



Maine Chapter 89 NAWCC
2005 – 2006 Officers & Directors

May 2006 Newsletter

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Newsletter Ideas or Something to Say?

Call Ern Grover (207) 490-3500 or

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Saturday, June 24th – Washburn-Norlands Living History Center: Chapter 89 Membership is Invited!

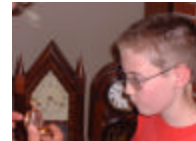
You may “come as I am” even if you’re not involved in the clock exhibition. Heritage Days General Admission Charge \$3.00 Per Person Applies

Chapter 89 Membership will set up a clock display as well as a “Kid’s Corner” in the basement of the library building at Norlands. (You may bring a picnic lunch for yourself)

Would you be willing to actively help us with the exhibit? A limited number of passes will be given to chapter volunteers.

If so, contact Director Ben Crosby at 562-4285 or Secretary Ern Grover at 490-3500

Registration for this event is not required, but it would be nice to know who’s coming



Highlights from our May 2006 Meeting

“Welcome to Maine, the way life should be!”

Forty-seven members and guests arrived at the Atrium “Winner’s Sports Grill” in Brunswick, Maine beneath a migration of black flies and mosquitoes. Get the Deet, let’s eat! After several days of blustery weather and coastal flooding, we’ve almost used up all of the “soap on a rope.”

The 167th meeting and 37th year of Maine Chapter 89 got underway at 11:00 a.m. with some NEW faces in the crowd. During the Welcome Hour, we caught up on the latest news.

INTRODUCTION: President Nan Vance announced the resignation of former President John Hannington. We wish his family well in Tennessee. She also announced the installation of Paul Fournier to the post of 1st Vice President by a confirming vote of the Executive Council.

SPECIAL WELCOME: President Vance welcomed guests Peter and Linda Roberts from Phippsburg who came seeking answers on their clocks. Special guest Eric Clough, representing the First Parish Unitarian Church in Kennebunk, came with an interest in gathering information about the tower clock in his church.

NEW BUSINESS: While By-Laws amendment worksheets were passed around, President Vance encouraged

members to send in their meal reservations in a timely manner for future meetings.

The Chapter Treasurer is seeking volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets. Cal Morgan is requesting assistance for "Information Please." Chapter 89 has booked the Atrium through 2007 for future meetings.

Our annual "Lobstah Picnick" would continue at the Rockport Boat Club. This year's menu will be the choice of lobster or filet mignon accompanied by Corn on the Cob and Clam Chowder. Members shall bring in their favorite covered dish, dessert or soft beverage for the occasion. "My Favorite Ticker" will be a membership presentation. F101 Clock Repair, Workshop 2 will convene after meeting dismissal. Even if you missed the first workshop in Brunswick, you're more than welcome to jump in. Member Jim Lea will conduct a tour of his clock gallery and shop after the conclusion of the meeting.

We solicit your input for future publications of the Chapter 89 Newsletter. Contact the Chapter Secretary.

Willowbrook Museum has invited Chapter 89 to set up a similar clock display and Kid's Korner at the Sandwich Shoppe annex on August 26th. All members are welcome to participate.

MEMBER RECOGNITION: Awards Chair Ern Grover presented an award to Member Patsy Towle for her years of dedication in archiving the Chapter photos, newspaper articles and other

related documents. Jim Powers received a special recognition award for his years of dedicated service as Chapter Treasurer.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

President Nan Vance read the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter 89 as discussed at the preceding Executive Council Meeting. After rounds of discussion, President Vance received motions from the membership. Chapter 89 members adopted the proposed amendments by a majority vote, to wit:

Article I Officers - Section 5 Duties of the Treasurer: [added] CHAPTER FUNDS may also be kept in an interest bearing account in the same bank, with the amount deposited to this type of account to be determined by a vote of the Executive Council. This may be changed on a need basis by a vote of the Executive Council. The Treasurer or President shall be authorized to make transfers between the two accounts, as approved by a vote of the Executive Council.

Article I Officers - Section 6 Duties of the Assistant Treasurer: [added] The Assistant Treasurer shall act as Treasurer in the event of the Treasurer's absence or disability and shall be vested with all the powers and duties vested in the Treasurer by the Chapter By-Laws.

Article III Executive Council, Directors and NAWCC Fellows:

[added] In addition, the President of this Chapter shall have the Authority to invite knowledgeable Chapter members as Non-Voting Advisors to the Council as deemed necessary and appropriate by a vote of the Council Body. The Constitution and By-Laws are presented on the Chapter 89 website and are available from the Secretary for viewing at each meeting.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT: President Vance announced James Bryant as Non-Voting Advisor to the Executive Council.

