

Horological Times Committee Report, August 24, 2017

The members of the Horological Committee are currently: Bob Little CC CW Chairman, Daniel Benson CMW, Paul Corn, Andrew DeKeyser CW21, David Fahrenholz, Dale LaDue CMW21, Hannah Mancill, and Matt Schloemer, CW21. Unfortunately committee member Karel Ebenstreit has resigned from the committee. It was with regret that we accepted his resignation.

The editorial mission statement of Horological Times as well as the review guidelines have been presented in the mid year report and won't be repeated here.

Committee members of course are volunteers, and most have managed to review all articles in a timely manner and provide very helpful comments when requested. I do on occasion send out a reminder email to members to be sure to comment on articles and to notify Donna and me when they will be on vacation or otherwise won't be able to provide comment. Most members have reviewed, responded to and commented on 95+ percent of the articles. One member, David Fahrenholz notified us on one occasion that he was very busy and wouldn't be able to comment. We didn't hear from him for a lengthy period of time and Donna and I contacted him and he indicated he was having email and server problems and wasn't getting emails. We used a new email address he provided and he began receiving articles, but sometimes missed commenting. We contacted him again and for the last month or so has been usually providing a "yes to print" or "no to print" on articles.

Donna may have an exact count but during this second half of the year the committee reviewed 65+ articles for print.

Donna and I are still working on getting new people to write technical articles and we have had some new authors with interesting topics. I know it is difficult to get good technical articles. Some people who are employed by others simply cannot write articles on "company time" due to having to meet production quotas and for other reasons. I know several of you write or have written articles in the past. If I were to ask each one of you to write a technical how to article this next year, would you be willing and able to write one? Would you even be able to write one, considering where you work? Your own personal and professional reasons for why you would write a technical how to article, or personal and professional reasons why you couldn't write one, are probably representative of the membership. Truthfully it is a lot easier for a self employed person to write for HT than one who is employed by a business.

Another thing I have done is review and send Donna 7 different professional publications, to benchmark and see how HT is compared to other professional journals. Ones for review are the Water Environment Federation magazine, Ohio Water Environment Association magazine, American Water Works Association magazine, Ohio American Water Works Association magazine, Motor Age, Specialty Automotive, and finally RW (Ratchet and Wrench) magazine. The last 3 magazines are automotive magazines that serve an industry very similar to ours, and provides technical how to articles, brief business and industry updates, new product reviews, and information on improved replacement parts that exceed OEM requirements. All magazines are very professional in appearance and content, provide technical support and assistance to members, encourage licensing or certification, provide support information on new parts and tools to help them spend money efficiently, and provide information on updated service procedures and new types of operations. HT is very similar in presentation, modern appearance, services provided to members, great technical content and their commitment and effort to do quality work in an efficient and professional way. I didn't see anything they are doing that is better or more significant than what HT does. HT has much more information on training opportunities and availability than all of the ones mentioned. The Water Environment

Association and American Water Works Association provide training opportunities information only on their respective websites, and notification and registration is sometimes posted only a week before the event.

I have gone back through and reviewed every HT that is archived and accessible to members. This covers a time period from the late 1970's to present. In the late 1980's members were providing articles such as jewelry repair and ring sizing so members could continue to make money at the bench. Even these articles were top notch. Those bad times have passed, although not permanently, but my point is the technical articles we print are very relevant and will help members improve their skills and learn how to do things the right way. I keep a 4 inch thick 3 ring binder in my shop which is full of articles I copied or printed out, from HT. They are very good detailed resources that you simply cannot find from any other organization, book or website.

In conclusion I would like to thank Fred White for all of the assistance and support he has given me, and our committee during his presidency. I also want to thank Donna for all of her help in coordinating everything with us and doing such a good job.

