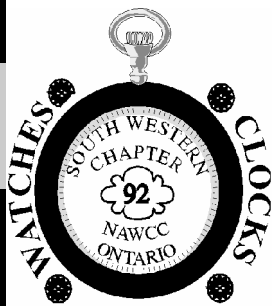


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**Meeting on June 5**

Our next meeting will be our Annual Potluck Picnic in Brownsville. How time flies!! Our speaker will be Ian Smith, who will be talking about Big Ben and Baby Ben clocks. There will not be a member's display—Ian has offered to bring his collection of 'bens' to enhance his talk. There will be a live auction as in the past. Donations for the auction are encouraged. Last year we made over \$200 which goes a long way toward door prizes, honorariums for speakers and other odds and ends. Auction tags have been included in this newsletter. Please copy as many as you need. Guests are always welcome! Members are asked to bring something for the potluck. Plates, napkins, cutlery and beverages will be provided. Doors will open at 9:30. Directions to the meeting are included in this newsletter.

**Clock Trivia**

- ◇ In 1577, Jost Burgi invented the minute hand. Burgi's invention was part of a clock made for Tycho Brahe, an astronomer who needed an accurate clock for his stargazing.
- ◇ In 1656, the pendulum was invented by Christian Huygens, making clocks more accurate.
- ◇ In 1504, the first portable (but not very accurate) timepiece was invented in Nuremberg, Germany by Peter Henlein.
- ◇ The first reported person to actually wear a watch on the wrist was the French mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal (1623-1662). With a piece of string, he attached his pocket watch to his wrist.
- ◇ The word 'clock' comes from the French word "cloche" meaning bell. The Latin for bell is glocio, the Saxon is clugga and the German is glocke.

## Upcoming

**Chapter 92****Byron Legion,****Commissioner's Road**

Annual Dues \$30.00

**Meeting Dates for 2005/2006**

**October 2, 2005.**

**December 3, 2005**

**February 5, 2006**

**April 2, 2006**

**June 4, 2006.**

**An Interesting Web Site**

This web site has excellent graphics and interactions. A great introduction to the mechanics of time keeping from earliest days to the atomic clock.  
<http://inventors.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.britannica.com/clockworks/main.html>

### April Meeting

We have not had good luck with weather this year and our meeting on April 3 was no exception! The snow did not stop most of the members from attending, however, to hear Joe Kuechle present a workshop on Hand Bushing. Joe and Marianne have been regular visitors to our Chapter and we were glad to see them! The meeting included a silent auction and finished with brunch served by the members of the Legion. It was a great meeting and a great meal!



*There are two friends at a bar late one night. One holds a cat everywhere he goes. he never wears a watch. The friend finally asks him, "What's with the cat?" The man responds, "I use it to tell time." As the two are leaving the bar, the second man is pondering how this is possible. He finally asks his friend, puzzled, "So how does it tell time?" The man gives the cat a hard squeeze around its middle. The cat lets out a long meow, very loud. Down the street, a woman opens her window to yell, "What's with all the racket? It's one in the morning!!!"*

#### WANTED

Clocks of All Kinds: One clock or a collection  
 0% Commission for Clock Club Members  
 Free pickup anywhere in Ontario.  
 Freeman-Brooks Auctions,  
 93 Oakwood Ave.,  
 Simcoe, Ontario.  
 Tel: (519) 426-6317  
 Fax: (519) 426-2399  
 Email: wildwood@execulink.com  
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#### WANTED

*Pequegnat Canadian Time movement.  
 Time only. Dial and Pendulum  
 Also, front mount Pequegnat movement with 12" drop.*