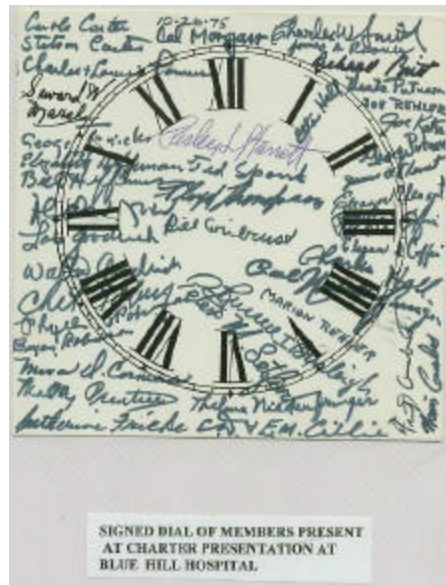
SPECIAL ELECTIONS: President Vance sought nominations from the floor for the office of 2nd Vice President. Dr. Mark Beaver received nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President. President Vance received a motion to accept the nomination, the membership seconded and voted in the majority to install Dr. Mark Beaver.

President Vance sought nominations from the floor for the office of Assistant Treasurer. Robert Laird received nomination for the office of Assistant Treasurer. President Vance received a motion to accept the nomination, the membership seconded and voted in the majority to install Robert Laird.

RAFFLE DRAWING: Patsy Towle won the \$20 draw, and Paul Fournier won the \$10 draw. Congratulations!

SHOW N TELL / SILENT AUCTION: Dave Blanchard came to the microphone

to report on a floor clock replacement movement he'd recently installed for a customer. "I like the way it ticks, but the tock reminds me of the dripping faucet." Gerry Haviland asked for some advice on a badly butchered Seth Thomas banjo clock. His customer was blind, had difficulty winding the clock, and she was on a fixed income. Advice ranged from a quartz replacement to tender loving care. Quite a few silent auction items went home with happy members. Thank you everyone for your participation.



PRESENTATION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded, and the members turned their attention to the presentation, "Antiques Clock Roadshow". Cal Morgan led off with some good advice on how to purchase a clock, how to haggle and what to look for in a good clock.

Additionally he sent two well-composed photo albums of "Butcher Shop" repairs he'd undone during his many years on the

workbench. Then Nan Vance entered the scene with a French marble clock she pretended to have purchased. Her fears were confirmed when “appraiser” Cal Morgan began to pull the clock apart. Both of them kept us in stitches as Cal pointed out the odd hand arrangement, the butchered mainspring barrel and all kinds of problems with the trains.

WORKSHOP: Following the Presentation, President Vance dismissed the membership. The Clock Repair Workshop convened in the meeting room wing, led by Ern Grover and Ben Crosby. In all, 14 individuals signed up for Chapter 89’s abbreviated version of the F101-1 Field Suitcase Workshop. The workshop shall be conducted at the close of future membership meetings in conjunction with “in-shop apprenticeship” opportunities.



Saturday, July 15th – Annual “Lobstah Picknick”: You don’t want to miss this one. Look for the announcement in the next mailing. Guess who’s speaking? YOU! Members are encouraged to bring in Show N Tell and Silent Auction Items. Consider inviting a friend or customer who has an interest in clocks and watches.



- **Menu** - Lobster, steaks, corn on the cob, clam chowder and lots of Pot Luck dishes!
- **“My Favorite Ticker”** – We hope to see folks jumping up like crabs in a bucket. Here’s your opportunity to bring in your favorite timepiece, explain some history about it and make everyone green with envy.
- **Mentors** -- Our Directors will be greeting guests as well as new or returning members, introducing them to others in our Chapter.
- **Educational Program** – Ern Grover will highlight the proposed workshop for the September meeting
- If we all pitch in to help, the picnic will be a tremendous success
- **Jim Lea** invites everyone to tour his shop after the picnic

Help Wanted! Volunteers are needed to help with Chapter 89 Committees. We've lots of openings in the following Committees and Workshops:

Education – Chair Ben Crosby 562-4285
Maine Tower Clocks – Chair Dr. Mark Beever 625-7353
Mart – Chair Paul Fournier 885-8637 & Mark Beever 625-7353
Marketing – Chair Ern Grover 490-3500
Norlands – Chair Ben Crosby 562-4285
Newsletter – Chair Ern Grover 490-3500
Program – Chair Paul Fournier 885-8637 & Mark Beever 625-7353
Repair Workshops – Chair Ern Grover 490-3500
Research – Chair Cal Morgan 725-8738
Willowbrook – Chair Ern Grover 490-3500
Web Site – Chair Tom Vance 677-6240

**Great minds discuss ideas;
average minds discuss events;
small minds discuss people**

Where the Rubber Meets the Road (part 2):

11. When you misplace a hand for a clock laugh and open the parts drawer and grab one you have set waiting for this occurrence, the original hand will reappear as soon as you fasten the new one to the clock (sorta saying who are you to take my place) (this is remarkably like the teacher union strikes)

12. Gravity works inversely as Ern said; check shelves ABOVE where you were working when a part "falls on The floor". Many times they sneak up out of sight to watch the entertainment taking place, sometimes calling out for you to pray while you are down there.

