



The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
Philadelphia Chapter One

Chartered November 1, 1943

The next Chapter One Meeting will be held on:

April 7, 2013

It will again be held at a **New Venue**, the address
is

Holiday Inn

Philadelphia North/Fort Washington

432 Pennsylvania Ave. Fort Washington, Pa. 19034

The Speakers for the April 7, 2013 Meeting will be:

The Workshop Presenter will be **Al Dodson** his topic will be:

“Sun dial repair – What time is it anyway”

The Luncheon Speaker will be **Bob Messersmith** his topic will be:

“An Overview of E. Howard Watches”

The New Venue

The new venue continues to receive positive comments and the Hotel staff is working very hard to make sure that we have a successful meeting. Despite the threat of ice and snow the February Meeting was a very successful one. There were 180 members in attendance and 76 tables were sold. There were 42 “Walk Ins” and the Chapter picked up 10 new members. The “Voucher” system for the Luncheon proved to be very successful as well, with 80 meals ordered and 80 meals served. The Chicken Parmigiano received quite a few compliments which, when relayed to the Hotel staff, produced smiles of gratitude.

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On the Lighter Side

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to fit him up with a series of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear perfectly. After a month the gentleman revisited the doctor for a checkup and the doctor asked him: "Your hearing is fine, is your family pleased that you can hear again"? The gentleman replied: "Oh I haven't told them yet; I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times".

The menu for the April 7th Meeting will be:

Garden Salad,

Baked Chicken Breast with herb seasoning

Baked Ziti, Fresh Vegetables,

Rolls & Butter,

Assorted Cakes

Coffee, hot Tea, Decaf, & Iced Tea.

Table and Luncheon Reservations

It is suggested that those wishing to purchase tables at this meeting do so as soon as possible. There is a limited amount of table space available at this new site and tables will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. It is highly recommended that you Pre-register since Walk Ins may not be able to purchase tables. Unfortunately, however, we have been limited to serving only eighty buffet meals. This means that those who want to stay for lunch MUST pre-register and indicate on their Pre-Registration Form whether they are staying for lunch or not. Here again, we will be allocating lunches on a first come first serve basis.

Luncheon Vouchers:

When you indicate on your Registration Form that you will stay for Lunch you are in fact reserving a Luncheon spot. This means that we have ordered a Luncheon for you. If you order a Lunch but do not show up and we cannot sell that meal you will be charged for the Lunch you ordered.

Each Member reserving a Luncheon will be issued a Voucher at the Registration Desk. That Voucher will be collected at the Luncheon Room door. There will only be 80 vouchers made; those without a voucher will not be allowed to enter the Luncheon room. Those who wish to hear the Luncheon Speaker but do not or cannot have Lunch will be allowed to enter after the serving line has been closed down.

Publicity

The Publicity Committee is diligently working on the new communication system and will present its preliminary report to the Council in the very near future. The Chairman, being of a certain age, is finding it rather difficult working with all of the newfangled devices and having an even harder time learning the new language that one needs to master when working with them. I'm sure that most of you who were born before the last quarter of the last century can sympathize with his plight.

Phone and Email Registration:

For the past three years we have allowed members to register for Meetings On Line and by phone. This was seen as a service to our membership and an added convenience for those with tight schedules. We hope to continue this service. However, there is beginning to be a number of members who make their reservations for Meetings, tables and lunch online and by phone, agreeing to pay at the door, and never showing up or paying for those obligations. The Chapter's policy in these cases is, and will remain, that once a member makes a reservation for a table, a lunch or advanced registration and fails to pay for those reservations will forfeit their ability to preregister by phone or by email in the future. Keep in mind that we have to submit the final table and lunch numbers to the Holiday Inn by 10:A.M. the Saturday one week prior to the meeting date.

Advertising in the Chapter One Newsletter

It has been suggested by some of our members that one way of defraying the cost of mailing our Newsletter was to allow those interested in advertising their services or products to purchase ad space in the Newsletter itself. If you are interested in purchasing a space or are in need of some other announcement space feel free to contact the Secretary, David Gorrell, and it will be provided. Since this is a new venture the rates for advertising and/or announcements will be extremely reasonable.

