

## NAWCC PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER 31

### President's Message

Happy New Year! With January here, I wanted to thank all of you who worked on many projects last year and chaired various activities. For 2007, I would like encourage involvement of the membership. Your involvement gives us the support needed for making decisions and has an impact where our chapter goes from here. My goal is to keep the meetings interesting, fun and an opportunity to keep learning about horology from one another.

Our next meeting is at Beaverton library, Sunday, January 21, 2007. The library room is not available in February. Please bring your ideas to our January meeting as to where you would like to meet in February.

May all your clocks chime in 2007!

Harold Baesler

### For Sale and Wanted Items

Are you a member of Chapter 31 and would like to sell or are wanting to purchase a horological item?

If the answer is yes, then e-mail me with your ad and voile! Your ad will appear in the next issue of the newsletter. E-mail- [gongang@ccwebster.net](mailto:gongang@ccwebster.net)

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**Moved? Change in e-mail?**

**Snowbird?**

**Please let us know so that we can get  
your newsletter and other chapter  
news to you!**

The December 2006 meeting was held at the Monarch Hotel and was totally a festive party, complete with entertainment from Kevin Harding playing his floor dulcimer accompanied by his friend Bob Fossum with his guitar. The music was delightful and Kevin graciously told us the history of the dulcimer and a little on how he constructed it. It is plain to see that Kevin is blessed with many talents more than collecting and restoring clocks!

The meal at the party was grand as well as the fellowship of Chapter 31 members. George Matto won the door prize of a very nice large book on pendulum clocks of England and Europe.

Pat Cavanaugh reported that a suitcase course may be held in conjunction with the fall 07 Multi-chapter meeting that Ch. 157 will be sponsoring. Dave Cast of Ch. 157 is taking requests on whether it will be part II of clocks or part II of watches. Please contact Dave with your vote!

Below are a couple of pictures taken at the party. Enjoy!



We recently traveled to New England for a three-week holiday to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. You know, it is funny how right in the middle of the three weeks was a clock auction, go figure! Well anyway, R. O. Schmitt Fine Arts presents two clock auctions per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Many of you will remember seeing his advertisements in the NAWCC Mart.

Schmitt's auctions are held in the Radisson hotel in downtown Manchester, New Hampshire, and that part of the country is beautiful in the fall.

We walked into the hall and saw what was much like an NAWCC Regional mart, cloth covered tables lined up end-to-end and full of clocks of all descriptions. Those that were too large for the tables were stood against one wall. It was well laid out and easy to locate the one gem you wanted to inspect.

We received the auction catalog prior to our arrival and knew what we wanted to inspect at the preview. Schmitt's auction is known for the honest description and condition of items being sold. Chris Bailey, curator at the Clock & Watch Museum in Bristol, CT, helps the auction house with each description, and attends the auctions.

After a few hours of preview, the auction began on late Saturday afternoon. Over three hundred and fifty items met the gavel with some real spirited bidding on certain items. None of the items being auctioned off were individually held up like some auctions, but Bob had the computerized images showing on the wall along with the item number.

Sunday morning the auction resumed and continued until the hammer fell on the last item. Bob (in the image to the left) would sell two pages worth of clocks, then trade off with the second auctioneer that would do the same, giving each a little rest.

Chapter 31 member Jeff Major attended many of the past Schmitt auctions and told me two things would happen, and both were true. First, in the clock-collecting world, it is nothing like you have ever seen before. And secondly, you will bring back a clock from the auction. If you ever have the chance, attend one of his auctions. It is well organized, runs smoothly, and at the end of Sunday, nearly everything sold, unlike a regional.



## Chapter 31- Collecting, Learning, Fellowship.....

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The next meeting of Chapter  
31 will be held on January 21st.  
at the Beaverton City Library.

Mart at 2:00 pm

Meeting & Program at 2:30  
pm

### Future Meetings and Programs

January 21st.-Beaverton City Library- Program-Glass Cutting, Al Pohlpetter  
Show N' Tell will be the letter **U** and **V**.

February 18th- Time and place to be announced! Program-Buying watches.  
Show N' Tell will be the letter **W**.

March 18th- Beaverton City Library- Program- TBA

April 15th - Beaverton City Library- Program- TBA

May 17-19th- To be held in conjunction with the PNW Regional in Spokane, Wa.

June 17th-Beaverton City Library- Program- TBA

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