13. When cleaning a clock platform and removing WD-40 from hairsprings, be sure to look at the pallets of the platform. For some reason some of them are made from PVC and have an affinity for Hairspring cleaner; a minute or so in the cleaner and poof the escapement looks like new (oh wait

it IS new the old one is a glob in the bottom of the cleaner dish)

14. You are what you wearwhen you have had a very busy day of searching for the parts that are missing, and get home frustrated remember do not take it out on the wife... she is the one laundering your clothes and when the 12 parts dropped that day fall out of your pockets, collar, and pant cuffs along with the one stuck to your T shirt and socks, if you were grumpy well you will be ordering new ones in the morning instead of finding a nice little zippy bag waiting with your car keys

15. The sloppier the bench the easier to find the missing part. This is because its "buddies" are pushing it to the front so they won't be found.

16. Yes, clocks are a sentimental being and have a love for a good joke. Has anyone not had a movement let a wheel fail while oiling it, swiftly changing your finger spring and forcing you to break it down again to repair the pinion.

17. For the cuckoo fans: the harder it is to get a movement out of the case, the more times you will have to remove it before it is running properly (even if it tests fine on a stand); the designers wanted the animation to work and plotted to see how far they can push us.

18. Never let apprentices measure and fit new torsion springs in the first few months of learning; for them the Micrometer is a fun toy and will just never measures the same twice ...it is a tool error I am guessing, like a symbiotic bond.

19. When manipulating a hairspring, be aware that your phone will ring 3-4 times and 3 people will walk in and yell Hey <insert name here> what are you up to? Might as well simply tell them "I am getting ready to replace this hairspring."

20. If it is found at Home Depot it will be found in the customer's clock. Spring clips for cars, WD-40, gorilla glue (it bonds metal to metal and after I fixed the spring it ran great for a week), duct tape.

21. You can get rich. I wish I had a buck for every time I cleaned up bellow tops and tossed the remains. So far I have 35 dollars in recovered coins from being used as weights on bellow tops; it is all in a jar on my bench and I have been collecting it for about 12 years now. My theory on that being if it is under the paper it is mine since the trash man is not going to look for it.

*Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to make them all
yourself.*

Repairing Cuckoo Tops, a.k.a. Frustration!

I don't work on many cuckoo clocks. Really, it's by choice. They're fascinating, and at the same time, they can drive me up the wall. So I confine my restoration efforts to those made prior to World War II. While a student and active duty serviceman in Germany, I lived with German families whenever possible. Of the

six families who hosted me, only one had a cuckoo clock on the wall. It was an old cuckoo clock complete with cobwebs. Said a salesperson at the base Post Exchange, "The Germans are getting even with us for World War II, so they sell us cuckoo clocks."

It's rather easy to tell the difference. Most, if not all, use a rear plate mounted count wheel. Another indicator is the shape of the bellows top. Most are shaped like a trapezoid.

Putting new bellows material on a leaking bellows top is accomplished with some simple tools. By the way, do all of them in the same clock. If one is bad, the other is right behind it. No compromise here.

Zephyr skin is the traditional material used. It's actually a very thin membrane made from animal intestines. Hot hide glue is the preferred

adhesive. Don't mess around with substitutes. Hide glue can be easily removed if you make a mistake. It's also quite forgiving, offering you some time to get the zephyr skin in the right place.

Basically you need to remove the old zephyr skin from the bellows top to be re-covered. Naturally you'll want to make creases on the replacement skin exactly the same as the old skin. How? I use the old one as a template, putting the old one over the top of the new one. Using the edge of my 6 inch steel shop scale as a guide, I develop some sharp looking creases.

Then the fun begins. Apply the new skin on the bellows top. Be careful with using too much hide glue. You still want the cuckoo top to be able to open. This is a situation where too much is not a good idea. Cuckoo to you!

Calculating the Length of a Mainspring

I love math. Third grade was the best four years of my childhood. It finally sunk in.

Instead of sending off your mainspring barrel to a clock supply company to have someone there do your dirty work, calculate the required mainspring yourself. Heck, you don't even have to dust off your old slide rule. (If you don't know what a slide rule is, there's no way we could have been in school together) Calculators are cheap enough.

