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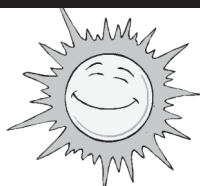
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In order to stay in touch with you, the membership, and keep you informed about the plans for the upcoming year, Council has decided to publish a **Summer Newsletter**. This Newsletter is designed to let you know what to expect in the way of new programs and ideas, and to give you an opportunity to voice your opinion as to the direction the Chapter is taking. We welcome your suggestions and input and have instituted a means to make that an easier process. We hope that it will prove to be informative and useful by helping to bring all of our members closer together. Very often the typical Chapter One Newsletter has been used primarily as a Meeting Notice and therefore the content was limited and often related only to the upcoming Meeting. We hope that this **Summer Edition** will remedy that shortcoming.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have just completed a rather successful year, in which we enjoyed five regular meetings and a very successful Regional. We are financially sound and enjoy a comfortable bank account. We have successfully completed our Incorporation and our 501 C 3 tax status. Overall, the Chapter is in very good shape and hasn't enjoyed this level of prosperity for quite some time. However, despite this high level of achievement, there is a rather disturbing trend occurring lately. Recently the attendance at Chapter One Meetings has been dropping off noticeably. It has not become a serious concern at this point, but it is worrisome. Over the past year we have been lucky to break the 100 tables mark; if this trend continues (we hope that it doesn't) we may be forced to find a new venue. We are presently barely breaking even on the rental of the tables, hall and the Luncheon. If you look at the Treasurer's Report you will see that we are losing money on every meeting. We have experienced a 6% increase in rental fees over the past year. Although we are still paying far less than we did at the VFCC, there is every possibility that we will see an increase in the fees this coming year as well. In light of the present economic situation we are very reluctant to raise any of the prices now charged for Registration and table fees. The good old days when there were crowds of people waiting to get into the Meeting are long gone. The robust Marts we used to enjoy are now almost a thing of the past. One can see this same trend all across the nation at other Chapters and even at most Regionals. There are myriad reasons why this trend is taking place, far too many to go into at this time. It is time—perhaps past time—for us, the Membership of Chapter One, to begin to think about our role in the future life of our Chapter. We can no longer use the Chapter One meetings as merely a MART that we attend only when we are interested in buying and selling and getting a lunch in the bargain. It is time to get more deeply involved in attending the meetings for the educational activities the Chapter sponsors as well as the Mart. It is time to contribute our skills and expertise to try to attract new, younger members into the organization and to volunteer what we can to insure that this Chapter continues to flourish. The Chapter cannot guarantee good Marts with high end sellers and buyers with deep pockets—only the Membership can control that. For those of us who have enjoyed and been rewarded by this Chapter it is time to begin to pay back some of that enjoyment and reward so that the NAWCC's oldest and most celebrated Chapter can continue to grow and prosper.

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Your 2011 -2012 Dues are now due. As you know our Fiscal Year runs from September 1st to August 31st. As a result we are now accepting dues payments. I would like to remind you of the importance of paying your dues.. Only dues paying members may purchase Mart tables, purchase early bird admissions, advanced Mart registrations, or receive the Newsletters. Dues are still \$10.00 per year and have been so for the past 4 years. You may mail in your dues with the form attached to this edition of the Newsletter or you can send it in with your September 18th Meeting Registration. The color code for this year's Membership Card will be Blue. All dues payments or questions should be addressed to **Secretary Dave Gorrell**. His email address is djgclocks@aol.com and his address is **1179 Dicus Mill Rd. Millersville, Maryland, 21108**.

Chapter One's Revamped Educational Program

The Council has decided that the Chapter ought to institute an invigorated educational program. This is an area in which we have been somewhat lax in the past and perhaps the time is ripe to pay more attention to it. The first step in that direction will be to begin Saturday Classes dealing with some aspect of Watch and Clock Repair or other Horological topics. These classes will be open to all NAWCC members and, where appropriate, the public. The Classes will be held in the Oaks area, or when necessary at other locations. The cost to those attending these classes will be minimal, hopefully under twenty dollars for the day's instruction. All classes will be conducted by instructors who have been recognized by Council as qualified and have demonstrated expertise in that field. All classes will be eight hours or less, with a break for lunch.

The first class to be offered in this new program will be entitled "Cuckoo Clock Repair." It will involve the complete disassembly, cleaning, troubleshooting, pivot polishing, bushing, ratchet repair, reassembly, and timing of a one or eight day modern cuckoo clock. With the cost of a new cuckoo clock movement at \$70.00 for a one day and \$100.00 for an eight day, this class is a real bargain. This class will be conducted on Saturday September 17th 2011 at the classroom at Oaks. A pizza and soda lunch will be provided free for all participants, compliments of the Chapter. See the notice for this class in the August edition of the **MART**. To register or learn more about this new program contact **Secretary Dave Gorrell** at djgclocks@aol.com or call **(410) 987 5915**.