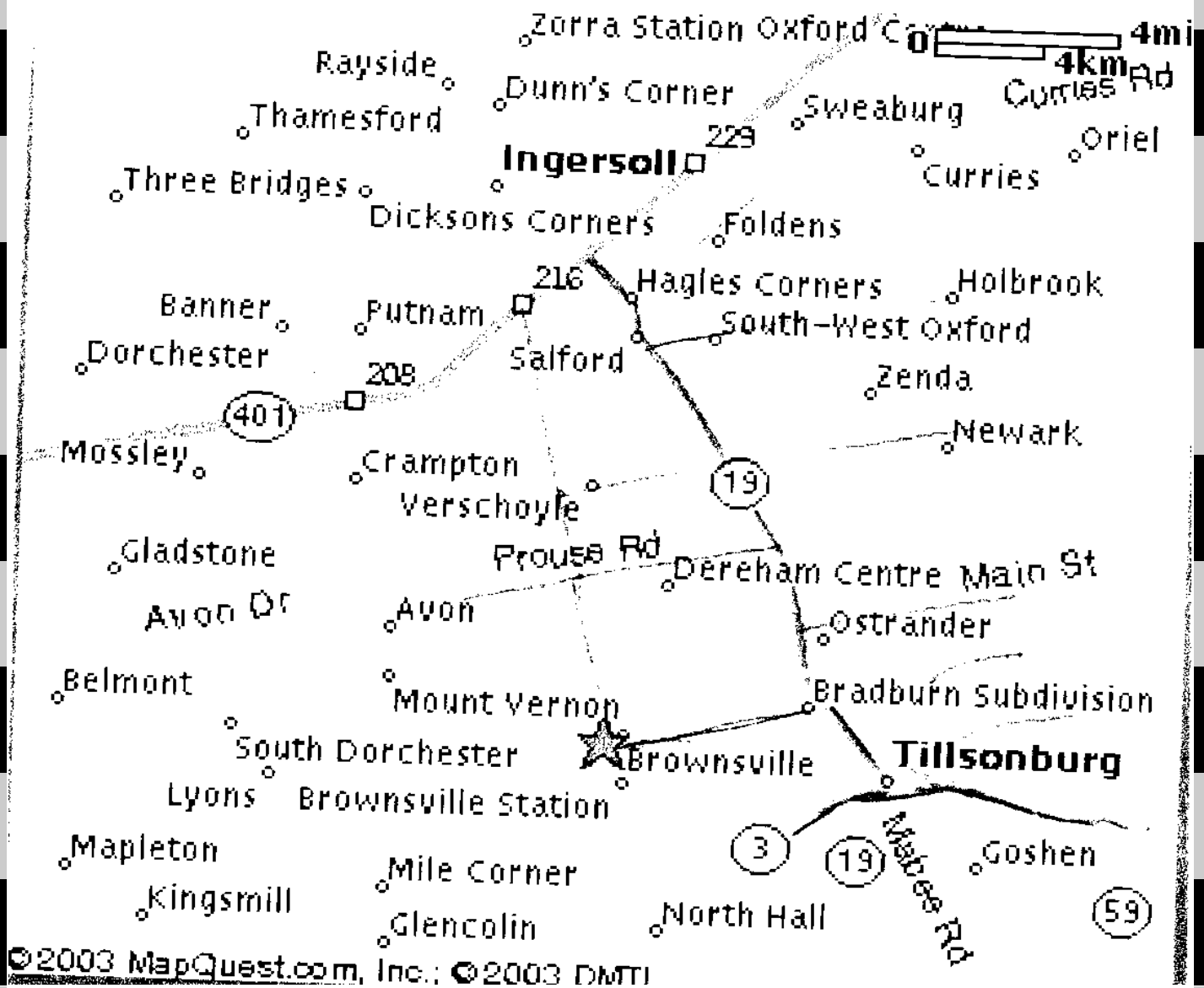
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### Map to Brownsville Community Centre



Exit Highway 401 at Exit # 216, Salford and continue south until you come to Brownsville. The Community Centre is on the corner of Culloden and Queen. It couldn't be easier! Hope we see you there!

**Auction Tag**

Please complete one tag per item.  
Leave owner and bidder number blank, unless this is a donated item, then  
use #1 in the owner space.

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