

MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES®



MENOMONEE VALLEY CHAPTER 47 WISCONSIN
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC

January 2025

NEXT MEETING - January 12th

November Programs

Craig White
Restoring a
Scottish Musical
Tall Case Clock

Live Seminar:
RESILVERING DIALS BY
CRAIG WHITE

Menomonee Valley ***Chapter 47***

January 12th, 2022

March 9th, 2025

May 18th, 2025

September 7th, 2025

November 9th, 2025

Madison Chapter 171

First Wednesday of even
number months

Chicagoland Chapter 3

310 W Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst IL

February 8th, 2025

May 3rd, 2025

April 6th, 2025

August 24th, 2025

October 26th, 2025

December 7th, 2025

Chapter 47 Officers ***and Directors***

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American Legion Post 434

9327 S. Shepard Ave, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

Doors open at 9:00 for setup. Demonstration at 10:00. Educational talk at 11:00. Cleanup at 12:00.

Presidents

We will continue to need some help setting up and taking down. So arrive at 9:00 and help setup and stay after the educational talk to help return the room in the condition we found it in. Thank you for your help in this.

Message

Opens at 9:00 for setup and mart. Craig White Will give a demonstration on re-silvering dials beginning at 10:00 during the mart. Mike Dempsey will give the second part of his balance staff and hairspring replacement in March. Educational talk at 11:00 by Craig White entitled "Restoring a Scottish Musical Tall Case Clock."

We also need a new secretary. The main job is just to put this newsletter together. Please offer to help so no one is overburdened, only takes around an hour per meeting.

We have some demonstrations planed for upcoming meetings as follows

Jan – Resilver dials (White)

Mar – Balance staff and hairspring replacement, part 2 (Dempsey)

Thank you, Mike, for giving your PowerPoint talk on Mainsprings. He suggested this is the first tool you should buy when getting into clock repair. There is a lot of potential energy stored in a mainspring. This energy needs to be let down in a controlled manner to avoid personal injury and damage to the clock. Cleaning and examining the mainspring is important when servicing a clock. The spring needs to be free of any cracks and clean and lubricated with horological mainspring oil.

Craig White gave an overview of his recent AHS tour in Netherlands and a stop in Wales, entitled "Horological Finds in Europe." Photos of a couple of rotisseries powered by clock works were shown. A dog powered wheel was shown for rotating meat during cooking. This was a special dog breed now extinct.

But in 1793, the French smashed the old clock system in favor of French Revolutionary Time, which was a 10-hour day, with 100 minutes per hour, and 100 seconds per minute. This thoroughly modern system had a few practical benefits, chief among them being a simplified way to do time-related math. If we want to know when a day is 80% complete, decimal time simply says "at the end of the eighth hour," whereas standard time requires us to say "at 19 hours, 12 minutes." French Revolutionary Time was a more elegant solution to that math problem. The problem was that every living person already had a well-established way of telling the time, and old habits die hard!

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The system proved unpopular. People were unfamiliar with switching systems of time, and there were few practical reasons for non-mathematicians to change how they told time. (The same could not be said of the metric system of weights and measurements, which helped to standardize commerce; weights and measurements often differed in neighboring countries, but clocks generally did not.) Furthermore, replacing every clock and watch in the country was an expensive proposition. The French officially stopped using decimal time after just 17 months. French Revolutionary Time became non-mandatory starting on April 7, 1795. This did not stop some areas of the country from continuing to observe decimal time, and a few decimal clocks remained in use for years afterwards, presumably leading to many missed appointments!



6. Table pendulum clock
Antide Janvier
Paris, ca. 1803
A day is divided into 24 hours of 60 minutes of 60 seconds. The French revolutionary government also sought to decimalise time; however this proved a bridge too far. The face of this table pendulum clock is divided into tens, but these designate the ten 'normal' minutes that formed the maximum duration of an audience with a government official.



We still need some volunteer for talks for 2025. Please contact Harry Schulz or myself with ideas or suggestions.

Educational Talks Planned for 2025:

Jan 2025	Restoring a Scottish Musical Tall Case Clock
March 2025	The one that got away, moving a Schwalbach Tower clock by Danno
May 2025	Isaac Rogers Turkish Dial Lantern Clock Restoration, by Craig
September 2025	Open
Nov. 2025	Open

Free tables!! A free silent auction table will also be available.

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DESCRIPTION	Time	Price	2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 47 Membership Dues	1 Year	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Card Prepaid entry to meetings	1 Year	\$10.00	OR \$5 at door
<input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues Use NAWCC Form-send to NAWCC	1 Year	\$112.00	\$98 w Digital Pub.
<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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**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!**

Treasurer's Report

October 16th, 2024
Opening Balance \$6794.39

Income:

Dues and Admissions	\$225.00
Donations	\$105.00
Total Income	\$330.00

Expenses:

Newsletter	(\$21.34)
Donuts and Coffee	(\$78.67)
Total Expenses	(\$100.01)

December 15, 2024
Closing Balance \$7024.38



Dan Osterud, Treasurer