



WNYATCA



WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Website: <http://wnyatca.org>

The next meeting of WNYATCA will be held **June 4, 2017**
at the Quality Inn, Batavia, NY, just off the Thruway, Batavia exit.

**** Tool trading opens at 9:00 am...No Charge for a Trade Table**
****Meeting starts at 10:30 am**

(Early birds get there around 8:30.) Come early and enjoy the trading, talking, coffee and pastry.

Meeting Dates for 2017:

(Please write these down)

- ❖ March 19, June 4, September 24, November 5
- ❖ Membership \$15.00/year payable at your 1st meeting
- ❖ Regular Meetings held in Batavia, NY 4 times/yr.
- ❖ \$5.00 Meeting donation to help with room rental

We value Members' input w/Programs and Newsletter.

At June 4, 2017 WNYATCA Meeting:

- ✓ Mark Eastlick will be speaking on Western PA toolmakers
- ✓ Check on the payment status of your 2017 membership
- ✓ Buy raffle ticket(s) to support the club
- ✓ Consider donating an item to the raffle

2017-2019 Officers

President: Otto Dole 315-524-7108
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Meeting Contributors

Benefit Drawing: Tim Rhubart

What's It & Show Table: Dan Weinstock

Website: Joel Havens

Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Association
March 19, 2017 Minutes

Welcome: The March 19, 2017 meeting of WNYATCA convened at 10:36 AM at the Quality Inn in Batavia, NY. President Otto Dole presided. 33 members were in attendance; no guests were present. President Dole welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017. The March 2017 meeting date was shifted by one week versus previous years and may have helped avoid the recent snowstorm in the area. New WNYATCA officers Vice President John Rogers and Secretary Keith McCormick were introduced to the members in attendance. New member David Anthony III was introduced, but David had to leave prior to the start of the official meeting. David collects chisels and looks forward to learning from everyone in the club. Longtime club member Ed Sarcione passed away in January. Dan and Myrna Coleman are currently working in Virginia and look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming meeting. President Dole reminded everyone that WNYTCA formally has the meeting room between the hours of 8:30AM and 2:30PM, leaving adequate time for two guest speakers if necessary. If speakers wrap-up by 1:30PM, it leaves one hour of additional time for room clean-up.

Contributors: President Dole thanked meeting contributors, Annita Breitweiser for her previous Secretary role (meeting minutes, Newsletter mailings) and Reid O'Connell for continuing the important duties as Treasurer (preparing Treasurer's report, maintaining club member information, logs member sign-in at meetings and interfaces with the hotel on the club's behalf. President Dole also thanked Joel Havens for his previous work as Vice President and coordination of guest speakers. John Rogers prepares the Vice President's report and is the coordinator of the guest speaker series. Other contributors Tim Rhubarb administers the benefits drawing and Dan Weinstock leads the What's It and Show tables. Terry Page led the 2016 nominating committee and arranged to retrieve the club's historical information. Frank Kosmerl forwarded an article on the history of the Auburn Tool Company that was included with the November 2016 meeting minutes.

Member's Tasks: Club members were reminded of the various ways to support the club by paying the yearly membership fee (\$15) and meeting room use fee (\$5), reviewing membership spreadsheet at check-in time to ensure contact information is correct, bringing What's It and Show Table items to future meetings, buy raffle tickets, bring a potential new member to the meetings, reading the Secretary's report in advance and wear name tags. If you are unable to pay your dues at a meeting mail checks, made out to WNYATCA, to Reid O'Connell at his home address 146 Pinecrest Dr., Rochester, NY 14617.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was sent prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were made by meeting members in attendance. Jim Hotaling approved the minutes as reported.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated a checking account bank balance on 9/30/16 of \$1533.37. Income since the last report was \$504. Expenses since the last report were \$463.81. The checking account bank balance was \$1,558.56 on 2/28/17 and the checking account checkbook balance was \$1,573.56 on 3/13/17. The checkbook balance is higher due to dues deposited on 3/13/17. Both balances include \$243.00 for the projector fund. The net gain since the last report was \$40.19. There are currently 79 members, an increase of one since the last meeting. Longtime member Ed Sarcione passed away. Two new members were gained, David Anthony III and David Iverson. 54 memberships are paid through 2016 or later (68%); 25 memberships expired 2015 or earlier (32%). Our list carries one membership that expired 2011, two that expired 2012 and five in 2013.

