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February Meeting



On February 12th, about 41 members and friends of Chapter 50 gathered for our February meeting. The Mart was active with a nice selection of horological items and tools. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Chet Ekstrand.

We welcomed new member Robert Ryan, and visitor Craig Solbrack.

Our Chapter paid membership now stands at 56 and we're still looking to connect with a few more to get current on dues.

Our real treat was the program presented by Phil Johansen. Phil talked about his concept and development of the "New Concept for Moon Dial." This was a sort of follow-up to the Long Duration clock that he has previously shown. Phil brought a demonstration set-up with a stepper motor so he could run the Moon Dial through its phases in a rapid manner.



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

IMPORTANT NOTICE ---

There will be NO Regular Meeting in Edmonds in March. Instead, please join us at the Pacific Northwest Regional in Kent on March 30, 31 & April 1st. Important information on the Regional appears later in this issue.

Also, please note the date change for the April meeting – now scheduled for April 15th.

PNW Regional Update



To REGISTER
For the Re-
gional NOW!

The Regional committee met on 2/22/2012 at Kent Commons, accomplished much, and had a great lunch. One of our objectives was to update the membership on Regional activities, our publicity goals, and to get some HELP!

We definitely need our members' help on several fronts!

1) We've added a new and exciting feature to our Mart. We're calling it **Free Frenzy** and it will occur several times during the Mart hours. It amounts to a Free Table, and we need material. This is your big chance to clean out those junk drawers, boxes, and give up those miscellaneous bits and parts you've finally realized you'll never use. The free tables event was a big hit at Houston regionals, so we thought we'd give it a try.

But it can't happen without your help!! Bring us your junky, unusable stuff to make this a big hit at our Regional too. You can contact Jim Marinello, the Auction Chairman. rpmmech@shaw.ca

2) **Door Prizes** We're looking for quality items here, including tools, and all items of horology. We want the winners to *Remember the great door prizes* they won at the Pacific NW Regional. If you are unable to help with the Regional for whatever reason, this is a very useful way to contribute to it's success. You can email Malcolm Wilson, our Door Prize Chairman with contributions. malcolmwilson@dccnet.com

3) **Publicity** We will soon have physical (hard?) copies of advertising material and would appreciate your suggestions of places to distribute them. You can email our Publicity Chairman, Chet Ekstrand with your ideas. lakex-trand@comcast.net

4) **Volunteers** to help on Sunday with our first Public day. We're looking for folks to assist these folks in any way we can. If you have reference material or are a great resource yourself (and there are many of you within our chapter memberships!) you could lend a hand with answering questions they may have. We suspect they may bring their own timepieces with questions.

5) Plan on attending and **register now**.

If you have questions you can contact Karla Schweinfurth, Regional Chair, karlaschweinfurth@yahoo.com and/or Ron Kowalski, Pre-Registration Chair, ron.k@comcast.net

Thanks,
Karla

From the President's Desk

Thanks to all for another great meeting! We covered so much in a very short time. I'm greatly appreciative of everyone's rapt attention. We're moving pretty quickly to both post and circulate an updated draft constitution. Our first official change in over 13 years. The changes as we discussed will bring us up to date on how we're currently operating and provide us some options in the way we vote on our business.

Be sure to sign up for the Regional. The set of speakers that our committee has gathered is nothing short of expert in their



subjects, and very motivational speakers in their own fields.

My deepest thanks to Phil Johansen who presented his latest project to us on a unique way to provide moon phase on

a pendulum clock. I'm not a clock guy but I have never seen anything like it. If you're not attending meetings you're simply missing out. Stop missing out!

Mark

2012 Chapter Dues

You may be tired of hearing it by now, but our Chapter 50 dues are due in November. If you don't remember paying your \$15 at the last couple meetings, perhaps you are one of those who still owe dues for the 2012 year. We would greatly appreciate your participation.

Thanks!!

Special Program Reminder ———

There is going to be a talk by Alan Thorndike at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma on April 7th About a discovery from 100 AD off one of the Greek Islands.

In 1900-01, a shipwreck was discovered of the island of Antikythera between Crete and mainland Greece. One fragment contained 27 out of, a believed, 30 gears. Dr. Alan Thorndike, a professor at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, has made a model of the Antikythera mechanism. On April 7, 2012, Alan will present a program to our groups and guests, explaining the mechanism and his model. (the classroom holds about 75 people) Jim Evans, who is also a faculty member of UPS, will explain the calculations for this mechanism. We will have the room from 11am to 5 pm. Alan is an accomplished "lathe turner" who has made a Foucault (spelling) pendulum, which hangs in the atrium of the science building where the program will be presented. Alan will talk about, I think, the analemma and pendulum also. UPS can be reached by taking I-5 to Tacoma. Take the Highway 16 exit, West. On Hwy 16 west, take the Union Street North exit. Just stay on Union Avenue until you come to around North 12th street. There is UPS and the Science Building with a big parking lot on Union St.



