

IT'S ABOUT TIME!



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Joint Chapter 50 & 135 Christmas Party

On December 2nd, about 50 members of Chapter 50 and 135 met at the Best Western Executive Inn in Seattle for our annual Joint Christmas Meeting. Activities started off at 9AM with the well-stocked Mart. Coffee and water were available for all to sip while they "grazed" the Mart tables. There was a good selection available including watches of all sorts, clocks, tools and



Buffet lunch underway



Well-fed attendees relaxing before presentation

books. Quite a few items went to new homes!

At about 11:30 the buffet line was opened for our hungry attendees. There was a good supply of food, in



Presentation by Chet Ekstrand on Watches & Trains



cluding sweet rolls, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes and a vegetable salad. There was a selection of juices, and more coffee available. The noise level decreased significantly as the attendees dove into their food.



Christmas Party, Cont.

There were a number of door prizes which were distributed to lucky ticket holders. They included carry bags, caps, books and "mystery" packages. The 50:50 raffle drawing was also held, and the lucky winner received \$88.50 in cash!

For the program, Chet Ekstrand had a wonderful presentation related to the Railroad Watch and the history of railroads and the development of the Railroad Watch Standards. He also had brought a really great display of Railroad Grade watches from his personal collection. A truly significant collection of these wonderful watches!



Interested audience listening to presentation by Chet Ekstrand.

We were also fortunate to have a display of very rare Gruen watches brought by Jack Goldberg.

Fun was had by all. If you didn't make it this year, make sure you plan ahead for next year!!

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not yet paid your dues for our new year, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our new year starts in November and ends in October. You may feel free to consider it a "Christmas Gift" to the Chapter, although the gift is really a gift to the membership to help keep our Chapter strong. Dues can be mailed to our Treasurer, Ron Kowalski at 3681 S Heather Pl, Bellingham, WA 98226. Thank you! (Still only \$15)



Plan Ahead



For the

New Year!

Chapter 50 Meetings

We will start the 2013 year for Chapter 50 with monthly meetings held at the Edmonds Senior Center as shown below:

January 13th

February 3rd

March 10th

April 14th

Please reserve these dates on your brand new 2013 Calendar (or enter them on your smartphone!)

I will attach a preliminary calendar for your information. You will see that we have the Program lined up for January that you won't want to miss. Tom Payne will give a presentation on "Repivoting". We will be filling in the programs and Hosts in the near future. If you are feeling the calling to either present a program for a meeting, or if you would be willing to host the refreshments for a coming meeting, please let one of the officers know. Thanks!



London Stock Exchange, 1842

Charles Dickens often used clocks and watches as a plot device in his stories. In **A Christmas Carol** "Scrooge could be found in his usual place beneath the clock at 'change" (at the Stock Exchange). Also important to the story is Scrooge's pocket watch, a minute repeater, that tells him when to expect the arrival of his ghostly visitors. Nor was the old miser Scrooge much prone to trust the local church clock, even remarking that it was less than accurate since "an icicle must have got into the works."

YOUNG CLOCKMAKER SPECIALIZES IN CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR



Photo: Clare Becker

Christopher Arter operates Christopher Cringle's online ornaments and clock repair.

The holidays can be a bit busy for the Hanover, PA, resident also known as "Christopher Cringle." Arter specializes in Christmas. He established a successful online Christmas lighting and ornament business, **Christopher Cringle's**, in 2009 at the age of 17.

"I've been working in Christmas since I was 15," he said. "I call myself a Christmas specialist."

Arter has also expanded his business to include clock and watch repair, another one of his passions. He was the youngest by far in his class when he attended classes at the NAWCC School of Horology, where he learned the historic craft of timepiece repair, a job that takes patience and attention to detail—traits Arter also demonstrates in his Christmas decorating.

Clock and watch repair, like the Christmas ornaments and decorating, is a niche business Arter hopes to fill. He anticipates it will keep him busy during the heat of the summer when few are thinking about the holidays.

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2013 Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	PROGRAM – SPEAKER	HOSTS
January	13th	Repivoting Tom Payne	
February	3rd		
March	10th		
April	14th		
May		Pacific Northwest Regional – Clackamas, OR May 16 - 19, 2013	
June	9th	NO Regular meeting in Edmonds	
July	14th	<hr/> National Convention - Dayton, OH July 3-6, 2013	
August		Ch. 121 BBQ <u>Williams Park, Langley, BC, Canada</u>	
September	8th	? Multi-Chapter 121, 50 & 31? Seattle or Portland?	
October	13th	Regular Meeting - Edmonds Auction Ron Kowalski	
November	10th	Regular Meeting - Edmonds Election of Officers Program TBD	
December	8th	Joint Ch. 135/50 Christmas Party	

Tentative