

# Bytown Times

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## NEXT MEETING

### WHEN:

Sunday, January 24, 2010  
Meeting begins at 1:11 PM

### WHERE:

Qualicum & Graham Park  
Community Centre  
25 Esquimault Ave., Ottawa

### MEETING AGENDA:

- Annual Member Auction
- Show and Tell

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## DATING THE... NON-AMERICAN CLOCK

At the September 2009 meeting, chapter member Ben Roberts gave an intriguing presentation regarding the dating of an American clock... but he took it all back at the November 2009 meeting.

When Ben first laid eyes on the clock, he had an inkling that the origins were of a Scottish nature, but the owner of the clock claimed the clock was first owned by a loyalist who came to North America in 1784, and was decidedly convinced the origins were American.

Further investigation proved the clock is actually Scottish, and dates to the 1820's.

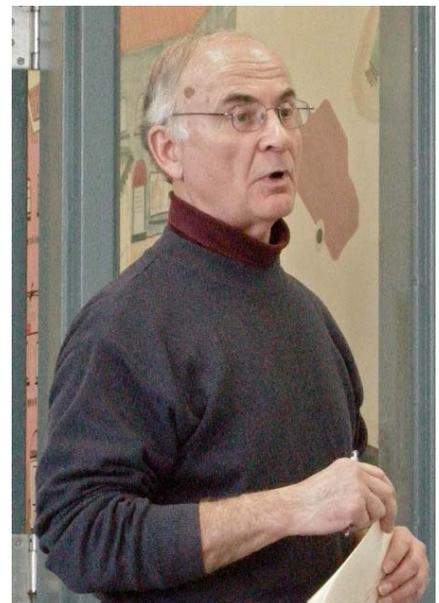


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## WESTCLOX: INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

Most members are familiar with the work of Westclox vis à vis their product built in Canada and the United States, but as Allan Symons, Founder, Manager, and Curator of the Canadian Clock Museum, demonstrated at our November 2009 meeting, the company's production was much more international. Over the years, Westclox has had production lines in countries such as Australia, Germany, Scotland, China, Japan, and Brazil.

Allan's presentation included a display of many foreign (non-North American) made Westclox clocks, which were donated to the Canadian Clock Museum by Douglas Minty, President of NAWCC Chapter 72, Australia, and member of our own Ottawa Valley Chapter 111.



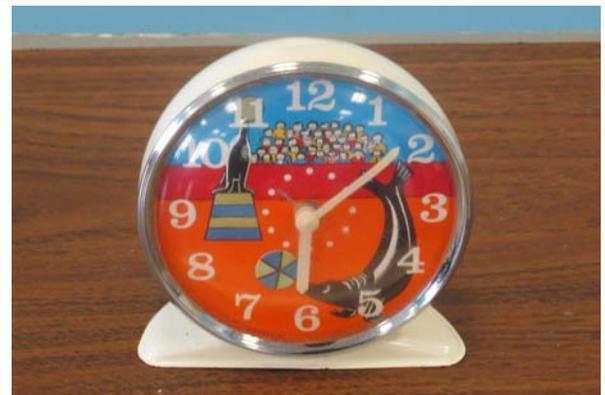
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## WESTCLOX: INTERNATIONAL INTEREST, CONT'D...



*Below: Examples of Japanese Westclox clocks.*

*Above: Westclox international products display*



*Above: Example of a Scottish Westclox clock. The Scottish Westclox factory was in operation from 1948 to ?.*

## UPDATE ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES

### NAWCC Field Suitcase Course F202 Lathe II Skills for Clock Repair

*Below: Examples of Australian-made Westclox clocks. The Australian Westclox factory was in operation from 1946 to 1953.*

Building on what was learned in the F200 and F201 Suitcase Courses, students will expand their skills needed to make selected clock parts and tools using a cross-slide.

Prerequisites: F200 and F201 Field Suitcase Courses

When: May 21 through 24, 2010, inclusive

Where: Ottawa (exact location to be announced)

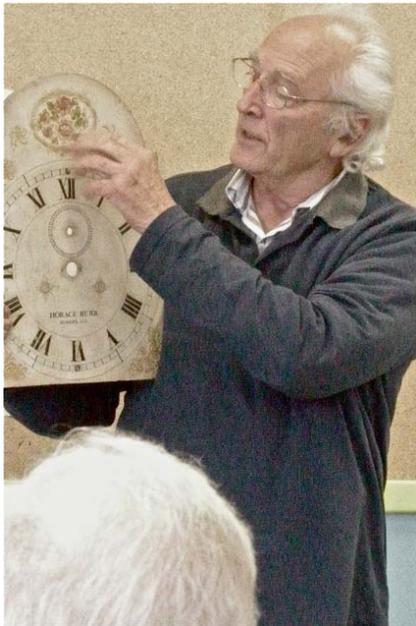
For more information, please contact  
Grant Perry.

*Training info provided by Grant Perry.*



## DATING THE... NON-AMERICAN CLOCK, CONT'D...

The images on the dial relate to the war of 1812. The paintings around the dial represent Britain and three allies including Sweden and Prussia. The battle scene depicted at the top of the dial is a representation of a specific battle: the capture of the USS Chesapeake by the HMS Shannon, off the Boston Harbour, on 1 June 1813.



## WHITE DIAL CLOCKS

*Chapter Member John Ruhland presented a talk about white dial clocks at the November 2009 meeting. Much of his findings were derived from the Brian Loomes book entitled "White Dial Clocks, the complete guide", which John highly recommends.*

White dials were first introduced in 1770, in Birmingham. Though advertised as "porcelain", these dials were made of a steel plate painted white. Despite this, and contrary to common belief, white clock dials were actually more expensive than their brass counter-parts.