If you have any questions for me during your review of this report, feel free to contact me at 740-304-1520. If you call and I am not able to answer leave a call back number and I will contact you as soon as I can. You can also contact me by email at little4896@roadrunner.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Note: Donna Hardy's report follows:

**Horological Times/Managing Editor's Report
From Jan. 2017-Sept. 2017**

In the past 9 months, we have acquired new authors, and authors who have not written for HT for some time have returned--

New authors or authors who have not written in quite some time

Scott Walters

Oliver Broos Revitt

Brittany Nicole Cox and David Lindow

Hannah Mancill—created a column based on reader surveys—"Workshop and Business Practices"

Ken Nichols—profiles of CW21 and CC21 shops

Joseph Jabbour—who will give a class at this year's convention

Mike Gainey—the series "Know Your Value"

David LaBounty

Tom Schomaker (Tom's Tips has appeared three times)

Bruce Ross Forman

Christopher Barthold—student

These new authors will submit articles in the next 2-4 months--

Future writers

John Bryant, CC21

Peter Elliot Glomb
Mike Carpenter—Clock Director

Authors who continue to write

Dan Benson (book reviews)
Paul Corn
David Christianson
Jordan Ficklin (creates monthly column “Watchmaking Excellence: CW21 Standards”)
Donna Hardy
Henrik Korpela
Jack Kurdzionak (“From the Workshop” column)
Dale LaDue
Bob Little
Kathy Ortt
Aaron Recksiek

Topics covered in the last 9 months. NOTE: This does not include topics covered in AWCI News or Industry News--

A200 Clock Movement
American Spirit—5 American watchmakers/clockmakers/manufacturers profiled
Amplitude calculations on timing machines
Appraising watches & clocks
Assessing Your Qualifications and Experience
Battery Safety
Battery selection, storage, and disposal
Battery-powered clock balance jewel settings
Book reviews
Building solid business relationships
Dial protectors (latex)
Educating your clients
Escape wheel making
Escapement: total lock/run to the banking, drop-lock
Guilloche
Horology “Must Reads”
How to make Maltese crown of missing stop work
How not to damage a case back
How to restore chipped pallet jewel
Ingredients for successful business
Insurance for small business
Job Satisfaction
Keeping a Neat Workspace
Mainspring shortening
Making a Watch (the series included restoration tips for those not interested in making a watch)
Marketing & Image
Moon Phase Indicators

Pallet stones—proper shellac; cleanliness and condition of
Preparing a clock movement and pictures to educate your client
Preparing for and taking the CW21 Exam
Profiles of CW21 shops (two)
Profile of a CC21 shop (one)
Replacing Waltham 4861 balance staff
Servicing an 8-day Ingraham clock movement with steel plates
Setting Up an American Time & Strike Clock
Screwdrivers, use and care of
Organizing shop drawers
Standards for location and appearance of poising marks on modern balance wheels
Swatch Group Spare Parts Eligibility and certification
Thinking about assembling and testing components as watchmakers build a movement
Tools & procedures to prevent small springs or parts held by springs from flying away
Vintage watch hand replacement
Workload and efficiency

Future Articles—these articles have been assigned or submitted and will be published in the next 2-6 months

A watchmaker's tour and training at Swiss and German watch manufactures
Bezel Set Jewel
Customer Service
Extreme Clock Restoration: Pillar Post Repair
Guilloche in watchmaking
"Know Your Value" series continues
Making Breguet overcoils
Omega 283--working on a power reserve complication for and making a swan neck regulator for the Omega 283.
Re-lacquering plates and using Epi-Kote in clocks
Repairing music boxes in cuckoo clocks
Restoration of the Elnathan Tabor banjo clock
Review of Waldmann light
Rusty Screw Removal
Setting up, remodeling, or expanding a shop
Stainless steel pin tumbling
Wheel Making

Other News/Updates

We try to keep the page count under 60 pages, but we have been getting more content, and so we've cut back on Affiliate Chapter coverage to use those pages for other content. We retired the column "Sit on Your Hands," and added a new one "Business and Workshop Practices."

A survey of the readership will go out in the next month or two.

Jordan Ficklin, Bob Little, and Donna Hardy will take an online course, Trade Association & Nonprofit Publishing Best Practices. We plan to learn how to define strategic publishing goals, develop a comprehensive budget, use departments, columns, and features more effectively, and more.

Donna Hardy
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