N.A.W.C.C. Election

Every two years the membership of the NAWCC are asked to elect one half of the twelve member Board of Directors. That time is now. The election to the Board of six new members is vital to the future of this organization. It has been noted that with a membership numbering 16,000 a person needs only around 700 votes to get elected. That is proof positive that the overwhelming percentage of our members do not vote, a situation that cannot continue if this is to remain a viable organization. Council encourages every member to mail in their ballots. If you haven't received one yet, call or email Headquarters and have them send you one. Failure to vote sends several messages, none of them positive. Firstly, it says that you are not concerned about how your organization is run. Secondly, it says that you do not appreciate the efforts put forth by those who run and are elected. So VOTE, this gives you, at the very least, the legitimate right to gripe. If you don't vote don't gripe. All ballots must be received by April 1st, 2013.

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Donald Buck (Acting)

Publicity:

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One Day Clock Repair Class

The One Day class on Adjusting Recoil, Dead Beat and Half Dead Beat Escapements was well attended with 12 students. The students learned the basic nomenclature for the escapements and their functions. They also learned how to adjust them. If their clock didn't need adjustment when they brought it in, it soon did after some modification by the instructor. All maladjusted escapements were satisfactorily put back in working order by the students by the end of the class.

The One Day Class for the April meeting will be **"Diagnosing the Problems of a Clock in Need of Repair"**. Students should bring a clock that needs repair or one that the student is reluctant to repair without supervision. If the clock is missing parts let the Instructor know in advance so that the proper materials can be supplied. The instructor will be Dave Gorrell. The cost of the course is still \$10.00 with a pizza and soda lunch provided. The class will begin around **12:30P.M. and last until 5:00 P.M.** You may register with the instructor in advance or just show up at the door. The class will be held on **Saturday April 6th** in the Holiday Inn, Fort Washington. Ask at the desk for directions to the class room. **Please note the Change in Time for this Class.**

The One Day Class for the **June Meeting** will be **"Clock Wheel Cutting"** every student will be cutting their own clock wheel. The class will include instruction on: Wheel theory, math for wheel cutting, setting up the engine, determining the cutter needed, laying out the wheel, and actually cutting the wheel itself. This class will be limited to 10 students.

Chapter One trip to the American Watch and Clock Museum, Bristol, Ct.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the March 16th Tour to the American Watch and Clock Museum in Bristol Connecticut. There were too few members who were participating to make the trip worthwhile. However, we will try to organize that tour at another time, perhaps next year.

A tour of the recently created exhibition "Precision and Splendor, Clocks and Watches of the Frick Collection" at the Frick Museum in New York is being considered by the Council. These items from the extensive Winthrop Edey collection will be on display until Feb. of 2014 and represent some of the finest examples of the Horological Arts in the world. The tour would be conducted by a trained member of the Museum staff and there is a possibility that the group would be addressed by the Museum curator who designed this particular exhibit. The exhibit consists of 38 watches and clocks from the Renaissance to the early 19th century. They represent some of the finest clocks and watches from France, Germany Switzerland and the United Kingdom. If you are interested in this tour fill out the form below. The Council would like to stress that these tours are not limited to Chapter One members only, they are open to anyone interested in participating.

I am interested in joining the **"Precision and Splendor, Watch and Clock Collection" Tour of the Frick Museum.**

Ticket prices are \$18.00 for Adults, \$15.00 for Seniors, \$10.00 for Students(with valid I.D.s) Children under 10 are not admitted to the Museum.

Transportation will not be provided by Chapter One, however, the Chapter will arrange for bulk "Bolt Bus" tickets from the Baltimore and Philadelphia areas. Bolt bus tickets from Baltimore and Philadelphia to New York are \$20.00 each. Subway tickets to the Frick Museum must be paid for by each individual.

A discussion dinner for all participants could be arranged after the Museum visit. This could be provided at each participant's expense and only if the numbers participating were large enough to make the venture worthwhile.

Name:_____. I would_____, I would Not _____ use the Chapter One Bolt Bus. I would,_____ I would Not _____ participate in the post Museum dinner.

Want to earn \$50.00 in Chapter One Mart Scrip?

Enter the "Best in Show" watch and/or clock Contest. The winner will receive a \$50.00 Mart Scrip prize. All you need to do is bring in an unusual or unique watch or clock. We will put it on a secure display table and the membership will view the entries and cast their ballots for the "Best in Show". After the Luncheon has been served those displaying their pieces can describe them. The ballots will be counted and the winners presented with their Mart Scrip Prizes. This new program is to encourage attendance and to rekindle interest in the Horological arts. The items need not be "For Sale" and can be marked "For display only".

