



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday September 23 at the Qualicum and Graham Park Community Centre on Esquimalt Avenue in Graham Park, commencing at 1:30 pm (Doors open at 1:00 pm)

Following the Chapter elections and other administration items, Allan Symons will provide a brief update on the Snider clock companies. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to show and tell. We are therefore asking all members to bring along any new or interesting horological items for display, and we would like you to tell us about them. We would also be interested in hearing about any visits you have made or experiences you have had during the summer which involved horology. All members are urged to contribute something to the meeting however small or inconsequential you may feel it to be - we shall be interested.

There will of course be Mart tables, so bring along any items you have for sale also.

Clock Repair Workshop

Don't forget that Dan Hudon's first clock repair workshop session starts at 9:00 am on the morning of our meeting. Participants should bring along their own basic hand tools where possible. As the session will probably run until just before the Chapter's meeting starts, it would probably also be a good idea to bring along a packed lunch.

If you have any questions, prior to the session, contact Dan at (613) 820-8039.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Election of Chapter officers and positions will be held at the September 23 meeting. To-date, no names have been put forward, however nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

If you feel you could contribute to the betterment of our Chapter in any capacity, why not put your name forward as a candidate?

Timely Quotes

The time is always right to do what is right. *Martin Luther King.*

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The Chapter meets five times a year on the fourth Sunday of the months of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at 1:00 pm. Annual dues \$16.

Membership in the NAWCC is obligatory.

Association dues: U.S. \$50.

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on Sunday May 27 at the Qualicum and Graham park Community Centre.

President Maynard Dokken welcomed Peter Bomford to the meeting. Peter is still residing in the Civic Hospital undergoing therapy.

It was agreed that the Chapter picnic would be held at Maynard's cottage on Sunday July 15, with rain dates on each subsequent Sunday. A silent auction will be featured. Ben Roberts will send out details and directions for the picnic to all members well in advance of the date. Ben also announced that he now receives the Calgary Alberta Watch and Clock Collectors Newsletter and the Chapter 121 British Columbia "Time Lines" together with the ongoing NAWCC News as email attachments. Copies will be on display at each meeting. Anyone wanting personal copies, contact Ben. He also reminded members about the Canadian War Museum's wish to acquire a Canadian Government issue wrist watch from each of the three branches of the services for a permanent display of uniforms and equipment.

Charles Beddoe reported that the Chapter is in a good financial position, with a satisfactory bank balance.

For Show and Tell, Brian Hollebhone highlighted an article in the Horological Sciences Chapter 161 Newsletter, May issue 2001-2. This article described experiments with a pendulum consisting of two horizontal plates joined together by diagonal crossed wires. The pendulum rod, with a bob at the lower end, is suspended from the lower plate. With this arrangement, lengthening the pendulum results in a speeding up of its swing, while shortening it results in a slower swing.

Dan Hudon described the make up and aims of his Clock Repair course and announced final plans for holding the first session. This will be held at our usual meeting place at the Qualicum and Graham Park community Centre, on Sunday September 23 commencing at 9:00 AM. This is on the day of, and prior to, the next Chapter meeting. Each session of the course is expected to take about three hours. Further sessions will also take place in the same location on subsequent Sundays. Contact Dan for further information.

Jim Armstrong gave an interesting presentation on taking pictures of horological items using a digital camera, and appropriate lighting equipment. The talk was very well received, and many questions were asked.

Maynard Dokken spoke about, and showed samples, of various clock dials he had reproduced using a computer. They were produced from both original faded and worn dials and from pictures of dials. Ben Roberts followed with a few ideas on how to 'antique' or 'age' such dials.

Mart activity at the meeting was generally limited to a collection of tools and watch and clock books for sale. These were all from the estate of the late David Whittingham and were being sold by Ben Roberts on behalf of his widow. All the items were quickly purchased by the members present.

Seen at the Last Meeting



Members at the opening of the meeting.



Dan Hudon discusses the arrangements for his repair course with George Royer.



Jim Armstrong presents his talk on photographing horological items



A closeview of Jim's camera set-up



Members were very interested in Jim's talk and asked many questions.



Maynard Dokken talked about dial reconstruction and reproduction using a computer.



Dan Hudon presents his Proposals for his clock repair seminars which are scheduled to commence in September



Brian Hollebhone discussed experiments with an unusual pendulum described in the Horological Sciences Chapter 161 Newsletter.



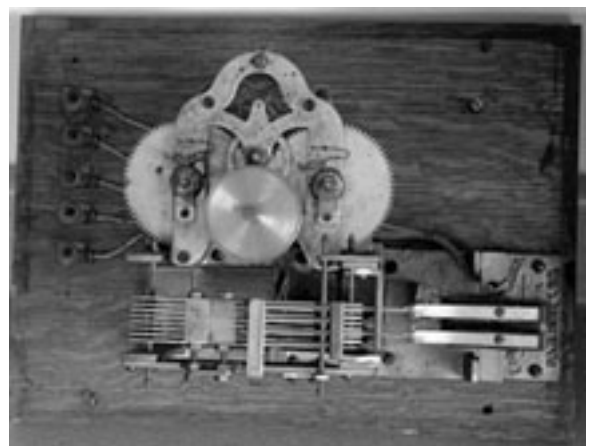
Ben Roberts talked about "antiquing" and "aging" the various dials produced by Maynards method.



