



# WNYATCA



## WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Website: <http://wnyatca.org>

The next meeting of WNYATCA will be held **November 5, 2017**  
at the Quality Inn, Batavia, NY, just off the Thruway, Batavia exit.

**\*\* Tool trading opens at 9:30 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 November 5, 2017 WNYATCA Meeting:

- ✓ **Dan Coleman will be speaking on anvils**
- ✓ **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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Vice President:	John Rogers	585-445-7443
Secretary:	Keith McCormick	518-365-8399
Treasurer:	Reid O'Connell	585-266-5286

### Meeting Contributors

Benefit Drawing: Tim Rhubart  
 What's It & Show Table: Dan Weinstock  
 Website: Keith McCormick

**Western New York Antique Tool Collectors Association**  
**September 24, 2017 Minutes**

**Attention club members!**

- 1) Please ensure your dues are up to date. 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.
- 2) Due to our contract with the Quality Inn, we are unable to bring food or beverages from outside sources into the banquet room. Also, any food or beverage not consumed during the meeting cannot be removed from the banquet room.

**Welcome:** The September 24, 2017 meeting of WNYATCA convened at 10:30 AM at the Quality Inn in Batavia, NY. President Otto Dole presided. 27 members were in attendance; one guest was present. President Dole welcomed everyone to the third meeting of 2017. New club member, Brian Conover and a guest of Bob Walker's, Ken Sechrist were introduced. The final club meeting of 2017 will be held on November 5th. It was noted that November 5th is also the end of Daylight Saving Time and to plan accordingly. 2018 club meeting dates were confirmed by the hotel and are scheduled as follows: 3/18, 6/3, 9/23 and 11/4. President Dole asked the club members in attendance to share their stories of any recent events they attended or notable tool finds over the summer. President Dole and club members offered several positive comments about the recent Martin J. Donnelly auction in Avoca, NY, the Pageant of Steam in Canandaigua and the Western NY Gas & Steam Association in Alexander. Joe Paolucci shared photos of his visit to the Hammer Museum located in Haines, AK. Myrna and Dan Coleman mentioned they will be selling 900 lots of their surplus planes and wrenches at Tri-County Auctions in western IL. John Rogers shared his recent purchase of a ride along steam engine.

**Contributors:** President Dole thanked all meeting contributors. Secretary Keith McCormick for preparing the meeting minutes and sending the Newsletter mailings. Treasurer Reid O'Connell for preparing the Treasurer's report, maintaining club member information, logging member sign-in at meetings and interfacing with the hotel on behalf of the club. Vice President John Rogers for preparing the Vice President's report and coordinating the guest speaker series. Tim Rhubart for administering the benefits drawing and Dan Weinstock for leading the What's It and Show tables. President Dole thanked all members that bring tools for trading, donating items for the raffle drawing and bringing examples for the What's It and Show tables.

**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 a name tag. All members were thanked for their dedication to the club.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report was sent prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were made by meeting members in attendance and the report was accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report indicated a checking account bank balance on 4/30/17 of \$1727.68. Income since the last report was \$324. Expenses since the last report were \$416.26. The checking account bank balance was \$1,585.42 on 8/31/17 and the checking account checkbook balance was \$1,535.42 on 8/31/17. The checkbook balance is lower due to \$50 memorial check sent during May 2017 to Joyce Rodgers in memory of Max Rodgers, but not cashed. Both balances include \$279.00 for the projector fund. The net loss since the last report was \$191.86.

There are currently 77 members, a reduction of one since the membership list dated 6/4/17. This reflects passing of Max Rodgers, plus addition of new member EAIA. I may have erred in removing the Rodgers name from the list since I did not check with Joyce to see if she wanted to remain a member, but will do so. 55/77 memberships (71%) are paid through 2016 or later. 22/77 memberships (29%) expired 2015 or earlier. We have stayed in that range during my term in office. Our list carries one membership that expired 2011, two that expired 2012 and five in 2013.

We are fortunate to have gained the EAIA as a member. This occurred as a result of our donation in memory of Jim Bovay. Terry Page presented the donation to John Verrill. He wrote us a nice acknowledgement note and asked me for a membership application. I sent it, along with a paragraph about the WNYATCA. That information was published in the EAIA newsletter Shavings in the summer 2017 issue.

Treasurer Reid O'Connell is unable to attend the upcoming 11/5 club meeting. A self-check-in sheet will be utilized at the 11/5 meeting to collect dues and meeting room donations.

**We are shooting for \$450 to fund a club Computer Projector. We are 62% of the way there! Members are encouraged to keep our goal in mind. 2017 donations have decreased vs. 2016.**

The Treasurer's Report is filed subject to review.

