

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors
Western New York Chapter 13
March 2018 Newsletter

Please join us for our next meeting!

Sunday, March 18, 2018
10510 Bethany Center Rd.

Bethany Community Center
E. Bethany, NY

\$14 per person (mail-in registration)

\$16 per person (at the door)

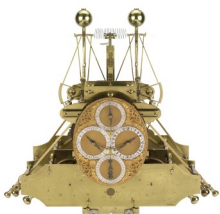
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MARCH PROGRAM: John Harrison and Longitude by Graham Jones



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 with the development of four timekeepers, now called H1, H2, H3 and H4. This 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.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE



Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of 2018's meetings! Chapter 13 has three different meeting venues. The Rochester contingency hosts 8 meetings per year for those who live in the Rochester vicinity. The Buffalo contingency holds 4 meetings per year for the Westside crowd. And we all have the opportunity to come together in Bethany for 5 meetings per year. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings and to bring a guest as well.

Bethany Meetings:

10510 Bethany Center Rd., E. Bethany, NY.

3rd Sundays at 10:30 am

January 21	July 15
March 18	October 21
June 3 (Note date change)	

Rochester Meetings:

St. John's Home, Highland Dr. & South Ave.

3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm

January 17	May 16
February 21	Sept 19
March 21	October 17
April 18	November 21

Buffalo Meetings:

St. Paul's Church, Ellicott & Eagle Sts.

3rd Sundays at Noon

February 18	Sept 16
April 15	Nov 18

SHOW AND TELL



We have come to the end of our alphabet show and tell. This meeting we will focus on pre-1950's electric clocks. So take a minute to find one in your collection and bring it in for Show & Tell. You never know—you might be the one to win a free meal for the next meeting!

WOMEN'S PROGRAM



A special thanks to Nancy Ziefel for continuing to head up the Women's Program. This program works best with your participation. So please bring something in to share with the group. It is always fun to see what others enjoy.

For our March meeting we will be sharing some of our favorite items that we have collected. So take a look around your house and bring in one or two things to share. The Women's Program will start at 11:00.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES



Well this is my 2nd message to you this year.

If you missed the January meeting you missed a great auction, we had well over 100 items and many of the members got some great bargains.

I am looking forward to our March meeting to hear a great presentation on the John Harrison adventure and his struggles to build a clock that would work on a ship. Come and hear Graham Jones share the adventure.

I just spent a sad morning sitting at the table putting together 40 invoices for soon to be past members of chapter 13. These are members that are 3 years past due in their dues payments. Dues are only \$10.00 per year—aren't we worth it? I sat there putting stamps and labels on envelopes and could not help feeling sad as I know most of the addressees and to be saying good bye to them hurts.

If you are one of the people getting an invoice, I hope you will stay with us.

We will be having some more great happenings in the chapter this coming season. We will not be having our meeting in May as they are doing a remodeling of the Hall to make it better for all to enjoy. Instead, we will meet the first Sunday in June which is the 3rd.

We are planning to have Dave Lima do a program for the March meeting and share one of his many talents.

You will soon be able to check out the NAWCC website under the community heading to see our new Chapter 13 web page. It was created by new member Beth Lewis and will be up and running in the near future. Thank you, Beth, for taking on this role.

See you in March.

Eric Hooker 585-586-2942 dhooker1@rochester.rr.com

I'd like to thank all of you who participated in our January auction, whether you bought or sold (or both) or stayed to observe all of the activity. The buyers and sellers benefited from the auction as well as the Hoffman Clock Museum and Chapter 13 - with donations from some of the auction participants.

Chapter 13 has several upcoming events that I would like to share with you. Just two days before Spring, we will have our March meeting; how exciting to look forward to both! The Show and Tell portion of our program will feature electric clocks, pre-1950. I'm sure many of you can contribute to this segment of our meeting.

We look ahead to warmer weather and hopefully some sunshine for our Chapter picnic in July. We will be choosing the venue in the near future. It is always nice to look forward to sharing fellowship, great food and a rousing auction. You have plenty of time to check out your current inventory and find some items that might need to find a new home.