Use the following formula to determine the correct mainspring:

$$L = \frac{\pi(R^2 - r^2)}{2t}$$

L = length, R = radius of the barrel, r = radius of the barrel arbor, and t = thickness of the spring. We all know that $\pi = 3.1416$ and so forth.

Piece of pie!

Your business card advertisement could appear here. Advertising supports the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter. Imagine reaching out to your Chapter Membership. You'd be doing your fellow members a favor in offering your services. They'll appreciate it! \$10 per column inch per year of insertion.

Make the Most of Today

- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a person who has been in jail for a year.
- To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask the mother of premature baby.
- To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the person who missed the train.
- To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who has survived an accident.
- Treasure every moment you have. Time and life are precious.



Remember When? First person to call me with the correct names of ALL individuals in this picture gets to take home an extra lobster at the July meeting. 490-3500

Auctions Around the Region (* indicates Show)

- June 16/17: Fairfield, ME-James D. Julia 207-453-7125 lampnglass@juliaauctions.com
- June 21: Ossipee, NH-Gary R. Wallace Auctioneers 603-539-5276
- June 23: Hampton Falls, NH-Leo P. Legare 603-595-9625
- *June 25: Wells, ME-Goosefare Antiques & Promotions 800-641-6908 goosefare@gwi.net
- June 26: Harmony, ME-Carlow's Country Side Auctions 207-683-6031
- June 30 / July 1: Amesbury, MA -John McInnis 978-388-0400 mcinnisauctions@yahoo.com
- *July 8/9: Saco, ME-Paul Davis Shows 207-563-1013 antiquefest@hotmail.com
- July 10: Harmony, ME-Carlow's Country Side Auctions 207-683-6031
- *July 21: West Rockport, ME-Paul Davis Shows 207-563-1013 antiquefest@hotmail.com
- *July 22/23: Camden, ME-Goosefare Antiques & Promotions 800-641-6908 goosefare@gwi.net
- *July 29/30: Boothbay Harbor, ME- Goosefare Antiques & Promotions 800-641-6908 goosefare@gwi.net
- *August 1 / 2: Bar Harbor, ME-Paul Davis Shows 207-563-1013 antiquefest@hotmail.com
- August 5: Manchester, NH-Amoskeag Auction Company 603-627-7383
- August 5: Portsmouth, NH- Northeast Auctions 603-433-8400
- *August 5/6: Kennebunk, ME-Goosefare Antiques & Promotions 800-641-6908 goosefare@gwi.net
- August 6: Portsmouth, NH- Northeast Auctions 603-433-8400
- August 7: Harmony, ME-Carlow's Country Side Auctions 207-683-6031*August 12/13: Union, ME-Paul Davis Shows 207-563-1013 antiquefest@hotmail.com
- *August 30: Damariscotta, ME-Maine ADA 207-879-9253
- *September 16/17: Portland, ME-Maine ADA 207-781-5367
- October 16: Harmony, ME-Carlow's Country Side Auctions 207-683-6031

Full listing:

<http://www.maineantiquedigest.com/other/shoauc.htm>



**Trudy, dear, what kind of award you get?
(Farmington, Maine, September 2002)**

Got something to say? Tell us. We'll print it!

Fair Schedule for 2006

July 1 st - 4 th	Houlton Fair
July 6 th - 9 th	Ossipee Valley, S. Hiram
July 20 th - 23 rd	Pittston Fair
July 21 st - 23 rd	Waterford Worlds Fair
July 28 th - August 5 th	No. Maine, Presque Isle
July 28 th - August 6 th	Bangor State Fair
August 2 nd - 5 th	Monmouth Fair
August 4 th - 6 th	Athens Fair
August 6 th - 12 th	Topsham Fair
August 10 th - 19 th	Skowhegan Fair
August 20 th - 26 th	Acton Fair
August 24 th - 27 th	Piscataquis, Dover-Foxcroft
August 27 th - Sept 4 th	Windsor Fair
August 31 st - Sept 4 th	Blue Hill Fair
August 31 st - Sept 4 th	Springfield Fair
September 1 st - 4 th	Harmony Free Fair
September 7 th - 10 th	Clinton Lions Fair
September 8 th - 10 th	Litchfield Fair
September 10 th - 16 th	Oxford County Fair
September 15 th - 17 th	New Portland Fair
September 17 th - 23 rd	Farmington Fair
September 22 nd - 24 th	Common Ground, Unity
September 24 th - 30 th	Cumberland Fair
October 1 st - 8 th	Fryeburg Fair

***President's
Message:***

We're looking forward to some fantastic programs for 2006 and 2007, and with your participation, Chapter 89 will be a shining star in the Northeast!

Thank you everyone for your support during this transition. You're family and you're tops!



Nan Vance, Bristol, Maine

President

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