Above and Below: The case and mechanism of a time clock displayed by Dan Hudon.



Left and Above: A sliding weight clock displayed by Jordan Renaud.



Clocks - Antiques, Wood Crafts

By Maynard Dokken.

Marjorie and John Wilson

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On May 24, Frank Fowler and I visited the shop of Marjorie and John Wilson in Bancroft, Ontario. While out of the way, the shop is a must visit for the clock collector, although it does contain something for almost everyone. Opened in 1990, Marjorie has arranged the shop to display the large variety of clocks and other items for sale to their best advantage.

Marjorie and John were very pleasant and open with their considerable knowledge of clocks. As there is not room in the shop to display everything, there are also a large number of clocks at their house, some of which are for sale. Allan Symons has acquired several clocks for his museum from the Wilsons.



While long, the trip through the Canadian Shield was most pleasant and worthwhile in that I saw several clocks which I had not seen before. The Wilson's shop is open chance most days from 9 to 5, but if you are going to visit, phone ahead



Chapter 111 Picnic

The Chapter picnic was held on Sunday July 15, a bright summer day, at the cottage of Maynard and Teresa Dokken. Some 40 members, their wives, children, and guests attended.

In addition to congenial conversation, the main event was a silent auction, and several interesting horological items came under the hammer.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and a variety of beverages were plentiful, but the crowning gastronomical item was a superb cake, made in the form of a clock, with each slice accompanied by strawberries and ice cream.

Very grateful thanks are due to the many members who contributed to the success of the day, with perhaps the most noteworthy being the entire Graham family.

Judy Graham who as well as performing her usual invaluable duties at the barbecue, had also baked the most excellent cake, while daughter Julie, who was also in-

involved in helping feed the hungry hordes, had decorated the cake with its clock face. Son Robert came to the rescue of Frank Prud'homme by changing a flat tire, while Pete Graham, as well as supplying the strawberries, rendered invaluable assistance throughout the picnic and together with Martin Philips was prime in carrying out the necessary clean-up operations at the close of the day. Other very grateful thanks go to Peter Bomford for phoning members; Charles Beddoe for collecting the money and issuing tickets, and George Royer for assisting Maynard with the auction. Last, but definitely not least, our thanks go to the Dokkens for the use of their cottage, particularly to Teresa, for willingly relinquishing her peace and quiet to the invading hordes, assisting with the food preparation and for carrying out many other unseen activities essential to the success of the picnic.

In all, a very successful day enjoyed by everyone.

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The Canadian Clock Museum Visited and Revisited.

By Maynard Dokken.

It has been over a year since Chapter 111 visited Allan Symons's Canadian Clock Museum just prior to it's official opening. At that time Bill Graham had been unable to join us, and I had determined that I would arrange for him to visit there as soon as possible.

It was not until June 4 this year that, with time available and Frank Fowler visiting, we were all able to get together to make the journey to Deep River, and to spend three hours being guided through the museum by Allan. The visit and tour were enjoyed by Bill and Frank, both finding it interesting for different reasons. Bill for the high precision clocks and Frank for the Canadian Clocks. For my part the visit was rewarding because, when exposed to a large number of clocks in one location, it takes several visits before I can grasp all there is to see and learn. More visits are needed.

The display has been refined since the Chapter's visit last May, with descriptive labels and more clocks added. If you visit the museum, be sure to ask Allan to show you the clocks in storage, that will be cycled through the display area.

Allan seems pleased with the success of the museum. He continues to make many additional important contacts in relation to Canadian clock makers, and has had numerous revisits by interested collectors. Jordan Renaud is in residence, repairing and restoring clocks for the museum, and others. Allan and his museum are continuing in an excellent way, to fill a need for the documentation, public display and promotion of Canadian clocks.



Jordan Renaud, Bill Graham, Maynard Dokken and Frank Fowler at the Museum.



Allan Symons talks to Bill Graham and Frank Fowler



Left, Right and Above: A few of the clocks to be seen on display at the museum.



Robert Hawley Auction

By Maynard Dokken



The tall case clock pictured here was auctioned on 16 June 2001 at the Merickville Community Centre for \$1,100 plus taxes. No buyers premium.

