

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of WATCH and CLOCK COLLECTORS Mt. Rainier Chapter 135



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### Special points of interest:

- Kathy & Chet Ekstrand host August, 2011 meeting!
- Chapter 135 Charter Located!
- Phil Johansen presents program on his Long-Duration Experimental Clock
- Puyallup Fair set-up completed!
- Numerous members suffering health challenges!!

## Kathy and Chet Ekstrand Host August Meeting!

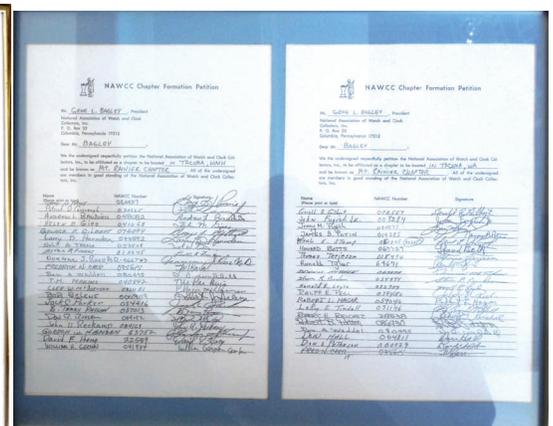
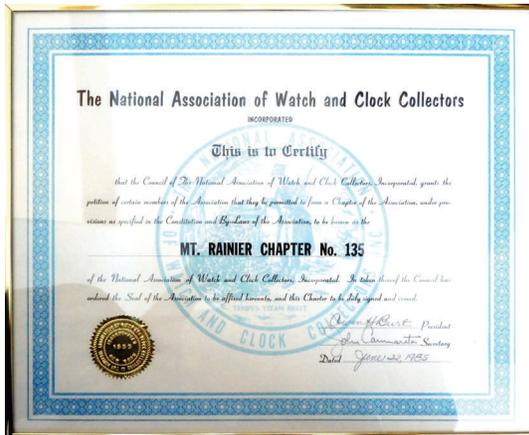
Kathy Ekstrand, with the assistance of her friend and neighbor, Sally McDonough, prepared a delightful repast of consisting of delicious hot beef tenderloin sandwiches, with a variety of accompaniments, deserts and drinks. The location of the event was the Ekstrand Lake Meridian home, where guests could enjoy the view.



Kathy Ekstrand; - Hostess and Chapter 135 Member



## Original Chapter 135 Charter Located!



NAWCC Mt Rainier Chapter No. 135 was chartered, 26 years ago, on June 22nd, 1985; with the charter being signed by NAWCC President, Owen H. Burt. At time of charter there were 40 founding members, several of whom remain active today! The original Chapter Formation Petition (above right) signed by the founding members is mounted on the back of the frame containing the original chapter charter. A plan is underway to make copies for founding members.

## August Business Meeting Highlights

### GENERAL:

1. The August 6th meeting was called to order by President Ward Tingley. The meeting was on the same weekend as Seattle Seafair and the Chapter 121 meeting in Langley, BC, and only about 25 highly enthusiastic members and guests were in attendance.
2. A thank you was expressed to Kathy Ekstrand and her friend and neighbor, Sally McDonough, for hosting the meeting and the delightful spread of food and beverages.
3. The minutes of the June meeting were approved.
4. Leonard Winchell's Treasurer's Report showed 44 paid members and a cash balance of \$2390.75.

### COMMITTEES:

1. Christmas Party—On track and no updates.
2. Puyallup Fair—Chairperson Julia Mueller passed around a sign-up sheet for solicitation of individuals to staff the NAWCC fair booth. Chet Ekstrand, Chapter Secretary, accepted an assignment to update the NAWCC clock and watch repair person document for use at the fair. See elsewhere in this newsletter for information regarding set-up of the fair booth.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chapter Documents – An issue was raised regarding update of Chapter Bylaws with ethics information. Following discussion, it was decided that Chapter Secretary, Chet Ekstrand would draft an update, for review by the Chapter 135 Board and subsequent approval by membership.

There being light attendance and no further urgent business, the meeting was adjourned, to allow time for the Program

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## Phil Johansen Program Fascinating For All!