The Best In Show Contest

By all indications the Second "Best In Show Contest" was also a success. There were a good number of entrees and it was agreed by all that it was a very interesting and unique display. The Council would like to thank all of the contestants and hope that this activity will continue to remain an integral part of our Meetings. The Committee is working on improving the system for safely displaying watches and small clocks. Perhaps the new safer system will encourage more members to bring in unusual items in those categories.

The winner of the First "Best in Show Contest February 3rd" was:

For Clocks: John Wilson who submitted an Eight Day Fusee Carriage Clock by Mercer. It was equipped with a spring detent and had its original leather outer case.

For Watches: John Wilson who submitted a massive silver, center seconds "Chronograph" by Davenport. This watch which measured 81mm in diameter, and weighed, with chain, a total of 576 gr. of silver, was an impressive watch by any standard.

For Others: No Entries.

John will receive his \$50.00 of Mart Scrip for each winning category. The contest was well received and was the focus of a great deal of attention. It is hoped that this activity will inspire many of you to enter the Contest and give us all an opportunity to see some more beautiful and unique watches and clocks. Some questions were asked about the third category "Others". This category is for unique tools, machines, or any other Horological item that doesn't fit the Watch or Clock categories.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is pleased to report that we now have 341 dues paying members. Remember we are always ready and willing to sign on new members, so if you know of anyone who shares our interests in Horology bring them along to the Meeting. If you have paid your dues for the 2012-2013 year and have not yet received your new Orange highlighted membership card contact the Secretary Dave Gorrell.

Thefts at the Florida Regional

Those who attended the Florida Regional were surprised and saddened by the news that there were several very nice watches stolen during that event. Fortunately the thieves were captured on camera and were identified. What course of action the Regional Committee and the victims will take in this instance has yet to be determined? This was an unfortunate incident but one that we all face at meetings as well as at Regionals and one that we need to constantly be on guard against. It is really a shame that table holders must now be constantly on the alert and that certain of our MART patrons can't be trusted. It is understood that this problem has been around for quite a long time, probably as long as we have had Marts, but recently it seems as though it has been getting worse. The Council would like everyone to assist in curbing this sort of activity, by staying alert and reporting any and all suspicious behavior. The Council reminds all table holders that the security of your merchandise during Marts is your responsibility and that your due diligence will always be supported by your Chapter One officers.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ONE NAWCC, INC. REGISTRATION FORM

For the Meeting of **April 7, 2013**

Advanced Registration (All participants must pay these entrance fees to the MART)

NAWCC Member/ Spouse / Guest \$18.00 per person # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Member's Child (Age 5 – 17) \$9.00 per child # _____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

I WILL STAY FOR LUNCH _____ , I WILL NOT STAY FOR LUNCH _____

MART TABLE : (CHAPTER ONE 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 = \$ _____

Names for the Badges (Please Print Clearly)

- 1) _____ NAWCC # _____
2) _____ NAWCC # _____
3) _____ NAWCC # _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THE One Day Class on Sat. April 6th @ \$10.00/person \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Phone # () _____

Mail to : David Gorrell 1179 Dicus Mill Rd. Millersville, Md. 21108

Or You may register ON LINE at: djgclocks@aol.com

By filling out this form the payee/s agree to adhere to all Chapter One NAWCC, Inc., Mart Room Rules and By Laws. NO REFUNDS AFTER 12 NOON THE **SATURDAY** PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Date Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Check Amt. _____ Lunch # _____

April 7th. meeting Schedule:

Saturday Saturday April 6th "One Day Class" – Holiday Inn 12:30A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

" Diagnosing the Problems of a Clock in need of Repair "

Sunday April 7th.

7:15 A.M. Registration Opens – In the Lobby of the Holiday Inn

7:30 to 8:30 A.M.– Mart Room set up Table Holders and Early Birds Only

8:30 A.M. – Mart Room opens to all Registered participants

10:30 – 11:30 – Workshop in the Luncheon area. Al Dodson presenter.

" Sun Dial Repair – What time is it Anyway"

12:00 – Noon Mart Room Closes. No Security, the Mart Room must be cleared.

12:15 to 1:45 – Luncheon – Speaker Bob Messersmith.

"An Overview of E. Howard Watches"