White dials gained popularity through the end of the eighteenth century. Painted dials began to emerge: dials that depicted strawberries, flowers, etc., in the corners. After 1825, models decorated with gilding could be found. Circa 1840~1860, the decorations on the dial became more intricate, depicting religious scenes, the four seasons, castles, etc.

American white dials are not as common, as the Americans usually bought their white dials from the British, even during the war.

## AUCTION REMINDER

**The Annual Chapter III Auction will be held at the January 2010 meeting. Bring your unwanted horological items, and some cash to buy some new treasures!**

**We also humbly request donations of auction items, no matter how small, to help contribute funds towards the purchase of a projector for our Chapter.**

## HOT TOPICS

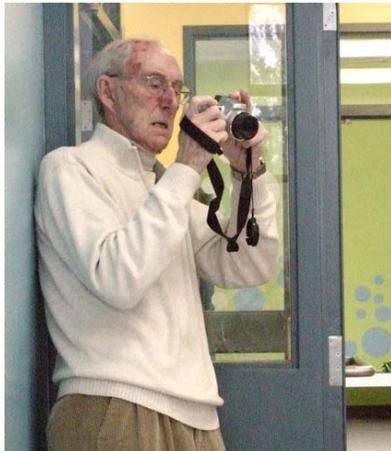
**Have a great idea for a topic you'd like to see presented at a meeting? Let us know! We're looking for your ideas!**

**Want to do the talking? Let us know and we'll set it up!**

## 2010 MEETING DATES

March 28, 2010	September 26, 2010
May 16, 2010	November 28, 2010

# NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING - PICTURES



# NOVEMBER 2009 ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOIRÉE

The Chapter would like to extend a warm thank-you to Tim and Elaine Bryans for opening their home to our club for a beautiful party.



## LIST OF LOCAL SUPPLY SHOPS

- Metal Supermarkets: 2900 Old Sheffield Rd., Unit 1, Ottawa, 613-747-7511, [www.metalsupermarkets.com](http://www.metalsupermarkets.com)  
[All metal, sheets, rod plates, in small amounts]
- Dowd Supply Co.: 36 Rosemount Ave., Ottawa, 613-236-9493, [www.dowdsupply.com](http://www.dowdsupply.com)  
[Jeweler's Tools, and Equipment (Grobet USA)]
- Lee Valley Tools: 900 Morrison Drive, Ottawa, 613-596-9202, [www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com)  
[Tools and round Brass Stock]
- Fastenal: 6 Bexley Place, Unit 102, Ottawa, 613-288-1470, [www.fastenal.com](http://www.fastenal.com)  
[Some Metal]
- Busy Bee Tools: 2251 Gladwin Cres., Ottawa, 613-526-4696, [www.busybeetools.com](http://www.busybeetools.com)
- Legere Industrial Supplies Ltd.: 1120 Morrison Drive, Ottawa, 613-829-8010, [www.legereindustrial.com](http://www.legereindustrial.com)  
[Machine mechanical supplies]
- Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd.: 175 Robertson Road, Ottawa (Bells Corners), 613-828-4117, [www.ottawafastenersupply.com](http://www.ottawafastenersupply.com)  
[All metric and standard fasteners, Tools]
- Dynamic Hobbies: 21 Concourse Gate, Unit 6, Ottawa, 613-225-9634, [www.dynamichobbies.com](http://www.dynamichobbies.com)  
[small brass rods and small diameter piano wire]

## Club Information

This club acts as a meeting place for antique clock and watch enthusiasts. Members are interested in a wide array of topics: some collect, some do research, some do repairs.

Formal club meetings take place five times each year, on the fourth Sunday of every second month, with a break in the summer. Meetings are held in January, March, May, September, and November. Doors open at 1:00 PM.

Club members also enjoy two annual social events: a Wine and Cheese party each November, and a Picnic BBQ each July.

Courses on clock and watch repair are held throughout the year.

The Bytown Times is published five times each year.

Annual Dues for club membership is \$16. Club members should also have memberships to the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC). NAWCC Dues are U.S. \$65.

## Club Officers & Contacts

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**Treasurer &**

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**Immediate Past President:** Maynard Dokken

**Program & Social Director:** Tim Bryans

**Education & Workshop Chairman:** Dan Hudon



## Secretary's Corner

I would like to thank Wally Clemens, Ben Roberts, Charles Beddoe, Grant Perry and Kevin West for their contributions to this issue.

As usual, I would like to welcome members to submit their own articles for the newsletter. Topics can be anything: a review of your collection with pictures, a summary of some research you've gathered, 'how-to' or instructional information, museums and other horological sites you've visited, etc. Articles and pictures can be emailed to me at:

**[erinfoxnawcc111@gmail.com](mailto:erinfoxnawcc111@gmail.com)**

Please don't forget to visit our website:

**[www.ottawaclocksandwatches.ca](http://www.ottawaclocksandwatches.ca)**

## Notes from the President's Desk

The first meeting of the New Year is our annual AUCTION sale, so please bring in all those Horological items you know longer need, or care to own, and pass them along to others in the club.

We also ask you to remember our drive to purchase a projector for our club and make a humble request that you donate a small item for auction toward the cause. The projector is needed at our meetings to display lecture material and to help fulfill our mandate of providing training in the repair and maintenance of time peaces.

There is no main presenter at this meeting but don't forget your "show and tell" items, it's your enthusiasm that makes our club.

Remember to bring a change of foot-ware so we can leave the snow outside.

Look forward to seeing you all.