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December 11th, 2011 GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER AT OAKS

100 Station Ave., Oaks, PA 19456 (484) 754-3976

THE SPEAKER FOR THE DECEMBER 11TH MEETING WILL BE: STEVE CONOVAR. A

prolific author in the field of clock repair, he wrote the "Clockmakers Newsletter" from 1987 until 2008 and authored eight extremely helpful books to aid the novice as well as the seasoned professional. All of his articles and books can be found on his web site.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE GIVEN BY: DAVE GORRELL. His topic will be "Dial Resilvering."

This will be a "hands on" class, so bring a dial that needs resilvering and get it done while you practice your skill.

The November Cancellation

Chapter one has always prided itself on never, ever canceling a meeting. However, it is often said at various times and by various people both famous and infamous, "never say never". The meeting that was rescheduled to November the 6th had to be canceled. Due to a problem in the plumbing system the Expo Center presented us with several choices, none of which were desirable. We were given three possible scenarios; 1. Move the meeting to the 13th of November, 2. Hold the meeting with the hope that the system would be up and running by the 6th, 3. Cancel the meeting and concentrate on the Dec. 11th meeting. The first option was rejected because it would conflict with the New York Chapter 2 Meeting. The second option was considered too much of a gamble to be taken seriously. This left us with the only viable option, cancel the Nov. meeting. We gave this decision every consideration and we spent several days emailing each other and going over all of the possible ramifications of this decision. It seemed to all that the only reasonable choice was to cancel. We deeply regret any and all inconveniences this may have caused our members. We made every effort, and went to great expense to contact each and every one of you. We sent out 2,654 snail mail and 1757 email notices of the meeting's cancellation. If we missed you we are sorry. We hope that this sort of occurrence never happens again. Fortunately we had enough time before hand to get the word out. We also learned that the process of canceling a meeting is not an easy one, it requires at least a week of discussion to get Council consensus, and at least a week to nine days to get the mailings out. This therefore makes canceling meetings for short term reasons, like weather, almost impossible. Consequently our previous policy of never canceling meetings due to inclement weather will have to remain as it has in the past.

One Day Class on Clock Case Stripping and Refinishing

Our One Day Class on Clock Case Stripping and Refinishing will be held on the 10th of December at Oaks. Those interested in joining us need to register with the Instructor and provide a small wall clock or mantel clock that needs refinishing or "brightening." The cost of the class is \$10.00 per student and a Pizza and soda lunch will be provided. The class will start at 10AM and will end around 5 P.M. it will also be somewhat messy so dress appropriately. The class will include: evaluating whether a case needs refinishing, brightening or left alone; identifying the various types of wood used in the production of clock cases; how to make minor repairs prior to refinishing; how to identify the type of finish originally used on the case; how to apply stain and the final finish; plus much much more. Kindly let the instructor know the case you are bringing so that he can provide the proper materials.

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We hope that you found the answers to the Comments, Suggestions and Issues article in the last Newsletter to be helpful and enlightening. Please keep them coming. Please remember that any member can, without prior notice, sit in on any Council meeting and bring up any issue they choose. Council meetings are usually held in the Mart room immediately following the Luncheon Speakers lecture. All members are free to express their concerns or discuss any issue with the Council after the "Business" portion of the meeting has concluded. After all this is YOUR Chapter, it does NOT belong to the Council. The Council merely acts in and for your interests as Chapter One Members. The Council welcomes all points of view and looks forward to all the help it can get. Who knows maybe you would find it enjoyable and be motivated enough to join us. Elections are not far off and we will be required to replace five Directors as well as the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

IT'S ALMOST TAX TIME

Before you know it - it will be TAX time. Gifts to our 501C3 Nonprofit Program have gotten smaller in the past few meetings. Remember, your gifts to the Chapter will provide funds for the Chapter and supply you with a Tax Write Off. Every gift you give to the Chapter lowers your taxable income by the amount you determine as the fair market value of the item donated. This is a WIN, WIN Win situation if there ever was one. The Chapter wins by receiving the money the gift brings in when sold, the Donator wins by receiving the Tax Write Off, and the Buyer wins by getting some usable item at a very reasonable price. See either the Secretary or the Treasurer for more details and information about donating your surplus or unused horological items.

AS USUAL, WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF LUNCHEON AND WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

If you have some topic about which you are passionate and knowledgeable and would like to spread this knowledge to others, please let us know. As we all age and slow down we need to keep in mind that the skills and knowledge we accumulated over the years needs to be preserved and passed on. It seems a shame that without our Speakers and Workshop presenters much of this knowledge and skill will be lost. It is becoming more and more difficult to find people willing to share their expertise. Speakers and workshop presenters at Chapter One are paid a modest but healthy stipend for their services. The usual fees are in the \$100 range for only one hour's work. If you or any one you know is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity contact Vice President Mike Allen and he would be glad to talk to you. If you are reluctant to stand up in front of an audience please let me assure you that Chapter One audiences are extremely polite and very forgiving. In fact it amazes me just how tolerant they can be, it is a matter of record that we have not lost a single Speaker or workshop presenter to mob violence for as long as I can remember.