Kevin Cole 585-322-5581 kcole1@frontiernet.net

JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our meeting included a busy mart, a delightful bacon wrapped pork dinner, Women's Program, wonderful fellowship, a fun W-X-Y-Z Show & Tell and an enormous auction. Thanks to all who participated!



Checking out the Mart & Auction Items!



Show & Tell included a Watch Holder, a Wooden Movement, and a Mirror Sided Clock with a Waterbury dial and a Gilbert movement. So we had a number of 'W' items but no X, Y or Z!



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Women's Program
Nancy Ziefel shared some new
items in her collections and also a
great story about her Mama and
Baby Kangaroos.



CHAPTER 13 ROCHESTER MEETING

An Interesting Presentation and Great Group Participation - Thanks to Tony Prasil



The Rochester Contingent enjoyed a very entertaining Wednesday night meeting in February. The presentation featured unique uses for clock movements other than clocks. The items on display relied on clock movements to operate. Tony Prasil was kind enough to contribute four very interesting items for the presentation. We made a contest out of the presentation by randomly pulling names of the meeting goers and asking for their answer as to what the item was and its function.

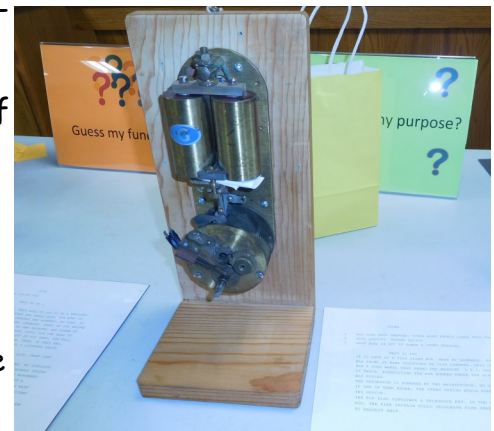
Tony not only provided four items, but also information regarding each one. On display was an Omnigraph. An Omnigraph is a teaching device to help learn the Morse Code. Another item was used on World War II Bombing Planes, controlling the releasing of bombs.

There was also a coal furnace heat control that may have been used in upscale homes and a part of a fire alarm box that had a code wheel identifying the fire box number where the alarm was pulled. Tony has a wealth of knowledge and we appreciate him sharing information with us. Prizes were awarded to the participants who knew or guessed the correct use of these artifacts.

Dick Baker also brought in some interesting pieces that utilized clock movements to perform. These items included a cigar cutter, a dumb waiter signal, and a mystery object.

Show and tell items consisted of spring driven samples that were fun to see. These included a musical toilet tissue holder, a beverage container that played "How Dry I Am" when empty, a swimmer, a door bell alarm, a rocking horse, car and more.

Tony Prasil's many contributions to our club, as well as contributions from other members, prompted us to vote on making a contribution to a project that is important to Tony. The Wednesday night contingent will make a \$500.00 donation to the restoration of a Seth Thomas Tower Clock in the village of Brockport, New York.



Submitted by Kevin Cole



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

HAVE YOU MET DEBBIE COLE...



Debbie Cole is our newly elected Secretary for Chapter 13. She comes to this position with 35 years of experience working in the offices of the city of Rochester. She also has spent the last two years assisting in organizing the Chapter 13 Rochester Contingent meetings. Debbie's husband of 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, Kevin Cole is the current co-president of our chapter and is the clock enthusiast. So Debbie says she is interested in clocks by association but has enjoyed the meetings and the friendships she has developed with many members who are collectors or are interested in repair or research.

In her spare time, which there seems to be less of these days, Debbie volunteers at Camp Good Days and Special Times and has been delivering Meal On Wheels for over 20 years. Debbie has also volunteered for many things at our meeting, selling 50/50 and raffle tickets, helping with

the auctions that we have and helping many members get organized at the mart tables.

Debbie will tell you that she does like some clocks—the Atmos because it is quiet and the little carriage clocks because they are small. Although she may not collect, she has learned many things about the types of clocks, the clock makers and the parts of a clock. There is one big thing that she can tell you about time, it affects all of us and - it flies!

Dorothy Baker



MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS

Checks payable to NAWCC Chapter 13

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ people (\$14 per person)

_____MEMBER

_____GUEST

_____GUEST

☐ I have enclosed \$10 for my
2018 Dues

Mail reservations to:

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