

MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES®



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

March 2025

NEXT MEETING - March 9th

November Programs

Danno Osterud
**Moving a
Schwalbach Tower
Clock**

Live Seminar:
**BALANCE STAFFS AND
HAIRSPRINGS BY
MIKE DEMPSEY**

Menomonee Valley Chapter 47

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
May 3rd, 2025
April 6th, 2025
August 24th, 2025
October 26th, 2025
December 7th, 2025

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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 Message

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.

Doors open at 9:00 for setup and mart. Mike Dempsey will be continue discussing Balance staff and hairspring replacement beginning at 10:00 during the mart. The first part was presented in the October meeting. Educational talk at 11:00 by Danno entitled "*The one that got away, moving a Schwalbach tower 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.

Our planned demonstration for the March mart will be *Balance staff and hairspring replacement*, part 2 (Dempsey)

Craig White gave a hands-on demonstration of silvering a dial. Surface preparation and actually adding silver to the surface was demonstrated. This was followed by lacquering or waxing.

Craig White then gave a PowerPoint talk on Restoring a Scottish Musical Tall Case Clock, or Nock as the Scottish would call it. The Clock was made by James Gray and the musical portion made by Anthony Jeeves around 1774. The clock plays 10 individual tunes by a selector dial. Music plays at 10, 1, 6 & 9 or on command. This is called **Presbyterian strike** which is defined by the clock playing at certain times of the day and silent at night. The specific times are selected by maker and usually had religious reasons.

The replacement of some missing pins was shown as well as cleaning and adjusting. A missing pulley was recreated to match the originals and the technique was shown on how this was done.

The hands, finials were verified as originals by comparing to other clock by the same maker.

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

Educational Talks Planned for 2025:

May 2025 Isaac Rogers Turkish Dial Lantern Clock Restoration, by Craig White
Sept 2025 Open
Nov. 2025 Open

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

Hope to see you all there.

Thanks,

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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.



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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

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Hope to see you all there.
Thanks, Craig

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<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	
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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!**

Treasurer's Report

December 16th, 2024

Opening Balance \$7024.38

Income:

Dues and Admissions	\$390.00
Printed Newsletter	\$15.00
Total Income	\$405.00

Expenses:

Newsletter	(\$6.72)
Donuts and Coffee	(\$41.27)
Hall Rental	(\$375.00)
Business Expenses	(\$71.07)
Total Expenses	(\$494.06)

February 15, 2024

Closing Balance \$6935.32



Dan Osterud, Treasurer