The mahogany veneered English case of perhaps 1820 vintage is of Midlands origin. Some parts are missing, and the finials and top centre piece may have been replaced. The movement is a typical English movement of perhaps 1880 vintage, and its original bell, which was most probably cast iron, has been replaced by a French one dated 1908. The dial is mounted on a false plate,

and there are letters stamped on the movement which could not be deciphered. The dial is a white painted break arch, with a circular dished centre and a seconds dial. The movement and dial appear to match. The case and movement appear to be a marriage, as there is a black wooden border surrounding the dial which, although well done, appears to be an addition to the original hood.



Tim Potter Auction - Kingston

By Maynard Dokken



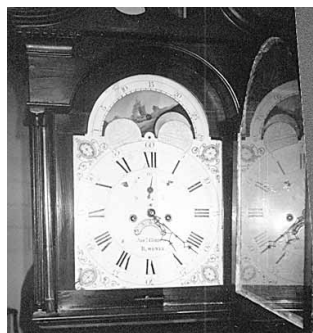
Tim Potter Auction Services are located at R.R. No. 2, Odessa, Ont. (613) 386-3635

Auctioneers Cec Knight and Tim Potter.

A three day auction was held at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Site, Kingston, Ontario, on May 19, 20 and 21. The auctioneers were Tim Potter and Cec Knight of Burnstown, Ontario, with Thomas Quirk as consultant. Prices included a 10% buyer's premium and the usual 15% tax. Catalogue descriptions of the nine clocks sold were as follows:

- Item 1. Small marble French clock with a Jape Freres movement. \$70.
- Item 2. Mickey Mouse alarm clock of German make ca. 1950-60. \$120
- Item 3. A bronze cased mantel clock: " Bigelow, Kennard Co. Inc." on dial, Chelsea movement. \$ 50.

- Item 4. English Mahogany Tall Case clock, painted dial, 88" high. Moon and date dial, Signed Josh. Gordon, B. Money. \$3750.
Note: Maker was undoubtedly Joseph Gordon of Ballymoney, Northern Ireland - Ben Roberts.
- Item 5. Wood case clock with carved gesso. 18" high with Chelsea movement. \$500.
- Item 6. Mantel clock. Art Deco metal. Onyx case. 6' high. \$175.
- Item 7. English Mahogany Tall case clock. Satin wood stringing. 90" high. \$3750.
- Item 8. Continental Boudoir clock. Drum nesting in a basket of fruit, supported by two slaves riding lions. Oblong plinth encrusted with gem stones and enamel. 5 1/2" high. Touch mark crown on crown. Possibly from 17-18th century? Said to be silver? No-jewel Swiss Strap movement. \$3000.
- Item 9. Tiffany Studios mantel clock. Patinated metal case with archaistic Chinese design. 6 1/2" high. Art Nouveau design brass case. Cathedral shape. Chelsea movement, Boston U.S.A. 'Tiffany Studios, New York' on dial. \$1600.
- Item 10. American Ebonized wood cased Mantel clock. Guilt metal mounts, 27" high. \$3750.



Item 7.



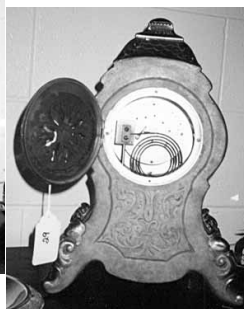
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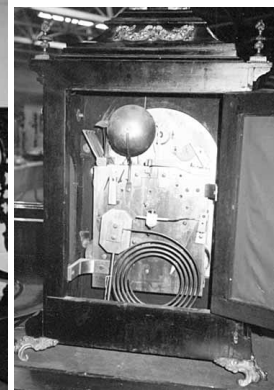
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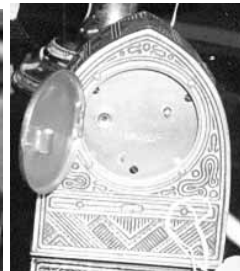
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Item 9.



Item 8.

Seen at the Picnic



Maynard - The Auctioneer



Left to right: Peter Clark, Dan Hudon, Martin Phillips and Jordan Renaud show the English street clock brought to the auction by Michael Mazur.



Julie, Judy and Robert Graham take a well earned rest from cooking, cake making and tire changing.



Rose and George Kozoriz



Left to right: Peter Bomford, Wayne Fingas and John Kennedy.



Julie and Judy Graham back at work preparing the food.



Peter Clark relaxes



George Royer assisted with the auction.



Ben Roberts is caught in the act by Charles Beddoe's camera



Teresa Dokken shows the clock cake, made by Judy Graham and decorated by daughter Julie.



Left to right: Frank Prud'homme, Robert Graham and Bryan Hollebhone.



Pete Graham and Louise Beddoe



Pete Graham, Archie Smith and John Kennedy



Left to right: Frank Prud'homme, Bill Graham and Robert Graham.



Left to right: Ben Roberts, Bill Pullen and Jordan Renaud.



Ernest and Mrs Boldt.



Guests: Ivan Brazeau and Bob and Pat Drysdale.



Dan and Monique Hudon. Dan will be starting his clock repair workshop sessions in September.



A few of the items on the auction display table