#### **Vice President's Report:**

- 1) Speaker series** – Dan Coleman will give a presentation on anvils at the 11/5 meeting.
- 2) Newspaper publication** – John Rogers offered the concept of publishing an informative newspaper article about the club in order to further new club membership. He did this recently for a Rec Divers club and will provide a sample article for review.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1) WNYATCA info cards** – John Rogers agreed to prepare a draft club card with updated information (meeting dates, meeting location and contact information) and submit it to Keith McCormick for review. The purpose of the info card is for club members to distribute and gain new WNYATCA membership.
- 2) WNYATCA website** – Joel Havens to assist Keith McCormick with transfer of site content from Chuck Young.
- 3) Library display** – Chris Tahk previously suggested the idea of a WNYATCA library display to gain exposure for the club. This remains a work in progress by Joel Havens and Chris Tahk.
- 4) Membership growth ideas** – continued discussion on the use of social media platforms such as Facebook to further club membership. Martin Donnelly and Jim Bode Tools use Facebook. Myrna Coleman to look into associated costs for Facebook commercial use. Club member privacy concerns were noted.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Club bylaws** – extension of deceased club member's membership to their spouse was discussed. Myrna Coleman offered her comments on the subject and was in favor of the extension to a spouse. The club bylaws need to be modified to address this scenario specifically.
- 2) EAIA** – we welcomed EAIA as a new club member. Reid O'Connell shared the EAIA Shavings newsletter article (Issue #245 Summer 2017) featuring WNYATCA in the Short Subjects column. The newsletter also contained information about Jim Bovay in the Members We Will Remember section.
- 3) Officer vacancy and 2018 elections** – John Rogers is stepping down as Vice President, leaving an open officer's position. President Dole asked the membership if anyone would immediately volunteer to fill the vacant role and there were no responses. New officer elections will take place in November 2018. President Dole suggested appointing a nominating committee of 3-4 members to select new officers. Suggestions are welcome.
- 5) MWTCA membership** – President Dole asked the club members in attendance if they held a MWTCA membership. More interactions with organizations such as EAIA and MWTCA may potentially gain new WNYATCA membership.

### **Show Table items, presented by Dan Weinstock & Frank Flynn**

**1) Henry D. Smith photograph & letter** – graduate of Yale in 1844. Founded the H.D. Smith Company in Plantsville, CT. Known for “Perfect Handle” tools.

**2) Gurley sealer stamp & documents** – stamp resembles a Morrill’s saw set, but with an embossed steel punch. Stamp marked C57, indicating a Cortland County seal. Used by a sealer of weights and measures. Box includes standards, seals, tags and handbook.

**3) Cooper’s tools** – Frank Flynn’s Cooper’s tool kit from The Bartholomay Brewing Company – tools made and used in Rochester, NY. Patented croze and howell made by C.F. Klose and Barton Cooper’s adze. Hoop tools used for forming, stretching and hoop fastening.

**4) Boxwood square, Ernst wood plane, locksmith patents** – by Rochester manufacturer and dealer Louis Ernst & Sons, operated at 5 West Main Street and later 41-49 South Avenue, Rochester, NY. Plane made by Sandusky (notched wedge evident) but stamped Ernst. Locksmith patents for assembling Sargent and Greenleaf locks for Ernst.

**5) Razor stropper** – in original box, used for sharpening razor blades. Patent from 1920’s.

### **What’s It table, presented by Dan Weinstock**

**Item #1** – hammer with long handle, resembling a metal working hammer. Used by boiler inspectors for checking the thickness of metal on stationary boiler.

**Item #2** – resembles a bar clamp with adjustable screw with holes drilled in base. Marked Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, NY. Gaylord Archival is still in business today. Shape of the tool suggests use for book binding or pamphlet repair.

**Item #3** – tool with decorative casting, holes drilled in base for securing to a tabletop. Equipped with a lever operated fixture on each end. printshop tool?

**Item #4** – square and alligator wrench from Joe Paolucci. Both trademarked with a numeral “4” overlapped with a scythe. 4 scythe toolmaker trademark?

**Item #5** – brass clamping tool with knife edge. Used for harvesting chickens, relaxing their feathers, allowing them to be removed easier.

**Item #6** – 1872 patent, spring-loaded, rotating end piece. Foot and leg resembling dancing calipers. A shoemaker’s peg breaker.

**Item #7** – brass tool, nicely cast, with two different size openings. A mill pick holder.

**Item #8** – swan/bird form iron casting. Potentially an ornamental part of a furniture piece or sled/sleigh.

**Item #9** – Syracuse, NY marked device for holding a bed headboard and tailboard together.

### **Benefits Drawing**

A sum of \$89 was raised for the raffle drawing consisting of five lots. Dave Iverson also contributed a \$25 gift card to a separate raffle for the club’s projector fund drive. A sum of \$40 was raised – Thank you Dave!

At 12:12PM, the official business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

## Speaker Series – Jim Altemus, Gunsmithing presentation



**Jim Altemus presentation**

Jim is an American Period Furniture maker and volunteer at the Genesee Country Village and Museum. Jim works at the cabinet shop several days per week as an interpreter and cabinetmaker, using traditional hand tools in his work. As a result of his experience and interests in the cabinet shop, Jim extended his skillset into gunsmithing. During his presentation, Jim shared several photos of the museum to include an 1870's vintage mortising machine, machinist lathe and woodworking lathe. He has also built several pieces of furniture inside the MacKay Homestead. Jim went on to describe how he purchases a kit to build some of his guns, complete with a rifled barrel, stock, lock, brass mountings, etc., at a cost of approximately \$700. During his presentation, Jim methodically described the processes of fitting and assembling the various components, such as setting the barrel to the stock, using a small router plane to set the lock set, bolting the lock and use of dovetail joinery to install the sights. Jim explained the differences of using walnut and tiger maple as gunstock material, with the latter more prone to chipping out when worked with edge tools. Once assembled, Jim test fires the rifles with three shots and adjusts the sights as necessary using minor file adjustments, all performed by hand. To finish the barrels, they undergo an acid treatment process called "browning", which is a controlled rusting process and creates a uniform, brown-colored appearance to the barrel surface. In order to install the butt plate, it is located and affixed to the gunstock using a pattern transfer process. A wooden spokeshave and wooden smoothing plane is employed to define the curvatures and smooth surface of the gunstock. Use of traditional hand tools such as chisels and a bit brace were also noted as key tools during the assembly process. Jim passed around a fine example of a wooden patch box he made, complete with a sliding dovetail in order to create a tight, snug fit to the gunstock. Jim estimated approximately 110-115 manhours are typically required for assembly of the rifles shown during the presentation.



Show Table Items



What's It Table Items



Jim Altemus's rifle display