



Meeting Minutes - March, 2010

General: The meeting was called to order by President Al McBride. There were 21 members and 3 guests present. Jack and Elinor Goldberg (shown right) were here from San Jacinto Chapter 139 in Houston, TX. Jack offered to give a Power Point show concerning watches at our next meeting. Milt and Sue Davidson's daughter Kathy Gotti, from Bath, Maine, was also present. Eric Jenkins introduced Mike Mallory as a guest. Our new member, Steve Andrus, spoke about his interest in pocket watches. We were also happy to have Cleo and Helen McDorman and Bob and Nancy Reichel back after periods of absence.



The group thanked host's Al McBride and Richard Schneider for sharing their museum like home and the hosts, as well as Stan and Julia Mueller and Karla Schweinfurth for the snacks.

Treasurer's report: Leonard Winchell reported that we have 42 paid up members with 23 more to go. There is \$2459.49 in the treasury. "Dues" is \$15.00, payable to NAWCC Chapter #135 and to be sent to Leonard. The drawing for a year free membership for those who had paid their dues before 12/31/09 was won by Milt Davidson!

Old Business:

1. Regional: Karla Schweinfurth is in charge of Red Caps for the Regional in Spokane. She is looking for volunteers.
2. Jerry Cooper reported on the request from someone in Olympia who could appraise a clock collection. The person has since passed away and the request is currently on hold.
3. Chapter 135 Website: Chet Ekstrand passed around samples of web pages being designed for Chapter 50 and proposed that they serve as a base for the proposed Chapter 135 site.

Membership generally agreed with the concept and embraced moving forward on the effort. Chet will work with John Runciman to refine the concept.

4. Norwest Voc'Tech LLC Watch/Clock classes: The watch class is doing OK. The clock class needs more people to enroll in it to keep it going.
5. Joint meeting with Chapter #50, Washington Watchmakers - Clockmakers Association (WWCA) and Chapter #135 - July 11th at the Shoreline Museum is the proposed date/location. Chet and Stan Mueller will follow through on this. Update: WWCA has agreed to the plan and Tom Payne (of Chapter 50 and WWCA) has agreed to be responsible for planning the program.

Sunshine: It was reported that long time member, Maynard Saunders had died. His memorial service will be on Friday, March 12th. It was also reported that Paul Middents is improving following surgery

New Business:

1. There was discussion on Clare Bungay's proposal to have the \$15.00 dues to be for a two-year period rather than one, in an effort to stimulate membership. In general, the group felt that the proposal would have minimal effect on membership and that it would, over time, erode financial reserves which are essential for things such as regional meetings. A motion was made and unanimously approved to maintain the status quo (\$15.00/year).
2. Stan Mueller reported that he had heard from "old-time" member, Andy Baudino, and that he informed Stan that he is unable to be active in this chapter again.
3. Meeting Sign-up: It was suggested that we have a sheet at each meeting for people to sign and to add and/correct any information, such as; new address, new e-mail address, etc.

There being no further news, the business meeting was adjourned.

Show and Tell (The Secret Letter was "P"):

1. Jerry Cooper showed a Seth Thomas "Paperweight" clock.
2. Julia Mueller, who has previously authored an article on "Character



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Watches” for the NAWCC Bulletin, passed around a collection of “Puyallup” Fair watches (right) and a “Pepsi” watch”

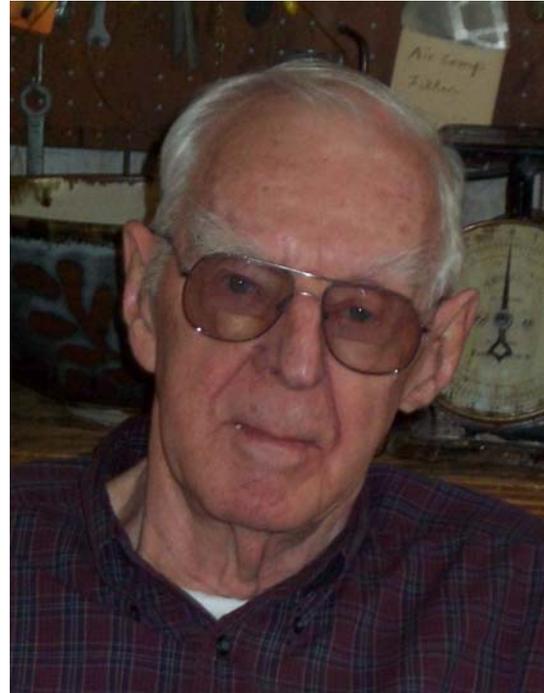
3. Stan Mueller showed a pocket watch by “Patek Philippe” and a “Pirelli Tire Girard-Perregaux!”

4. Bob Reichel (right), our resident NAWCC Fellow, presented a fascinating discussion of the development of the “Pendulum” from early efforts by Galileo in 1581 to successful development of a pendulum clock by Christian Huygens in 1656. He also discussed challenges in pendulum design and a formula (below) for pendulum error correction!

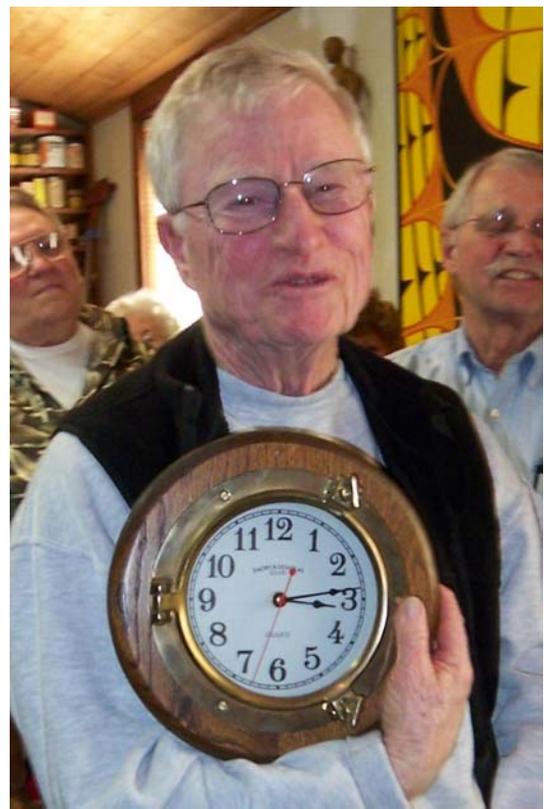
$$L = L_1 \left(1 + \frac{E}{R}\right)^2$$

L_1 = incorrect length
 L = correct length
 E = error in hours (or minutes)
 R = length of test run

FORMULA FOR PENDULUM
'ERROR' CORRECTION



5. Milt Davidson (right) showed an interesting (and heavy!) Emory and Douglas “Porthole” clock.



6. Karla Schweinfurth showed a wall mounted "Pocket" watch

7. Richard Schneider showed a "POPPO"
Japanese cuckoo clock (right).



8. Al McBride showed a reproduction of a
"Peddler" clock (right).



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Program: A presentation on “Big Ben” by Karla Schweinfurth (right) was planned, but due to the limited time available, Karla graciously agreed to present at a later meeting. Karla did briefly discuss some of the fascinating statistics and facts about Big Ben, stimulating interest in the now future and fascinating presentation.



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