

# TIMEOUT

SEPTEMBER 2006

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

What a great picnic and program we had at John Pohlpetter's home. It was good to see such a great turnout of members and guests. John gave us a tour and demo of some of his museum quality musical instruments. He has one of the most unique collections (including clocks) in the country. He will soon be installing a street clock in his yard. Many thanks to John and his wife, Mary for hosting us.

It was nice to see Betty Chisum back on her feet. She reports she is doing well following surgery.

Coming up soon is Multi-chapter meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Monarch. Please send in your registration to Mike Robinson before September 14<sup>th</sup>. Let's welcome the other chapters by having a good turnout.

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## WHO WILL BE FIRST?

We would like to start a new feature called "***Clock of the Month?***"

**But**, we need your help!

We would like to ask members to submit (this can be anonymous, if you would like) a photograph and a short write-up of one of their clocks. (Word limit of 350) If you would like to have a clock featured in the "***Clock of the Month?***", but if you don't feel like you can write and/or take a picture of your clock, we can have a chapter officer who can come to you to take the photo and do the writing.

So, what do you say?.....Interested?

Contact Terry White or Mary Gonzalez

## HOROLOGIST OF THE MONTH

"Horologist of the Month" is a new series that will be running in the TimeOut, and depending on the contents available for the newsletter, we hope to run this feature nearly every month. We hope you enjoy this and perhaps one day you will receive a telephone call asking for an interview for this spotlight.

This month's horologist is Robert Schug. If you ever visited with Bob and Marianne Schug, you know what a pleasure is for me to interview him. While his main interest is in American clocks and watches, he has a few Vienna regulators hanging in their home, keeping time.



Bob began his clock-collecting career in about 1963 by making long case clocks, and purchasing the movements from Judge Bob Murray. Judge Murray convinced Bob that he should join the NAWCC and was his sponsor. That was around 1965. Bob took his clocks to the Gresham and that is when he was invited to a Chapter 31 meeting. Joining his friendship with other collectors in the Portland area.

He found an advertisement for a clock in the local Portland newspaper. He was taken to the basement and shown a clock hanging from a nail on a wall where once stored coal. Looking it over, he decided against the purchase and returned home. Hours later, he returned and purchased the Seth No. 2 for \$35. Bob's timing was perfect. While carrying the clock up the stairs, another shopper returned to purchase the clock. He mentioned his purchase, but like a good wife, just smiled. His first antique clock was in his bedroom.

He has played a pivotal role in Chapter 31's restoration of the tower clock that is now at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. And also the Meier & Frank clock located at the Gresham Historical Society. He, along with Bob Hughes, provided the displays for most of the early regionals and organized the 2 Pittock Mansion displays. Bob served Chapter 31 as a Director for eight years and was the first chapter Historian, eventually turning that position and all the accumulated material over to Dan Miller.

Clocks are just a part of his collecting as he also repairs watches. In 1965, he purchased his first watch movement, a Waltham Riverside 19J with a broken staff, costing fifty cents. Going to the Mayer Brothers in Portland, he purchased a staff, returned home and restored the movement to working condition. His watch repair skills were self-taught.

The toughest question Bob had to answer was "which of the many clocks you have is your favorite?" Ask yourself that same question and see how difficult a question it really is. After pondering the question, he answered the figure 8 Seth Thomas No. 1 Office Calendar Clock, a real beauty.

Bob does the restoration on clocks, the works and case, everything. Watches the same. His passion for detail can be seen in many of the clocks he brought back to life that were destined for the fireplace.

"I like to think of my collection as an orphanage for unwanted clocks that I have taken in. Someday I hope they will all be adopted out to good homes." Bob Schug

**Submitted by Terry White**

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Every year the annual picnic of chapter 31 is always enjoyable. And, every year at least I wonder how the picnic could possibly be out-done.



Host John Pohlpetter offered a program on the clocks and mechanical musical instruments (like nickelodeons and orchestrians).

Yet another year goes by and we have out done ourselves. It is not just that the day was beautiful, the setting, quiet with the soft melodies from the floor delcimer of Kevin Harding. There were nice selections of mart items, the wonderful program and sites of John Pohlpeters music and clock room.

What really made it special for me is visiting with all of my friends of chapter 31. This was a wonderful day with lot's of food for the potluck meal, and an enjoyable time visiting with all of you.

The pictures on this page tell the rest of the story. I hate to say it yet another month, but if you missed this meeting/picnic, you **really** missed out!



Members listen to the music of a baby grand player piano.



Conversation was enjoyed out on the lawn with the soft music of Kevin Harding on his floor delcimer in the background. Kevin entertained the group all afternoon. The food was great and plentiful. Thanks for everyone for making this picnic a raving success!

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**NEXT MEETING  
AUGUST 20TH.  
MART 2:00PM  
MEETING 2:30PM  
Beaverton City Library**

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## MEETING DATES & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS

**SEPTEMBER 17TH** - MULTI CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM - IRON FIGURE CLOCKS BY CHARLES SCHUBERT.

**OCTOBER 15TH**- REGULAR MEETING WITH PROGRAM ENTITLED " HOW I GOT BACK INTO CLOCK COLLECTING AND WHY WOODEN WORKS?", BY BOB ARNOLD. SHOW N'TELL- WOODEN WORKS CLOCKS.

**NOVEMBER 19TH**- REGULAR PROGRAM-"COLLECTING UNITED MOTION CLOCKS" BY DAVID GRANT. FOR SHOW N' TELL- WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO BRING A UNITED CLOCK OR ANOTHER ELECTRIC CLOCK THAT THEY LIKE.

**DECEMBER- HOLIDAY GALA. TBA**

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