

IT'S ABOUT TIME !



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February Meeting Report

The February Meeting of Chapter 50 was held at the Edmonds Senior Center on Sunday, Feb. 8th.

President Mark Smith presided over the short business meeting.

We were pleased to welcome visitors Del McNeal and Gary Rackliffe, and returning member Dean Odegard. We are happy to have you with us!



Early activity at the Mart

2016 Regional Co-Chairman Jack Goldberg announced that he is looking for volunteers for Chairpersons. Currently open are Program Chairman, Door Prize Chairman, and Exhibit Chairman. Mark Smith volunteered for the Program position and Dean Odegard volunteered for the Exhibit position. That only leaves the Door Prize position open at this time.

The meeting concluded with the drawing for the 50/50 winner --- and it was (lucky) David Hayward!

Our program for the February meeting was presented by Ernie Lopez and Ron Kowalski, on the West Coast Clock and Watch Museum.

We first watched a new 25 minute DVD presentation of the current Museum in Bellingham.

After that, Ernie presented a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted information about the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista, California.

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This is an established museum complex with a variety of other specialty museums within this umbrella, such as weaving, blacksmithing, etc. This museum is a possible site for relocation of the West Coast Clock and Watch Museum (from Bellingham).

Under discussion is the construction of a new building within the existing complex of buildings, which would provide approximately 10,000 square ft. of space for the Clock & Watch Museum.

In order to complete this project, it would require that we be able to fund about \$300,000 of the cost of the new facility.

Ernie says that a more complete plan and fund raising effort will be coming soon.



Ernie Lopez explaining the possible move of the West Coast Clock & Watch Museum

March 8th Meeting

Sunday, March 8th

**Edmonds Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave
Edmonds, WA**

Meal and Hospitality Time ~~~ 12:30 PM

Business Meeting ~~~ 1:30 PM

Program to follow ~~~

The program will be a presentation of a professionally made VH S tape on the Patek Philippe Calibre 89 pocket watch, especially the many complications and how they were implemented.



Chapter 50—Upcoming Meetings

**March 8th — Regular meeting — Edmonds Senior Center.
The program will be a presentation on the Patek
Phillippe Calibre 89 pocketwatch.**

April 12th — Regular meeting — Edmonds Senior Center.

**May — No Regular meeting in Edmonds.
(Please plan to attend the PNW Regional listed below)**

May 14—17 — Pacific NW Regional — Clackamas, Oregon

**June 14th — Regular meeting — Edmonds Senior Center
(NAWCC National Convention, Chattanooga, TN
June 18-20, 2015)**

What do YOU think?

There are a couple things that have occurred to me over the past few meetings, and I thought I'd open this up to have each of you give this a little thought ☺.

THE MEETING MARTS: I believe that one of the meeting features that people most enjoy is the Mart. It really doesn't matter if you are actively looking for something or not, EVERYONE enjoys looking through the items brought for the Mart. While looking, it is also a very easy way to get conversations going between members.

So, since I have observed that a few of our recent Marts were not very well "stocked" with items, I'm wondering what we can do to improve this. I'm sure that each of us has several things that we no longer need, or are no longer interested in. If we could just plan ahead a little (?) surely we can find things to bring. So — REMBER TO BRING SOMETHING FOR THE MART!

NAME TAGS: We are in the process of trying to get our new year name tags out to members. If I have not yet caught up with you to give you yours, please see me.

Then, there is the issue of those of us who don't remember to bring or just don't wear our name tags. I'm sure that there are others who, like me, have trouble remembering people's names, especially in the press of a group of people. It is very helpful to be able to spot a name tag so that my inability to remember your name is not that obvious. So I would encourage you all to wear your name tags to help out those of us whose memory may be fading.

If you do forget your name tag, I will have a stock of blanks at each meeting, and I would ask that you fill one out and stick it on.

So, What do YOU think?

Dick Krueger

In Memorium



LES HESKETH

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Les Hesketh. Les was a founding member of Chapter 121 when in 1981 he contacted members of the NAWCC living in British Columbia and arranged a meeting to form the Chapter. Les was elected as the first President of the Chapter and held other Executive posts throughout the years.

Les was a collector of railroad pocket watches and loved everything horological to do with Liverpool, England from whence he came to Canada. He gave several talks at Chapter meetings and at times acted as MC at Pacific Northwest Regional's which he always attended. Les rarely missed a Chapter meeting except when travelling or due to illness. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Yvette and their two children.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 21st, 2015 at 1:00PM at Langley Presbyterian Church, 20867- 44th Avenue, Langley, BC

REST IN PEACE LES

Our thanks to John Conolly and his BC Chapter 121 Newsletter for allowing us to copy the above memorial to Les Hesketh. Les was also a member of Chapter 50, starting before Chapter 121 was formed, and right up to the past couple years.

Les will be missed.

SHREINER CLOCK BRINGS RECORD PRICE



Martin Shreiner, one of Lancaster, Pennsylvania's, foremost tallcase clockmakers, built and numbered 317 clocks over four decades, beginning in 1789. He constructed clock No. 250, circa 1815. That clock sold at auction on January 17 for \$204,000, a record price for a Shreiner clock and perhaps the highest price ever paid for any clock made in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, according to Jamie Shearer, the auctioneer at the Pook & Pook auction in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. The mahogany clock has an eight-day works with 11 bells playing seven tunes. It is one of only five musical clocks by Shreiner. A similar Shreiner musical clock No. 201, circa 1810, is in the collection of the National Watch and Clock Museum (see photo). The clock was donated to the Museum in 1991 by John R. Schmitt, Lilliam M. Hasse, and families in memory of Alfonso and Elizabeth Schmitt.

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