeting</u>





