



WNYATCA



WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Website: <http://wnyatca.org>

The next meeting of WNYATCA will be held **March 18, 2018**
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 2018:

(Please write these down)

- ❖ March 18, June 3, September 23, November 4
- ❖ 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 March 18, 2018 WNYATCA Meeting:

- ✓ **Speaker TBD**
- ✓ **Check on the payment status of your 2018 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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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
November 5, 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 November 5, 2017 meeting of WNYATCA convened at 10:34 AM at the Quality Inn in Batavia, NY. President Otto Dole presided. 31 members were in attendance. President Dole welcomed everyone to the fourth meeting of 2017. New club members, Bill and Joe Kovacs were introduced. Member Fred Fox passed away on August 25, 2017 and his wife Dolores may be selling his tool collection. 2018 club meeting dates are scheduled as follows: 3/18, 6/3, 9/23 and 11/4.

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. John Rogers is stepping down as Vice President. 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 6/4/17 of \$1585.42. Income since the last report was \$457. Expenses since the last report were \$380.29. The checking account bank balance was \$1,573.43 on 9/29/17 and the checking account checkbook balance was \$1,612.13 on 9/29/17. The checkbook balance differs from the bank balance due to \$50 un-cashed memorial check sent to Joyce Rodgers, deposit of 9/24/17 meeting income on 10/5/17 and 9/29/17 check to the Quality Inn which had not yet cleared. The net gain since the last report was \$26.71.

There are currently 79 members, an increase of two vs. the 9/24/17 list. This reflects addition of new members Brian Conover and Bill Kovacs. 72% of members have paid dues through 2016 or later. 28% of memberships expired 2015 or earlier. Our list carries one membership that expired 2011, two that expired 2012 and five in 2013.

I e-mailed Joyce Rodgers 10/14/17, asking:

- 1) Did she wish to remain on our membership list?
- 2) Did she receive the \$50 memorial check sent in May?

She replied 10/16/17 indicating that she did not recall receiving the check, but would look into the matter and get back to me. She did not answer the membership question. I have not heard from her as of this writing.

We are shooting for \$450 to fund a club computer projector. We are 75% of the way there! Members are encouraged to keep our goal in mind.

The Treasurer's Report is filed subject to review.

Vice President's Report:

1) No report given.

Unfinished Business:

1) **WNYATCA info cards** – No update on club information cards. Joel Havens to distribute previous examples of cards to officers again.

2) **WNYATCA website** – Keith McCormick called GoDaddy customer service and the hosting fees were quoted \$200 for a three-year commitment. Two club members accepted to move forward with this approach. Joel Havens will continue to assist Keith McCormick with the website transfer from Chuck Young.

3) **Library display** – Joel Havens provided an update. The Orchard Park library has a display case with three shelves available for use. Content is needed to fill the case, with a focus on local area items such as Park metalworking tools, X-Acto and other Buffalo area tools. President Dole will also investigate Rochester, NY area libraries.

4) **Newspaper publication** – John Rogers will provide a sample article for the Suburban News in an effort to further the club membership.

5) **Membership growth ideas** – No update.

New Business:

1) **Officer elections** – President Dole appointed Dan Weinstock to lead a nominating committee for election of officers at the November 4, 2018 meeting.

Prior to presenting the Show and What's It table items, additional specifics were given about the boiler's hammer that was discussed in the September 24, 2017 meeting. Boiler staybolts fail/break on the outside surface of a boiler. Boiler inspectors would use a hammer to tap the staybolts from both sides (inside and out) to evaluate the integrity of the bolts. If the staybolts were broken, there was a different audible response to the hammer tap.

Show table

1) **D.R. Barton scraper** – A.F. Brombacher & Co., Inc. NYC catalog, Barton's cooper's scraper #317

What's It table

Item #1 – cast brass, square socket, flat on one side and grooved on the other. Is the groove for a rope or cable?

Item #2 – unusual artistic piece with handle. Two prongs with bevels. Lever action opens and closes the prongs in addition to rotating them. The tool is not marked and is professionally made. Could the lever action be used to spread something apart?