Phil Johansen, one of the longest-standing NAWCC members in the Pacific Northwest, a master craftsman and an award winning designer and maker of clocks, presented a program on his Long-Duration Experimental Clock development program. Phil's objective, as a result of several design innovations, is to achieve incredible efficiency, resulting in a clock that will run multiple years on a single winding.

Phil showed an early model of the working movement and reported on initial tests, which suggest his efficiency goals are achievable.

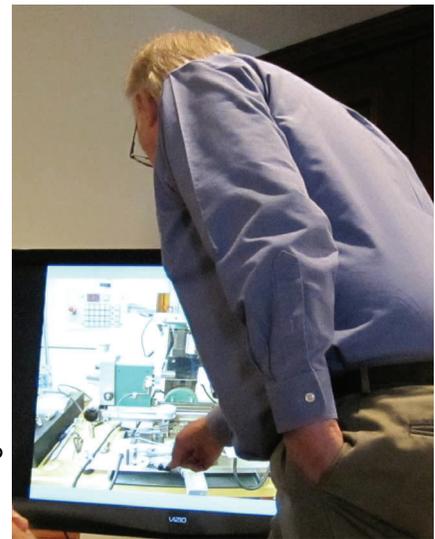
In addition, he discussed his goals with respect to features and esthetic design (movement, dial and case). The assembled group concluded, that as with his earlier award winning design, Phil will inevitably produce an outcome that results in technical excellence and a design that is of stunning beauty. Phil promised to return periodically to give updates on progress.

### Phil Johansen's Award Winning Clock



Phil's earlier clock and the 2008 NAWCC First Place Award for his Class I Single Train Clock Movement in the Metal Category

### Phil Johansen's Long-Duration Experimental Clock



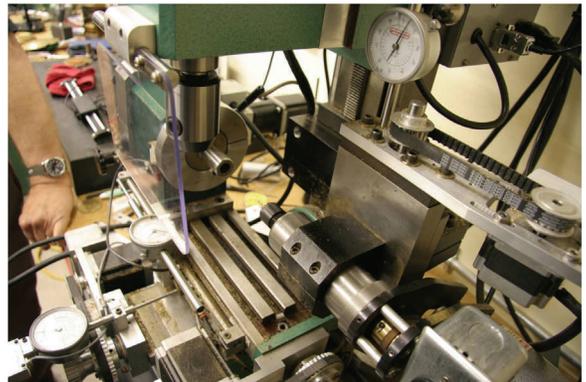
Phil's discussion included showing the movement (left and above) as well as digital images of close-up views of the movement and design details (right).



Phil, before his Chapter 135 program, showed Chet Ekstrand and John Runciman his laboratory (Chet's term!), drawings of the project and some of the numerically-controlled machine tools used in the effort.

His equipment is either designed by himself or modified to meet his exacting requirements!

A first rate design and equipment to meet challenging needs!



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Reichel design to be incorporated in an update to our Chapter 135 logo.



**Puyallup Fair Preparation**



Puyallup Fair Chairperson, Julia Mueller and her esteemed set-up crew at work on September 1st preparing the NAWCC booth. In addition to Julia & Stan Mueller; Ernie Lopez, Bob & Arlean Selene, Phil & Ellen Wirth and Chet Ekstrand were present. Thanks to Ernie Lopez, who with his background as Curator of the West Coast Clock & Watch Museum, the layout of exhibits was unusually well done this year.

**Numerous Members Ailing!**

- Jerry Cooper continues to improve following his recent heart attack and insertion of stents—Jerry hopes to be at the upcoming multi-chapter meeting.
- Clare Bungay is home slowly recovering from quadruple bypass surgery!
- Al (Bud) McBride is undergoing another round of chemotherapy (anticipated to run two more months).
- Ron Babb and Paul Middents are both recovering from hernia surgery.
- Ernie Lopez had back surgery; in spite of which (days later) he participated in set-up for the Puyallup Fair!

**Chapter 135 September and October Meetings**

- The September meeting is replaced by the Chapter 50 hosted September 11th All-Chapter meeting at the Seattle Best Western Executive Inn.
- The October 1st meeting will be at the home of Karla Schweinfurth and Jerry Cooper. A program is not yet planned and Phil Wirth would be pleased to have your recommendations.