



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:

September 18, 2016

At the

Williamson Banquet and Event Center

500 Blair Mill Rd., Horsham, Pa. 19044

215 675 5454

**The Luncheon Speaker is Dan Nied. His topic will be:
“World War II Lathe Substitutions”**

**The Workshop Presenter is Terry Addison. His topic will
be “Working with the Finishes on Wooden Clock Cases”**

The Chapter One Schedule Events for the remainder of 2016 are:

November 5th & 6th 2016 mid-Eastern Regional York Expo Center

December 3rd 2016 “One Day Class” Williamsons

December 4th 2016 General Meeting, Williamsons

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

A young man at a construction site declared that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. After several minutes, an older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" he said. "I'll bet you a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that building that you won't be able to wheel back." "You're on, old man," the young man replied. The old man reached out and grasped the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then he turned to the young man and said, "All right get in."

One Day Class for Sept. 17th

The One day Class will be on Horological Metallurgy. That is, the classifications and applications of the various metals found in Clock making. A brief lecture on steel and brass production and its history will also be presented. The class will include heat treating techniques used in the hardening and tempering of these different types of metal. Each participant will be shown the proper methods of: Drilling, Threading, Riveting, Filing, Planishing, Bending, and Grinding of both steel and brass.

Each participant will make their own Burnisher, a tool bit for lathe cutting and a lifting lever set; all of which are useful tools in clock repairing. Participants should bring the following tools with them to the class: a strong and heavy vise, a hammer, a pair of pliers, a pair of good sturdy gloves, a 6 or 8 inch #2 file, a pair of safety glasses and any other tools that they feel they will need. The fee for this class is \$15.00 per student. A light Lunch will be provided.

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What's wrong with this "Repair"?



As you can see this attempt at solving a common problem in clock repair is somewhat ingenious. It did solve the problem, which was that the rack was not falling against the snail preventing the clock from striking the correct number of times. To cause the rack to fall correctly it needed some help. Some clocks allow the rack to fall using only gravity as its force. However, other clocks will often have a weight or spring attached to the rack providing the necessary force to insure that the rack falls properly against the snail and the clock strikes correctly. In this case the repairperson soldered a bolt to the rack to ensure that the rack fell as it should. Despite the fact that this attempt at solving the problem did work, after a fashion, it however, violated the first two rules in repairing antique clocks. These rules are: 1. Try to keep the repair as original as possible, and 2. Make the repair as unobtrusive as possible. To have a large bolt sticking out from the rack is hardly paying attention to either of these two tenents. A simple small spring, either a small coil spring or a length of thin brass wire wrapped around the rack shaft and anchored to the front plate would have done the job and adhered to both of the

principles stated above.



Here is a close up photo of the bad repair, showing the bolt securely soldered to the rack. Just a few more minutes of the repairperson's time and the job would have been done correctly and worked just as well. Ingenious solutions to unusual problems very often deserve praise and recognition but only when the situation requires it. Although I do not claim to know the circumstances under which this particular repair was made but short of battlefield conditions or survival mode I believe that the repairperson should and could have made a proper and more professional job of it.

The 2016 Summer Picnic

On Saturday July 30th Chapter One in conjunction with Merritt's Antiques held its third annual summer picnic in Douglassville, Pa. . . . Ninety five people signed up and enjoyed perusing the Mart tables and sorting through the endless assortment of clocks and parts displayed in the Merritt's showroom. The luncheon was well received by all. Having worked up a healthy appetite after several hours of clock pursuing and rummaging many attendees were lined up long before the ringing of the dinner bell. It didn't take them long to devour the hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, lunch meats , salads, watermelon and ice cream that had so deliciously been displayed only moments before. Fortunately the weather cooperated perfectly. The rain, which I hear, fell in unbelievable fashion later in the day, held off all most until the cleanup crew had finished their work. As usual this event could not have been accomplished without the extraordinary efforts of the members of Council. They all pitched right in; setting up the luncheon area, serving the food and cleaning up at the end. They all deserve hearty thanks from all of us who enjoyed this pleasant summer picnic. Several our new members also helped in the set up and food preparation, their assistance was greatly appreciated. On an even brighter note the Chapter signed up three brand new members who were warmly welcomed and we are looking forward to seeing them at our Sept. 17th Meeting.

