

# TimeOut

October 2005

## September Meeting Highlights submitted by Ed O'Brian

Two Chapter events were scheduled for Sept. 18 - a meeting of the Chapter "council" and the usual monthly meeting. Neither was held as scheduled because of minimal attendance.

Instead the three who showed up for the council meeting decided that they were too few to take any action on behalf of the Chapter as five others gradually accumulated. The total present came to nine when the wife of one of those in attendance who was distracted from a book in the adjacent library and semi pushed into attending the gathering.

The only two things normal about the "meetings" were: (1) the very welcome cookies and coffee provided after those present had revealed their thoughts as to why the attendance was so limited and (2) the usual "Show and Tell". Charles Shubert deserves calorific praise for the cookies & coffee he brought and, in addition, for his input at the gathering. In spite of the almost negative attendance four of the attendees had items to display to the depleted throng present. The victor of the Show and Tell "Probably Useless Award" for an item best associated with the letter "H" was Dick Vigal.

Of course not everyone agreed with the decision to honor him with this reward. The writer was most impressed with a pre civil war era cast iron casing which housed a clock brought by Charles Shubert. The writer's item was a sun dial of an invention he made at about the time the Chapter hosted a National convention. " This was brought along primarily because it could be employed during the scheduled program in discussing the various types of "property" rights which should be considered with many different inventions.

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### Council Members

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**Nominating & Elections**- Dick Vigal \***Workshops**-Mike Robinson  
**Raffle/Door** -Prizes-Terry White\* **Bulletin Coord.**-Tom Hammond  
**Outside Events**- Leo & Kris Freiermuth

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## October Meeting Notice

The October 16th meeting will be at the home of Charles Schubert at 4235 Hume St., Portland, Or. 97219.

At 1:00 pm there will be a social hour followed at 2:00 by a pot luck lunch. It will be followed by coffee and desert courtesy of Charles. A meeting of the Chapter will be followed by a talk by Henry Casson on the history of skeleton clocks.

“Show and Tell”. All of those attending are urged to bring and to discuss at the meeting a horological item which can be described by a word starting with letter “T”.

From downtown Portland is to take I-5 south to Multnomah Blvd., then to take Multnomah Blvd. west to SW 45th Ave, then to take 45th Ave. south approximately 1 block to Hume and to then turn left (East) to the noted address. The intersection of Multnomah Blvd. and SW 45th Ave is a few blocks west of the intersection of SW Capital Hwy. and Multnomah Blvd.

## Presidential Message

### The Difference Between A Warning & A Conflict

In case any of the Timeout readers many have e had their ears burdened relative to the removal of a section of the draft of the president's message section for the last issue of the Timeout entitled “Warning About Using The NAWCC Library To Obtain Information” in publishing the current edition of this newsletter and relative to the inclusion within this issue of a section entitled “A Few Things To Remember” containing a statement that issues concerning the National organization of the NAWCC should be taken up with the latter. An undesirable inference can be and has been drawn from this exchange of copy for the Timeout.

The warning as to possible or probable consequences of the using the NAWCC Library contained in the omitted from the prior draft of the President's message was intended to caution or warn those in Chapter 31 of the undesirability of using the NAWCC library. It was not directed to the NAWCC, its library or any individual associated with the National.

When the noted warning was prepared the writer felt that time would be wasted in contacting anyone at the National relative to its policies which I believed and still are believe to be improper. This belief was based on prior experience. At the time the writer felt he had an obligation to inform and to warn the members of Chapter 31 of the possible consequences of their dealing with the National. He still maintains this view. This is not an obligation to try and reform the National.

No one should make this situation into more than a conflict of views. It is not in the same category as dispute between the writer and another attorney of Irish antecedents during a deposition. The two of us evidenced the disagreement by cussing each other in erse (Irish Gaelic) to the complete bewilderment of the court reporter and all others in attendance, When we realized what we were doing and started laughing in unison as the reporter recorded the episode as “colloquy between counsel” while the representatives of our respective clients probably questioned why their firms had retained us. Just as the other attorney and I got over our anger and remained friends so will those of us in Chapter 31.

## Field Suitcase Course Cancelled

The Field Suitcase course on Dial Painting has been cancelled due to lack of minimum attendees. In the future, if anyone interested in a local class, please contact me and I will start of list of interested people.

If the dial painting wasn't your cup of tea, what suitcase course would you be interested in? Check out the Mart publication or [www.nawcc.org](http://www.nawcc.org) for listings.

I'll start a list and when we have enough interested people I can contact Pam Tischler and get it scheduled. The thing is, I can't read minds, so I need to hear from you. You can contact me by phone, mail, e-mail, or in person. I know, so many choices!

See the return address on this publication or the front page for contact numbers.

Submitted by, Mary Gonzalez, secr.

### *Meeting Highlights continued.....*

There is no point in trying to repeat all that was stated at the noted gathering. Every one present is thanked for her or his thoughtful and constructive input. The vast majority of the discussion concerned the problem of low attendance at Chapter meetings. As a result of the discussion there appeared to be a consensus that our low attendance problem might be primarily related to a lack of relaxed, informal socialization at Chapter meetings which would tend to encourage not only Chapter members but, in addition, their marital associates to attend these get togethers.

Probably no two persons will precisely agree as to this last statement and as to the reasons for this lack leading to our low attendance. Many present commented that the "formality" of our meetings in the Beaverton Library and of the usual talks given at these affairs seemed to inhibit those in attendance from really enjoying these meetings on a "social" basis. Much, much more was stated as the group mentally sought answers for the current lack of attendance.

As a result of this meandering discussion it was decided to alter most significant aspects of our Chapter programs to more or less test the accuracy of these views. As a consequence there will be changes at the next Chapter meeting. Then we will have to see how the changes were received before

## For Sale or Wanted Items

Wanted - junk movements for Set h Thomas No. 10 - for parts. Contact L. Freiermuth Ph. 503 255-7685

### **WANTED:**

Chapter 31 needs programs that cover horological interest in the following areas:

Black Forest Clocks	Bracket Clocks	Kitchen Clocks	Vienna Regulators	French Clocks-
Perpetual Calendar Clocks	Carriage Clocks	Tower Clocks	History of Clock Companies	
American Alarm Clocks	Electric Clocks	English Clock-Making	German Clock Making	
American Pocket Watches	Rail Road Pocket Watches	History of Pocket Watch Manufacturers		

If you have any interest in presenting a program, no matter how in depth it may be, please contact Harold Baesler at 503-648-7935 or e-mail [HHBAESLER@VERIZON.NET](mailto:HHBAESLER@VERIZON.NET).

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*Dates to Remember.....*

**October 16, 2005**

**Note Meeting Location Change!**

The October 16th meeting will be at the home of Charles Schubert at 4235 Hume St., Portland, Or. 97219. See Page 2 for details.

**November 20, 2005**

**At the Beaverton Library**

The program will be presented by Pat Cavanaugh who will speak on Jefferson clocks (a type of electric clock produced for only a relatively short period).  
Show & Tell will cover items dealing with the letter 'J'.

**December 2005**

Holiday Gala at the Monarch Hotel

Sunday. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005

2:00pm Mingle, 2:30pm dinner.

More info to come soon.....