



WNYATCA



WESTERN NEW YORK ANTIQUE TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Website: www.wnyatca.org

The next meeting of WNYATCA will be held **June 3, 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)

- ✓ 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 June 3, 2018 WNYATCA Meeting:

- ✓ Bill Banker will present on Blacksmithing
- ✓ Check on the payment status of your 2018 membership
- ✓ Buy raffle tickets to support the club
- ✓ Consider donating an item to the raffle

2017-2019 Officers

President: Otto Dole 585-503-2230
 Vice President: Vacant
 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

March 18, 2018 Minutes

Attention club members!

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.

Welcome: The March 18, 2018 meeting of WNYATCA convened at 10:30 AM at the Quality Inn in Batavia, NY. President Otto Dole presided. 25 members were in attendance. President Dole welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2018 and the 41st year of the club. President Dole brought along a binder containing old records and historical information on the club. New club members Charlie Robison (in attendance), Preston Sweeney and Tom Walter were introduced. Sadly, we lost two club members Bill Curtis and Phil Cowie. No formal speaker was scheduled for the meeting today, so members are invited to share their recent tool finds, experiences or what they collect. For your planning, tool trading starts at 9:30; meeting begins at 10:30; meeting/program complete by 1:30; and room must be cleared by 2:30. 2018 club meeting dates are scheduled as follows: 6/3, 9/23 and 11/4.

Contributors: President Dole thanked all meeting contributors. Secretary Keith McCormick for preparing the meeting minutes, sending the Newsletter mailings and getting the club website back up and running. Pittsford Lumber and Woodcraft in Henrietta recently inquired about the club's website. 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. The Vice President's position is currently vacant. Dave Iverson will handle the benefits drawing on behalf of Tim Rhubarb and Dave Murdoch will lead the What's It and Show tables on behalf of Dan Weinstock. Dan Weinstock is also leading the 2019 club officer nominating committee and is looking for two volunteers to work with him. 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 the members in attendance and the report was accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated a checking account bank balance on 9/30/17 of \$1,573.43. Income since the last report was \$570. Expenses since the last report were \$672.20, which included a reimbursement check for \$143.95 to Keith McCormick for website hosting fees, \$100 in deceased member memorial donations, Quality Inn invoice for 11/5/17 meeting for \$368.30 and \$59.95 for October 2017-February 2018 bank fees. The checking account bank balance was \$1,509.93 on 2/28/18 and the checking account checkbook balance was \$1,509.93 on 2/28/18. The net loss since the last report was \$102.20.

There are currently 80 members, an increase of one vs. the 11/5/17 list. This reflects addition of new members Brian Conover, Bill Kovacs, Joe Kovacs, Preston Sweeney, Charles Robison and Tom Walter. Sadly, our total reflects loss of deceased members Phil Cowie, Fred Fox and recently Bill Curtis on March 8. 72% of members have paid dues through 2016 or later. 28% of memberships expired 2015 or earlier. Our list carries one membership that expired in 2011, two in 2012 and five in 2013.

The May 2017 \$50 check to Joyce Rodgers in memory of Max was finally cashed in November, but not acknowledged. The November \$50 donation to the Perry First Congregational Church in memory of Phil Cowie was

acknowledged by the church. The November \$50 donation to the Immanuel Lutheran Church of East Aurora in memory of Fred Fox was acknowledged by both the church and the family. I have not yet sent a donation in memory of Bill Curtis, but will do so.

The club computer projector fund has a balance of \$373 with a goal of \$450. Joel Havens suggested we do some further research on current projector costs and establish a target price. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Vice President's Report:

1) Speaker Series – President Dole confirmed the availability of two speakers for upcoming meetings. Bill Banker will speak on Blacksmithing at the 6/3 meeting. Martin Donnelley was also available for 6/3, but Bill Banker committed 1st. We will try to get Martin for a future meeting. President Dole asked the club members in attendance for any recommendations on speakers for the Sep or Nov meetings.

Unfinished Business:

1) Newspaper publication – need new update from John Rogers

2) WNYATCA website – Keith McCormick transferred the website contents with Chuck Young's help. The website is now up and running with the major information on the site updated (2018 meeting dates, contact info, newsletter).

3) Facebook page – will be used for club advertisement/public interest in collecting tools. Many of the club members commented on the strong interest of user hand tools among younger individuals and may be a good market to further the club membership. Facebook privacy is an on-going concern. Myrna Coleman will take the lead.

4) Library display – Joel Havens and Terry Page continue to work on the effort for the Orchard Park library focused on WNY area companies and tools – Wiard Plow Co., Batavia Clamp Co., Park Metalware Co., etc.

