

WHEN TIME (BRIEFLY) STOOD STILL – A WD-40 STORY! ©

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Today when I was doing my daily “rituals” on my Florida pool deck that include servicing the pool, watering plants, sweeping up, etc., I noticed that our battery-operated patio clock had stopped at 7:50 AM. I actually wondered if this was some sort of an “omen” or a blessing in disguise!? In fact, each year on the occasion of my birthday, my greatest wish has been for time to slow down such that we “aging folks” can squeeze in many more years towards enjoying our livelihoods!

Well, “reality” kicked in and I thought the clock’s battery was dead. However, after a battery change, neither the minute hand nor hour hand would move off its “parked” position by a single millimeter! It then occurred to me that we had first purchased and hung this clock on our patio wall over 10 years ago. So, forgetting about “omens” and other beliefs, I concluded that this clock had served its purpose and simply died of old age! But, I was not yet done in my quest to revive it!

It was then that I thought that my trusty can of WD-40 could perhaps “save the day” for me, as it had done on oh so-many occasions in the past! Well, with my “yank determination”, I decided to go for it! So, initially I applied a liberal shot of WD-40 to the front side of the clock at its pivot points for the hour and minute hands. On the clock’s back, I gently pried a bit and found an opening to spray in some “copious amounts” of WD-40 into the electronic module itself, hoping/but not knowing if it would reach the internal mechanical components – or not? Well, the clock remained stopped so we began to re-search replacements for our separate clock and thermometer set. In the meantime, I cleaned up the residual drippings from my WD-40 treatment and hung our supposedly-defunct clock on the wall.

Amazingly enough, during the next day, I observed that our clock was running once again! Obviously, given our clocks age and its years of being exposed to Florida’s hot and humid weather, some corrosion in our clock’s “workings” had occurred. But, after my WD-40 treatment, it simply took a while to loosen things up and now this clock is running precisely as it did when we first hung it on the wall! AND NOW – TIME MARCHES ON! (But, I still wish it would slow down a bit!)

There are countless web sites that attest to the “miracles” that can be achieved with a little shot of WD-40! There are basically unlimited uses for WD-40 around the household! Do yourself a favor and do some on-line research to discover all of its uses and proven successes. Once you have some in your possession, it’s likely that using a shot of WD-40 to resolve problems similar to mine will smooth your way in the future and may indeed SAVE YOU SOME TIME!