Four 2017 contracts have been signed and returned to the Quality Inn. Room Cost remains at \$100 per event. We are changing our 40 person food/beverage plan from \$3.95 per person for pastries/bagels plus \$20 per urn of coffee used to \$4.75 per person for food, with unlimited coffee urn refills. Assumes: 2 meetings 25 attending, and two meetings 35 attending, with unpredictable coffee consumption. Annual Cost \$1473.20 for new plan vs.

\$1463.20 for old plan. This eliminates chance of running out of coffee. Assumptions could be wrong of course. Five year average attendance is 30. The Treasurer's Report is filed subject to review.

Vice President's Report: John Rogers suggested club members to recommend individuals they would be interested in hearing speak at upcoming club meetings and John will reach out to them. In turn, John will generate a list of potential speakers and report on booked individuals at future meetings.

Unfinished Business:

1) Website – There is a plan in place to retrieve the website content. Terry Page to follow-up.

2) WNYTCA info cards & Member ID badges – John Rogers followed-up on the idea of name badges and club information cards as a tool to further the club membership. Cost for name badges ranged from \$5-7 each, while simple club information cards could be printed for <\$50 for a quantity of 500 cards. John agreed to submit a draft of the club information cards before having them printed. President Dole commented that the sticky name tags for members are cost-effective and less likely to be forgotten at home.

3) Library display – Chris Tahk revisited the idea of a WNYTCA library display to gain exposure for the club. Libraries often require an application submittal prior to approval. This is a work in progress by Joel Havens.

4) Tool donations – Leon Golder mentioned The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society is in need of blacksmith tongs (\$10-\$20/each price range) for display and use in training classes at the Society. Hammers and anvils are also desirable. Frank Flynn suggested blacksmithing classes at Rochester Arc & Flame Center as another option for blacksmithing tongs.

5) Tool Thrift Shop, Fairport, NY – a source for pre-owned and antique tools. All profits benefit the Fairport Baptist Home, which provides care and transportation services to older adults in the Fairport/Perinton community. Tool Thrift Shop is located in the Fairport Village Landing plaza off South Main Street, above the Fairport Library on the parking lot level. Hours are Tuesdays, 4-8PM, Fridays, 11-6PM and Saturdays, 9-4PM. Over \$400K has been donated to the Fairport Baptist Home.

New Business:

1) EAIA meeting – Terry Page mentioned the EAIA 2017 annual meeting will be held at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA, May 17-20, 2017. Next year's event will be held at a former Bethlehem Steel plant in PA, where attendees will receive a behind the scenes look at the plant.

2) New York State Designer Blacksmiths meeting – Leon Golder stated the upcoming New York State Designer Blacksmiths meeting is Saturday, May 6th, 9AM-5PM at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. Professional blacksmiths Mike Hutter and Dave Hammer will be demonstrating.

3) Toronto antique tool show – Frank Flynn mentioned this show combined with the Ontario antique tool collectors held on Saturday, 4/1 and Sunday, 4/2. Typically, 60-70 dealers are setup. Marc Solomon's lathe shop is also located nearby if interested.

Show Table items, presented by Dan Weinstock

1) Pocket scale – brass scale with early numbers, 0-40lb and 0-350lb ranges. Possibly a meat hanging, hunting or fishing scale.

2) Folding rule with case – sterling silver rule with leather case. Marked Gorham, CT.

3) Small vise – Stevens lever action 2" vise with several patent dates.

4) Ingots – unidentified upright ingots for watchmakers. Jeweler's ingot accompanied by jewelry supplies catalog.