5) Club membership dues increase – the topic was raised at the 11/5/17 meeting. Club members are very generous with tool donations for the raffle, raffle ticket purchases and the projector fund. Could additional revenue from a dues increase help to pay for additional speakers or assist with their associated travel costs? \$15 is relatively inexpensive when compared with other organizations in the \$25-\$30 range. Based on the current club membership, a dues increase of \$5 would result in +\$300 of additional revenue for the club. The topic will be revisited at the 6/3/2018 meeting when member attendance is typically higher and brought to a vote.

New Business:

1) Old/past due memberships – the subject of carrying expired memberships was brought up. The reasons for expired memberships is often unknown and it is difficult to understand the individual circumstances. Do expired memberships cost the club anything? Electronic mailings of the newsletter are free, but hard copy mailings have an associated expense. We have tried to solicit information from expired members in the past but have not received any responses. Reid O'Connell will send an email to those with expired club memberships dated 2013 or older.

What's It table

Item #1 – gauge with attractive handle and a stop. Two set screws. Clapboard siding gauge?

Item #2 – tool with clamp stamped National Brass Co., Grand Rapids, MI. Several graduations present on the tool – 1-3/8", 1-3/4" and 2-1/4" which correspond to door thicknesses. Used for locating a hole for a door latch?

Item #3 – wooden tool marked Ross Patent Dec 27, 1881. Could this be used for stitching cloth or sails? It was marked as a "rug maker's tool" when purchased. An antique rug punch needle.

Item #4 – tool that looks like a wrench with a spring-loaded hold down on top.

Item #5 – Ornate leatherworking tool for rawhide or saddle packing tool.

Show table

1) Drill press by Broadhook Tool Co., Batavia, NY

2) Colt clamps made in Batavia, NY

3) Wrenches by Wiard Plow Co. Batavia, NY

Benefits Drawing

A sum of \$84 was raised for the raffle drawing consisting of ten lots.

At 11:43PM, the official business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Speaker Series

Several club members shared their experiences of recent tool finds and what they collect.

Otto Dole – shared a book he purchased from Woodcraft by Scott Wynn, “Getting Started with Handplanes”. The book explains how to setup and sharpen various handplanes. Otto also shared his Millers Falls whimble-type brace with a 12” sweep. He also showed a 1996 Martin J. Donnelly catalog that featured this unique lineman’s brace with offset handle, which is designed to be turned with both hands during operation. Otto also collects kitchen tools with wooden handles.

Terry Page – shared his discovery of a large tool find from a previous collector, inclusive of 12-14 tons of woodworking and blacksmith tools. The collection also features Civil War era saddles.

Dan Coleman – shared some samples from his level collection and provided an overview of various Stanley levels. The level business was very competitive with many manufacturers such as Stanley, Starrett and foreign manufacturers. The Stanley No. 31 hexagon level was the smallest in terms of circumference. The Stanley No. 38 & 39 machinist’s levels were approx. 4” and 6”, respectively and were produced for 20 years between 1877-1897. The No. 38 & 39 were later succeeded by the No. 38-1/2 & 39-1/2 in later production years. The 1st type of these levels had the filigreed/rosetta sides and the 2nd type featured plain sides. The Stanley No. 34 machinist’s eclipse levels were produced in lengths of 4”, 6”, 8” and 10” and was produced in five different Types. Type #1 was only made for two years (1896-1897) and is very rare. Type #2 was made in a 6” length only from 1897-1898. Type #3 was made in 4”, 6”, 8” and 10” lengths from 1898-1916. Type #4 was produced from 1917-1928 and Type #5 1929-1984. The No. 34 was available in a flat bottom or a V-grooved bottom, for leveling a pipe or shaft in a machine. Stanley No. 40 through No. 44 levels were made for attaching to a square.

Myrna Coleman – collects tall rulers and other measuring devices. Myrna shared a story of a 7’ high caliper she has, but the caliper was missing and the rule had graduations in “hands”. A horse’s hand is a unit of measure for quantifying the height of a horse from the ground to the withers. One hand equals 4 inches, so a horse 15 hands high measures 60 inches.

Norm Willits – shared an entertaining Laff Lines cartoon and collects round gas stoves and player pianos.

Reid O’Connell – Reid is a small, diversified collector with tools of every trade, including rules, wooden handled things and hand corn planters. His prized item is a grain cradle, which was used for manual grain harvesting.



What's It Table items



Show Table items, featuring WNY tool makers, courtesy of Joel Havens

