

60. FLORIDA GOLD COAST

LOCATION: Miramar Civic Center, 6920 S W., 35th St, Miramar, FL 33023-4770

WHEN: Third Sunday each month except August and December.

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The second half of 2000 has just flown by. The chapter has just completed in November another two (F101 and F102) Suitcase Courses, in addition to the three that were held in a row in June.

Chapter 60 would like to recognize Peter Klein for sharing with us all his wonderful musical clocks.

Cliff Taylor reported this about the June offerings: Chapter 60 hosted three straight weeks of Field Suitcase Workshops. It started off with a second offering of Workshop F101, Introduction to Basic Time and Strike Clock Repair. This course is based on the American kitchen clock type movement and teaches basic skills such as part identification, cleaning, bushing, pivot repair assembly and adjustment.

During the second week Workshop F102, Time and Strike Clock with Going Barrel and Count Wheel or Rack and Snail, was conducted. In this course the students learned and practiced the repair of the problems associated with spring barrels including tooth replacement, spring sizing and spring hook replacement. This course also covered the rack and snail strike mechanism and its variations and continued to build on the different types of count wheel mechanisms studied in F101.

Week three concluded with Workshop 103, Three Train Clock Repair; Time, Strike and Chime Clock (with going barrels). The main focus in this course is the study of the chime train and to learn how to disassemble, clean, repair, and most importantly adjust the chime mechanism. A big emphasis is placed on studying the uniqueness of each of the different movements brought in by the students in the class.

All three courses were taught by Fred Tischler who again did an excellent job and was praised by all the students. The chapter continues to subsidize a portion of the tuition to its members in an effort to promote their ability to care for their collections. As we stated in the last BULLETIN, if your chapter has not yet explored the field suitcase program this should be a topic at your next meeting.

Anyone who is interested in Chapter 60's education program should contact our Education Coordinator, JC Cohen at (954) 561-2234. —Craig H. Grosby