Item #3 – block of cast iron with mounting holes. Wear marks from use are evident on the tool. A small anvil?

Item #4 – factory made, nickel plated piece. A thumb screw exists along with an alignment pin. No markings or maker are present on the tool.

Item #5 – 20th century tool by K-D Manufacturing Co. of Lancaster, PA. A door handle spring removal tool.

Item #6 – tool with spring-loaded attachment marked Rockaway, NJ. A box maker's tool for placing wire around a box by clamping and twisting it.

Benefits Drawing

A sum of \$124 was raised for the raffle drawing consisting of eight lots.

Before the meeting adjourned, Leon Golder suggested raising membership dues to \$20. This will be considered in the future.

At 11:16PM, the official business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Speaker Series – Dan Coleman, anvil presentation



Dan Coleman presentation

Dan started the anvil presentation by asking the club membership which anvil manufacturers they own. Vulcan, Peter Wright, Hill, Fisher and Trenton were several of the manufacturers noted by the members in attendance. Dan noted that E.C. Atkins & Co. of Indianapolis, IN sold a line of anvils. Other saw makers such as Disston offered anvils, which were produced for them by Fisher. Many different sizes were available with the Disston 50 lb as the most popular version. In general, a wide number of anvils were produced. A picture of a 550 lb anvil from a Pittsburgh mill was shared, which displayed the Vulcan emblem with a flexed arm. Dan provided insight into how the markings on various manufacturers correspond to the weight of an anvil. Vulcan marked their anvils 1-15, where 1 corresponded to a 10 lb anvil and 15 corresponded to a 150 lb anvil. Smaller anvils were designated with 0 or 00 marks. Smaller anvils are rare, which makes them more desirable to collectors. A small 9 lb Hay Budden anvil was shown, which is another popular anvil manufacturer.

Dan reviewed the two different holes that common anvils have. The Pritchel hole is the smaller, round hole used to provide clearance for punching or piercing tools. The square hole is called a Hardy (or Hardie) hole, into which special tools called Hardy tools are placed for forming or cutting.

Dan covered some specifics on current anvil pricing. Normal pricing ranges from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per pound. However, this pricing does not apply for the larger weight anvils, which command higher prices. Anvils that sit on a metal hold or base also bring higher prices. For example, Fisher stands are very popular and in current demand. The anvil manufacturer attributes to the anvil's value. Peter Wright anvils have significant interest. Where can anvils be found? Advertisements in auctions, other club members and even lucky finds at yard sales. What shape should an anvil be in before purchasing? They should have sharp edges with no chips. Given their cost, anvils are a major purchase for the collector.

Dan brought along several fine anvil examples to share with the club membership. The first example displayed was from the Schrade factory in Walden, NY. It was used to make knives, with the raised portion affixed to the anvil for riveting. Anvils are commonly found in the factory on workbenches for a variety of finish work. A unique scissor makers anvil was also shown for the assembly of scissors. A hand anvil example, used by tinner and fender repair shops was shown. This type of anvil lends itself well for the gradual bending of metal. A photo of an anvil with elongated front and back was shown and is perhaps a French pattern.

Dan further described the English Hundredweight system for identifying the markings and weights of English anvils. The first digit is hundredweight, where a "1" corresponds to 112 lb. The second digit is quarter weight, where a "1" corresponds to 28 lb. The third digit is in pounds, where a "16" corresponds to 16 lb. The three figures are added together to calculate the total weight of the anvil. For example, an anvil marked "1-0-16" would weigh 128 lb.

At the conclusion of the presentation, some interesting points of discussion took place. A chain is often observed wrapped around the waist of an anvil. This serves to deaden the ring, not to add appreciable weight to the anvil. Josh Cavett has a Fisher-Norris museum in southern New Jersey with many anvils on display. Leon Golder commented on anvil repair. It is difficult to repair the top surface of an anvil. It is recommended to grind down the surface and weld up the edges, rather than welding another piece to the top of the anvil.



Show Table Items



Dan Coleman's small anvils