NAWCC Pacific Northwest Regional



March 30, 31, & April 1, 2012
Open to public Sunday 10:00am – 2:00pm*
Featuring: MILITARY TIMEPIECES

Same Great Location—Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., Kent, WA
 \$500 in Mart Dollars Drawing • Plenty of Free Parking
 Golf Course at Hotel • Banquet at the Golden Steer Steak & Rib House**
 Host Chapter: Puget Sound Chapter 50

Co-hosts: Pacific Northwest Ch. 31, Inland Empire Ch. 53, British Columbia Ch. 121, Mt. Rainier Ch. 135, and Willamette Valley Ch. 157
 General Chair: Karla Schweinfurth, 425-776-6822 Registration: Ron Kowalski, 360-319-5554
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Friday, March 30		Saturday, March 31		Sunday, April 1	
4:00 pm	Registration Open, Mart Setup (Tableholders Only)	8:30 am - 5:30 pm	Registration open	9:00 am	Mart & Exhibit Opens
		8:30 am - 9:00 am	Mart table setup Tableholders only	10:00 am	Mart & Exhibit Opens to Public
7:00 pm	Reception, Complimentary Buffet & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9:00 am	Mart and Exhibit Open	10:30 am - 11:30am	Program C
		10:30 am - 11:30am	Program A	12:00 pm	Mart Dollars Drawing
		1:30 pm - 2:30pm	Program B	2:00 pm	Mart and exhibit closes
		3:00 pm - 4:00pm	Chapter 180 Meeting		Note: Security ends at 3:00 pm
		5:30 pm	Mart & Exhibit Closes		
		6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social hour**		
		7:00 pm	Banquet**		

- + Only NAWCC members, spouses, and their children under 18 will be admitted to the mart.
- + If you are registering anyone other than immediate family, list their NAWCC numbers.
- + NAWCC Regional rules apply and will be enforced.
- + Officers and members of the NAWCC and 2012 Pacific Northwest Regional are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or tort during the Regional.
- + Tableholders requesting adjacent tables must register in the same envelope (only one last name per table please).

Hotel reservations: Best Western Plaza by the Green, 24415 Russell Road, Kent, WA 98032
 Phone: 1-800-648-3311 or 253-854-8767. Mention NAWCC Regional for rate of \$89.00 with breakfast.
 Hotel provides free shuttle service to and from Sea-Tac Airport (15 min.) and the Kent Commons (5 min.)

FEES/REGISTRATION FORM (No confirmations mailed or refunds made after March 16, 2012)

Check box (if applicable): Fellow Old Timer Silver Star National Officer

Member: _____ NAWCC No. _____
 Spouse: _____ NAWCC No. _____
 Children: _____ (under age 18 free)
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Tel.: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Pre-Registration Member	_____ @ \$25.00 ea.	_____
Pre-Registration Spouse	_____ @ \$25.00 ea.	_____
Registration Member's Children under 18	_____ @ No charge	_____
Saturday Dinner Banquet	_____ @ \$20.00 ea.	_____
Sunday Public Mart Fee (Pay at Door)*	_____ @ \$10.00 ea.	_____
6-Foot Mart Table	_____ @ \$35.00 ea.	_____

NAWCC Registration at the door: \$30 Total Enclosed \$ _____

**Make checks payable to:
 NAWCC REGIONAL FUND**
**Mail to:
 Ron Kowalski
 3681 S. Heather Pl.
 Bellingham, WA 98226**

* *Banquet – Will be at the Golden Steer, 1.8 miles away.

Do you wish a ride? Yes No



Puget Sound Chapter 50

2012 Meeting Schedule

DATE	PROGRAM -SPEAKER	HOSTS
Jan. 8, 2012	Clock Gear Cutting by CNC Clint Harris	Donalee Payne
Feb. 12, 2012	New Concept of Moon Dial Phil Johansen	Chet Ekstrand
Mar.	PNW Regional in Kent 3/30, 31 & 4/1 NO Regular meeting in Edmonds	No Regular Meeting
Apr. 15, 2012 Note Date Change	Regular Meeting - Edmonds 4/7 - UPS Program, Dr. Alan Thorndike Antikythera Mechanism	Brian & Lee Gardner
May	5/19-20 - Ch. 53 - Connell	
Jun. 10, 2012	Regular Meeting - Edmonds 6/13-16 - National, Pasadena, CA	
Jul. 8, 2012	Regular Meeting - Edmonds How to Mfg. Porcelain Dials Mark Smith	
Aug. 12, 2012	8/5 - Ch. 121 BBQ BC, Canada	
Sep. 9, 2012	Multi-Chapter 50, 135, 31 Portland Ch. 31 Host	
Oct. 14, 2012	Auction Ron Kowalski	
Nov. 11, 2012	Election of Officers	
Dec. 9, 2012	Joint Ch. 135/50 Christmas Party Chapter 50 Host	