Another program that we will introduce is the "Open Bench." This is a program where at every meeting on the Mart Floor there will be set up a fully-tooled Work bench for Clock Making or Watch Making. Members who have a problem with a watch or clock can bring it to the "Open Bench" and receive instructions for solving their problem and can even use the tools provided to work on it then and there.

Also, to encourage our new members to learn to repair watches and clocks and for our older members who want to improve their skills and want to take Field Suitcase Workshop courses but don't want to purchase the tools necessary, the Chapter will loan you the tools required for those courses.

Chapter One Suggestion Box

As you may have noticed at the last Meeting in June, a "Suggestion Box" was placed on the Registration Table. Several rather good suggestions were deposited and will be implemented at future meetings. The one that stands out was one that suggested that the winning 50/50 number be posted at the Registration table as well as announced on the Mart Floor. This will allow those attending the Workshop to readily see if they were the lucky winner. This procedure will also be used to announce the winner of the Membership card drawing for the Mart Scrip prize. By the way, two \$50.00 Mart Scrip prizes were given out at the June Meeting. The first was won by **Darren Dagnoli** and the second one was won by **Rick Merritt**. Remember, only dues paying members are eligible to enter the Mart Scrip drawing.

Non Profit Status

In order to justify our 501 c 3 "Non profit" status as an Educational organization, we are obliged to document our efforts to stimulate and encourage interest in the art and science of horology. One of the ways we fulfill this obligation is to sponsor the Educational aspects of our Meetings. The workshops and Luncheon Speakers add a great deal to our Meetings in terms of enjoyment and furthering the Horological arts as well. The \$2,499.00 spent on Speakers and workshops this past year can only be considered as money well spent. Another area in which your Chapter adds to the life of the Horological arts is to sponsor the Chapter One Scholarships. These Scholarships are in the form of \$500.00 grants to be given to deserving students who will use that money to further their education in the field of Horology. This year's Scholarship Grants went to **Tom Vernachio** and **Ed Fox**. Both of these gentlemen are embarking on careers in the Watch and Clock making field upon completion of their course work. A vote of thanks is indeed in order to the Chapter One Education Committee headed by **Director Charlie Buttz**.

Mid Eastern Regional

The 2012 Mid Eastern Regional will be hosted by Chapter One and will be held at the **York Expo Center** as we have for the past several years. The dates are **October 12, 13, 14th 2012**.

The Regional Committee seeks volunteers to head committees or to just lend a helping hand. If you have an interest in this sort of activity, let any Council member know. You can also contact the Regional Overall Chairman **Dave Gorrell** and he will gladly find you a job.

A Summary of the Treasurer's Year End Report

At the end of every Fiscal Year the treasurer is required by our Corporate By-laws to submit to the Council and the Membership a **Year End Financial Report**. This Report must reflect all of the Chapter's financial activities and thus allow the Council to know the financial health of the organization. This gives the Council the data to make decisions as to the future activities of the Chapter and judge the effectiveness of the decisions made in the past.

Meetings	9/19/2010	12/12/2010	3/13/2011	5/15/2011	6/19/2011	Totals
Income	\$5,926.00	\$6,497.50	\$6,632.00	\$4,950.00	\$4,590.00	\$28,595.50
Expenses	\$7,417.85	\$6,704.91	\$6,786.12	\$6,691.93	\$7,597.25	\$35,593.69

Non Meeting Income

Dues	\$3,820.00
Donations	\$4,284.00
Interest	\$1,273.95
Mid Eastern Reg.	\$20,053.78
Total:	\$29,431.73

Non Meeting Expenses

Insurance	\$1,763.00
Storage	\$524.54
Office Supplies	\$460.99
Scholarships	\$1,000.00
Permits	\$400.00
Tax prep.	\$125.00
Total:	\$4,273.53

Total for the Year

Meeting Income	\$28,595.50
Non meeting Income	\$29,431.73
Total	\$58,027.23

Meeting Expenses	\$35,593.69
Non Meeting Expenses	\$4,273.53
Total	\$39,867.22

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 will be due on that date. The familiar dues renewal form is included below. As usual you may send in your dues with your September 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: _____

Please send this form along with your payment to:

David Gorrell, Treasurer.
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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE:

September 18th, 2011

GREATER PHILADELPHIA EXPO CENTER AT OAKS

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

(Speaker and Workshop presenter to be announced Online later)

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 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.

Meeting Dates for the Remainder of 2011

Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2011 are as follows: October 30th, and December 11.

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 5 PM prior to the meeting**" is still the last day for adding or canceling registrations.

NAWCC PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ONE REGISTRATION FORM

For our **September 18, 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