

Tech Session 7-12-14

There was a good crowd for the July Tech Session. We were happy to welcome Ray Caskill, a friend of Bob Kleeman, who has an interest in clocks.

The “Show and Tell” portion of our meeting is always fun. Marcus Bush began the segment with a grandfather clock movement. “How do you wind it” he asked? It turns out that one chain drives both sides of this 30 hour clock. It’s a little unusual for a grandfather clock in that it is wound daily on the strike side.

Bob Kleeman brought a beautiful French statue clock that he needed parts for. He also had a small modern crystal clock missing the works. The group jumped right in to help. Sammy Johnson had Del Rolison and Ray Mattingley busy helping with a strike side problem on a Gustav Becker two weighter.

While Avin Brownlee visited Virginia he stayed in a hotel next to a clock shop whose owner had lost an arm at the age of two but was still repairing clocks. Sammy Johnson shared a story of an acquaintance that lost his arm in the 1980’s and also manages to restore clocks. How in the world do these men manage when there are times you could even use a third hand.

John Trego opened the business portion of the meeting. He talked about the proposal from the hotel regarding the food for the Friday night Chapter Sponsored Silent Auction. The hotel recommended a self-serve, hot finger foods for \$1500. They also offered to set up a cash bar with the Chapter paying the wages for the bartenders. The James Coney Island with their staff serving and cleaning up sounds better all the time.

Marcus reminded everyone that we still need help at 9:00 am Thursday morning at the hotel. The hotel staff will set up the tables but we still need to make sure they are in the right layout and are covered and marked.

More volunteers are needed to ready all the clocks that will be in the Chapter Sponsored auction. Marcus also reminded the group that members could also offer their own clocks to the auction with 15% going to the Chapter. Members need to notify Joe or Nita Mixon about these clocks so they could prepare the auction cards and include a reserve price.

Darrah Artzner passed around a sample of the tri-fold program. Gifts are still coming in for door prizes so the tri-fold is not yet complete.

Ken Arnold reported that the National Clock Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was not real active. He did mention that they had a very nice tower clock display.

Ken suggested that if vendors want to go shop while at the Regional, they leave a sheet with their name and cell phone number at their table. That way a potential buyer can reach the vendor. Sheets with this information will be included with the badge at the registration desk.

The Chapter has purchased 3 large coffee urns to be used at the regional. There is enough coffee and other supplies to carry us through the coming show. Hilda Norris will be the Hospitality Chairman.