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MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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The March meeting of Chapter 31 was held at the Beaverton Library. About 35 were present. Harold Baesler brought a guest, George Kirkwood.

Myron Felton who has been repairing clocks since 1942 stated that during a recent visit to the National headquarters and the school of horology that he was asked by an instructor to talk about being successful in clock repair. He stated that keeping organized and having a clean work bench were musts.

President, Ed O'Brian stated that the April Ch. 31 meeting would be held at a clock shop in Portland on 10th Ave. The meeting is set for **Saturday, April 19, and to start at 6 pm.** Please check the meeting announcement for complete information. Ed also states that the **chapter needs someone to present the June program. Subject is your choice. Please help out!** **Show & Tell**– covered the letter U. Dick Vigal brought a Mentor Manf. clock with Lux movement whose use is Unknown. It has 6 stations, 48 pegs with 6 numbers per peg. Dick told the group that the question of what this clock was used for was asked in a 1987 bulletin issue with no response.

It you know, please contact Dick. Dick also brought a Darsch alarm clock, battery operated and is Unusual. Pat and Shirley Cavanaugh brought a 1953 torsion pendulum Universe clock with a moon dial above and globe below and an Ugly brass clock with a glass dome. George Matto brought an Unwound night watchman's clock. Charles Schubert brought a U-shaped (pony shoe) movement with a wagon spring that was originally made for Atkins & Down's clocks. John Bloodworth brought an Ugly Ingraham alarm clock encased in a homemade wooden case, indeed ugly! And last but not least was Henry Casson with samples of an Unfinished milling project.

The program was presented by David McCoy who recounted the history of his experience working on cuckoo clocks and a nice talk on the repair and typical problems found during restorations. David brought several sample movements as well as a variety of clocks. Bob H. and Charles S. also brought samples. A Big thank you to Charles Schubert for providing yummy refreshments and for Hot Cross buns that were raffled off at the meeting.

FOR SALE AND WANTED ITEMS

For Sale~ Nine tube Herschede Grandfather Clock-Havorford model. Contact– Harold Baesler @ 503-648-7935

CLOCK STATISTICS

Connecticut is called "the land of wooden clocks," from the fact that she is more extensively engaged in the manufacture of clocks than any other State in the country. She has \$1,000,000 invested, employs 1,279 workmen, and manufactures 794,000 clocks each year. Bristol has 14 factories, 410 hands, and produces 201,000 finished clocks annually; Plymouth has 3 factories, 175 hands, and manufactures 70,000 clocks; Ansonia has 2 factories, 140 operatives, and makes 102,000 clocks; Winsted manufactures 30,000 clocks, has 1

factory, and employs 40 hands, while Southampton, with 2 factories and 45 hands, makes 40,000; and New Haven, with 3 factories and 405 hands, annually produces 374,000 clocks. One of the New Haven factories is owned by Chauncy Jerome, the Mayor, and pays out nearly \$10,000 per month in wages.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fortunate that Henry Casson contacted the owner of this establishment, Mr. Alex Hofberg relative to this unusual meeting. He has offered to share with those who attend this meeting knowledge relative to the facts of life relating to operating an store specializing in horology. He will go over clocks in his possession which he believes will be of interest to individuals such as ourselves.

The time of the meeting has been chosen to be the same as the normal closing time of the store. This will enable us to go over the various items of inventory before they are closed up for the weekend. Mr. Hofberg has indicated that he will hold over one of his employees to assist in dealing with the various items we will go over. There will be no mart. We will continue the usual "show & tell" so please bring horological character related to or capable of being designated using the letter "V". The usual probably useless certificate will be awarded to the party displaying an item which is the most interesting of those displayed.

Although there may be some confusion relative to refreshments it is my understanding that he will have some coffee available for those who want it, but that there will be no other refreshments. The location is such that it would be a burden to ask Charles to provide his usual culinary delights.

This location is easy to reach using the Max line. If this mode of transportation is used the normal parking problems in downtown Portland can be avoided.

Because of the unusual nature of the meeting no one can be sure as to exactly when it will end. However, to avoid complications those attending should go home no later than 6 pm - if the meeting lasts that long.

The May meeting will be held as per usual at the Beaverton Library.

The desire for another, more centrally located meeting place has not been fulfilled. More ideas and time to check them out are still desired. We cannot know until some unknown date in June if we will be able to meet in the Library after July 1.

No column such as this would be complete without an item or two to ponder. Can you explain why there is a discrepancy in the apparent time indicated by two clocks, one of which is retained inside a crop circle while the other is kept away from the circle until the two are brought together? Profound questions such as this result from reading a text on crop circles such as Silva's "Secrets in the Fields".

I hope to see you the 16th. The opportunity to learn from one who is "in the business" of horological instruments is rather rare and should not be missed.

Ed O'Brian, president Chapter 31.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN APRIL MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

**B because of the unavailability of the Beaverton library for our usual meeting the April Chapter 31 will be held 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 16 at Alex & Co., Jewelers & Watchworks
711 SW 10th Ave Portland, OR 97205**

CALLING ALL RED CAPS.....

Jeff Gonzalez is putting out an early call for persons willing to Red Cap at the 2005 Pacific Northwest Regional that will be held May , at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon.

Jeff is asking all interested persons to either Email him at gongang@ccwebster.net or call him at home (503)631-7221 with your availability. Please leave your name, phone number and availability. We will be needing help not only during set-up on Thursday afternoon, but during breakdown. So, please let him hear from you!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Chapter 31 Membership Renewal Time

Please send the following information along with \$10.00 dues to:

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Name: _____ Spouse _____

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How can we serve you better? _____

How would you be willing to serve your chapter? _____

May we share this information to other members of Chapter 31

via a directory? Yes _____ No _____

Thank you!