The Lighter Side

Joe was a single guy who worked in his father's business. As his widowed father aged it dawned on Joe that he would eventually inherit the business and that he ought to have a wife to share his life. He tried the online dating scene, visited the bars, and went on countless dates set up by friends and relatives. None of these seemed to work for him. Then one day he went to an estate planning seminar, there he saw the love of his life. She was beautiful, witty and had a price-less sense of humor. Joe introduced himself and said, I know I'm not that good looking, in fact I'm quite plain but my father is aging and owns a very successful business which I will one day inherit. Taking Joe's business card she promised to get in touch with him. Joe didn't hear from her for several days, but finally a letter did arrive. It was an invitation to her wedding and the young lady went on to say she was looking forward, very much, to having him as a step son. Yes, women are the smarter of the species!

Chapter One Dues for the FY September 1, 2011—August 31, 2012

As you know our Fiscal year ends the last day of August. Your Chapter One dues of \$10.00 were due on that date. The familiar dues renewal form is included below. As usual you may send in your dues with your Meeting Registration. Be aware that those who do not pay their dues are not allowed to purchase or share Mart tables, cannot purchase Early Bird entrance, receive a Newsletter, or be eligible for the Membership drawings.

NAWCC CHAPTER ONE MEMBER DUES RENEWAL

Dues Payment: \$10.00 Fiscal Year -2011 Please make your check payable to: **Chapter One NAWCC.**

Name: _____ NAWCC # _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Please send this form along with your payment to:

David Gorrell, Treasurer.

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Speaker: Steve Conover

Workshop Presenter: Dave Gorrell— "Dial Resilvering"

Mart Schedule

7:00 A.M. Registration opens

7:30 A.M. Mart room opens for Table Holders and Early Birds

8:30 A.M. Mart opens for all Registered NAWCC members.

10:30 A.M. Workshop

12 Noon Mart Closes , Luncheon

1:00 P.M. Speaker

The Membership Drawing for this Meeting will be \$100 in Mart Scrip. Remember only Pre-registered, dues-paying Members are eligible.

Registering for Chapter One Meetings Online

Just email Dave Gorrell at djgclocks@aol.com to register online. Indicate the number of tables you want, the number of registrations you need, whether you want to register as an Early bird, and if you will be staying for Lunch. You can then present a check for your reserved items and pick up your badge at the door the day of the meeting. However "**Wednesday 12 Noon prior to the meeting**" is still the last day for adding or canceling registrations.

NAWCC PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ONE REGISTRATION FORM

For our **December 11, 2011 Meeting**

Meeting/Mart Advanced Registration (All participants must pay these entrance fees to the Mart)

NAWCC Member/spouse \$18 per person # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Member's Child (age 5 - 17) \$ 9 per child # _____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

I WILL _____, I WILL NOT _____ be staying for Lunch

MART TABLE (Chapter 1 Members Only) \$20.00 each # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD (This fee is in addition to the \$18.00/ person entrance fee)

1 or 2 Members only + Spouse or Children \$15.00 # _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

3 or 4 Members only + Spouse or Children \$23.00 # _____ @ \$23.00 = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to NAWCC Chapter #1

TOTAL \$ _____

NAMES FOR BADGES (Please Print Clearly)

1) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

2) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

3) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

4) _____ **NAWCC #** _____

Phone(_____) _____

Mail to : Dave Gorrell/ 1179 Dicus Mill Rd. / Millersville, MD. 21108 By filling out this form the payee agrees to adhere to all Chapter One Mart Room Rules and By-Laws

CHAPTER ONE HOROLOGICAL TOURS

The Council of Chapter One is in the process of developing a series of horological tours to various museums and sites of horological interest throughout the area. Many of the museums on the East coast have interesting collections of watches and clocks. Some of these have been seldom seen by the public, much less studied by devoted watch and clock enthusiasts like ourselves. Such institutions as **Wintertur, Walter's Art Gallery, The Smithsonian, The Franklin Institute**, and many others have extensive collections that are only rarely placed on display. It is our intention to try to get to see those rare collections and to some extent try to give them the publicity they deserve. These Chapter One Sponsored tours would strive to be more than just your average bus trip to a museum, but would also be an opportunity for us to get behind the scenes and see things that the average person would never get to see. We would also try to get the curators or other experts to give lectures on their collections and even explain the intricacies of the curatorial arts. We would like to start this project this winter with the first tour occurring sometime in January or February. If this proves to be a successful endeavor, tours during the summer could also be planned.

If you are interested in this project and think that it is something in which you would participate, fill in the questionnaire below. This is just a survey to judge the level of interest within the Chapter, it is not a commitment. Give or send this form to any Chapter One Council Member.

YES, I would be interested in participating in the Chapter One Sponsored Horological Tours!

Chapter One Horological Tours

Name _____

Phone Number or Email address: _____

(Fill out this survey form and give it to any Chapter One Council member.)

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CHAPTER ONE

Chapter One has scheduled meetings for the following dates in 2012:

February 26th, 2012—Oaks Expo Center

April 22nd, 2012—Oaks Expo Center

June 3rd, 2012—Oaks Expo Center