5) Rawhide box – box made from a single piece of rawhide. Dates prior to 1860 from the Dakotas.

What's It table, presented by Dan Weinstock

Item #1 – cast iron device with May patent date. Fits comfortably in one's hand. Possibly a weapon.

Item #2 – device with fixture for clamping to a table. Wingnut open and closes, possibly used for clamping with lots of movement in various directions. Suggested as a tool for the jeweler or tailor shop trades.

Item #3 – Unmarked steel with a pivot, sharpened chisel points and one blunt edge possibly used for pounding/striking. Tool looks similar to a bench dog.

Item #4 – Hand-forged wrought iron device with decorative cast wing nuts and wrought iron forceps similar to a pair of tweezers. Test tube holder? Device used for hanging film or x-rays?

Item #5 – Modern piece marked Sweden. Plastic nozzle and a knurled area for grabbing onto. Creates a vacuum when actuated. Fitting for attaching to tubing for use as a suction device. Molten solder sucker.

Item #6 – Rolling device with heft. Cast iron roller. Used for embossing a pattern into concrete or where sidewalks slope for slip resistance.

Item #7 – Box of tools in a variety of shapes and sizes. Designed for chucking into a brace with collar arrangement and machined into fluted surfaces. Used for lapping valves or other automotive applications.

Benefits Drawing

A sum of \$92 was raised for the raffle drawing consisting of five items.

At 11:58AM, the official business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Speaker Series – Leon Golder, Cooperage slideshow and video

Leon was originally from PA and grew up on a farm. He worked as a drafter and later a manager of a training division of Ingersoll-Rand. Leon is on the board of directors of the Corning-Painted Post Historical Society and volunteer at the Heritage Village of the Southern Finger Lakes. The Heritage Village is located at 73 West Pulteney Street in Corning, NY. Reid O'Connell brought along several nice examples of tools to support Leon's presentation on the cooper's trade.

There were (4) divisions in the cooper's craft. The **dry/slack** cooper made containers that would be used for dry goods. The **dry/air-tight** cooper made casks designed to keep dry goods in and moisture out. The **white** cooper made straight staved containers for holding water, such as washtubs. The **wet/tight** cooper made casks that could be under pressure for items such as beer. The **general** cooper often worked on ships, docks or warehouses and possessed the special skill of repairing a cask without losing the liquid.

The various container names and volume ranges made by the cooper were outlined by Leon. A bucket/pail is in the 1-5 gallon range. Leon elaborated on the term firkin and how it commonly refers to a small container, but is actually a unit of dry or liquid measure. Churns, washtubs and kegs are in the 5-16 gallon range, barrels 32-42 gallons, butts 126 gallons, hogshead 62-140 gallons and tuns 252 gallons.

Next, Leon discussed the various tools used by the cooper. A shaving horse was used for shaping the inside and outside surfaces of staves. A jointer plane was used for beveling the edges of staves. Edge tools, such as a hand axe and hand adze were used to rough shape a stave. Hollowing draw knives and scorps were used to profile a stave. Hoop drivers – both wooden and metal clad were used for driving wooden and metal hoops, respectively. A sun plane, with an arced body and skewed blade, was used for cleaning up the end grain on the tops and bottoms of staves. A jigger or draw knife was used for beveling the ends of staves. A howell plane was used to cut the howell (broad) groove directly below the chime or top bevel on a container. A croze plane was then used to cut the croze (thin) groove in the deepest part of the howell. The beveled edge of the head is fit into the croze groove. Dividers were used for laying out the head diameter. Leon mentioned that a howell plane, croze plane and hoop driver are needed to outfit the cooper shop at the museum. A YouTube video "The Craft of the Cooper" illustrated a Guinness cooperage in 1954 at the following web link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bNp3E-SuQw>



3/19/2017 pre-meeting tool trading and discussion



Show Table Items



What's It Table



Leon Golder & Reid O'Connell – Cooperage Presentation



Tools and products of the Cooper trade



Various tools of the Cooper trade