

Chapter Happenings



March 18 East Bethany Meeting:

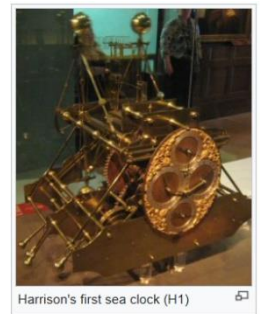
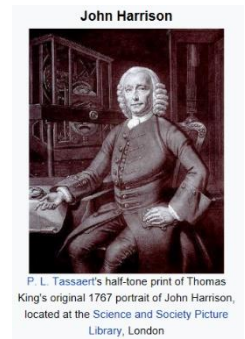
John Harrison and Longitude

Graham Jones FNAWCC

Following a disastrous sinking of the British Fleet in 1707 a prize of 20,000 pounds was offered for the solution to the longitude problem. John Harrison spent his life on the problem, through the development of four timekeepers, now called H1, H2, H3 and H4. The presentation describes some of the background to the invention and development of the Marine Chronometer by John Harrison.

Graham Jones FNAWCC is a retired mechanical engineer Graham has been studying and working on clocks since 1980. His main interests are Canadian clocks and Tower clocks. A member of NAWCC Chapter 33 since 1980 Graham served as Chapter President for 4 years.

After retirement he opened a clock shop where he did repairs and wrote articles and books on clocks. He now enjoys giving presentations on clocks to historical groups.



Chapter 13 Member Garth Brokaw Shares his collection and the history of clock making in America at the Fairport Baptist Home, later presented at the Perinton Historical Society, January 2018

Have you met this member?



Dick Baker was born in Lisbon New York and came to Wayne County in 1950 with his family. The oldest of 11, he left school at the age of 16 to work. He has worked on a farm, in a fertilizer plant and a furniture factory.

Dick's love of clocks stems from when he lived with his grandparents and his grandfather would wind the family clock every week. That clock was a Seth Thomas Gingerbread Eclipse. He always remembers that, as he was not allowed to touch it. So when he received that clock in 1964 from his aunt, his pursuit of clocks began. Over the years he found various clocks and started a collection. He attended his first NAWCC meeting at Chapter 55 in 1978 and he was hooked. He joined Chapter 13 around 1980 and started going to the Eastern States Regional and is currently a mart room coordinator assisting members

during set up, break down and during the Regional itself.

Since then Dick has read many books, articles and information about all types of clocks. He has spent many hours with Chris Brown, Snowden Taylor, Tom Spittler and many other members who were more than willing to help him and now he is more than willing to help others. Since he bought, repaired and sold antiques over the years, he has given many talks on clock case repair and finishing. His collection includes many types but his favorites are wood works and black forest.

Dick and his wife Dorothy have an eBay business (herbiepigeons) and have sold many clocks and parts to almost every country in the world. Dick is happy when someone calls and asks for a part to repair a clock and he always says, "I think I might have what you need, come on over."

Some of the most rewarding and memorable projects Dick has worked on were the Snowden Taylor Wood Work Identification Project, the Empire In Time book, the Chris Brown Book, presenting the Music Box Display for the 1989 National in Buffalo, the Syracuse Regionals and the extra support he has given to the Rochester Group to encourage more people to get into the clocks and watches. The Bakers are always willing to help the club and other collectors.

Hoffman Clock School

First class for "Introduction to Antique Clock Repair" at Newark Public Library. Instructors are Chapter 13 members Eric Hooker, Dave Richardson and John Fadden