Silent Auction If your shop looks anything like mine you have a ton of “stuff” just lying around. I know” It’s all Good Stuff” and may prove useful someday. However, just when that “Someday “will occur, is anybody’s guess. The truth is, it probably never will. Most of this “Stuff” (often referred to by the wife, sacrilegiously, as “Junk”) was collected many years ago with the thought in mind that “this could be useful someday and tomorrow may be that day” or “I know that as soon as I chuck this _____ (name the part) I will desperately need it for the next repair job...” We have all been there, in fact I am still there, and I have been known to admonish my students with the age old adage “a good clockmaker never throws anything away”. To this day I often say this, and even with a straight face. It is true that on very rare occasions I have discovered some rusty old “Whatsit” and used it in a truly unique manner to complete a repair. It is truly difficult at times like these, to remain humble as I triumphantly show off the repair and the “rusty old whatsit” that made the miraculous repair possible. I also bask in the glory of having proved the validity of that age old adage, but at the same time, unfortunately, providing justification for the adding of it and more to my already huge pile of “stuff”. But seriously folks just how often does this occur? If I were truthful with myself I would admit that in the fifty years that I have been repairing clocks I can count the number of times this has happened on one hand. So, it is with a heavy and wary heart that I have committed myself to bringing to every Chapter One Meeting at least one box of my invaluable “Clock Stuff” to be placed in the Silent Auction. Who knows, perhaps I will walk home with a bit of extra money in my pocket. Who knows, I may even find a few parts that I have been fruitlessly searching for over the past several years. If nothing else I may even get the chance to see the floor of my shop again. I hope that you will also join me in this endeavor. It will not only stimulate interest in the Silent Auction but it is also guaranteed to make someone very happy, and that is more than likely, your wife.

Many Thanks to those who Make Chapter One Successful:

A special thanks goes out to William Salmond, Jean McGarry, and Donald Evans, who are not only new Chapter One members, but they graciously pitched in and helped us set up the Summer Picnic. Thanks guys your help was greatly appreciated. Other thanks go out to Jeff Fox, David and Colleen Houtz, Leif Malmberg, and Dave Gorrell for their monetary donations to the Summer Picnic. We would also be remiss if we didn’t thank the following Chapter One members: Mike Allen, Dave and Colleen Houtz, Don Buck, Terry Addison, Tom Fluck, Jeff and Janet Fox, Lina Gorrell, Matt Dawson and our Chef de Barbeque Bruce Brown for their assistance in making the Summer Picnic the success it turned out to be.

Registration for the Meeting: September 18, 2016

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: \$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 = \$ _____

Names for the Badges (Please Print Clearly)

1) _____ NAWCC # _____

2) _____ NAWCC # _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THE “One Day Class \$10.00/person \$ _____

Chapter One Membership Dues 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017 \$10.00 per year \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Phone # () _____

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

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, September 12th, 2016

_Meeting Schedule

Saturday Sept. 17th “One Day Class: “Horological metallurgy”

Sunday Sept. 18th 7:30 A.M. Registration Opens –

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 other registered participants

10:30 -- Workshop Terry Addison “Clock Case Refinishes”

12:00 -- Noon Mart Room Closes. No Security, the Mart Room must be cleared 12:15 to 1:45 – Luncheon Speaker, Dan Nied “Scarce Horological Tools in the World War Two Era”

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Chapter One Dues

Your Chapter One Dues for the 2016 – 2017 season are now due. You can include your dues in your Meeting registration or you can send them to the Treasurer:

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Best in Show Contest

Don't forget to bring those really interesting and unique Clocks, Watches, and tools that you can enter into the BISC. You may win a \$50.00 Mart Scrip prize. Watch for the NEW FORMAT at this next Meeting.

