



The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

Philadelphia Chapter One

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The next Chapter One Meeting will be held on:

February 26, 2017 at the

Rodeway Inn Conference Center

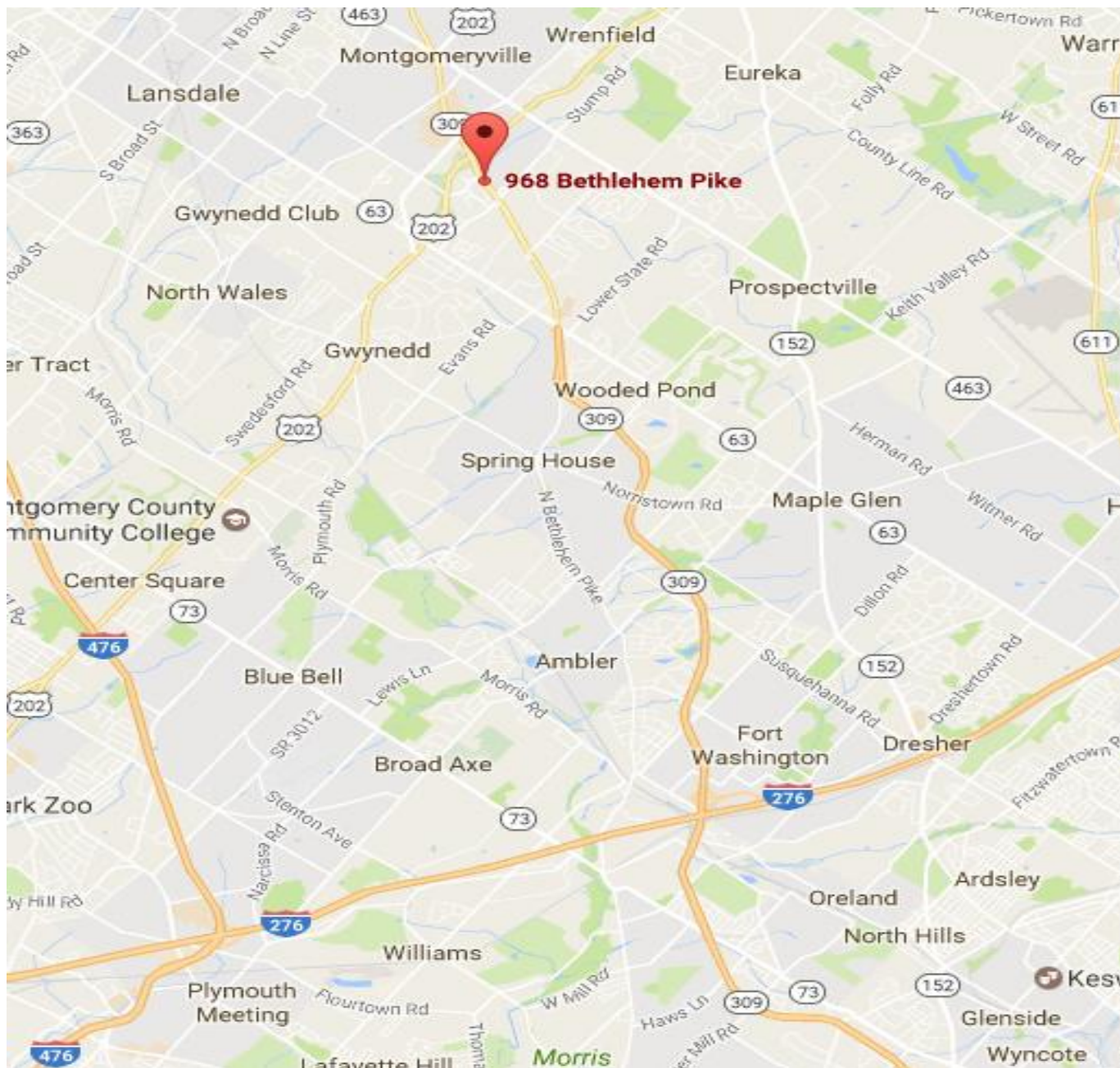
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The Rodeway Inn is a little over 7 miles above the Fort Washington exit of the Pa. Turnpike (Exit 339). You take Route 309 North; it is a limited access highway most of the way. You will go through four traffic lights at the end of the highway. The Rodeway Inn will be on your right hand side. If you are coming south on Route 309; you will pass the Montgomeryville Mall and you will have to use the jughandle at Stump Road to go North on Route 309.

(See map on page 2)



There is a link to the Rodeway Inn website and Map on the Chapter One website. Just log on to the PhiladelphiaChapterOne webpage and go to the Events section and click on the link. The directions can also be found on the NAWCC Community page.

The Luncheon Speaker for the February 26th Meeting will be. Dr. Michael Edidin. His topic will be “Saturation collecting – or, 'that’s not junk, that’s a data point.’”:

Dr. Edidin is a retired professor from Johns Hopkins University and has written extensively on Tobias watches for the Bulletin. He also has expertise on English watches and has spoken at a chapter meeting before. There are lots of different approaches to collecting watches. You can collect for beauty, or for rarity, or to have an example of every different model by a given maker or... the list is endless. I collect in depth, trying to get as many examples as I can of one English maker's watches. Saturation collecting, as I call it studies everything from whole watches to partial movements and even isolated bits. All these are data which I use to learn about the last great era of English watchmaking in the 19th century. I plan to discuss the general approach of saturation collecting and then to show examples of what can be learned by studying dozens of examples instead of single watches.

The Workshop for the Feb. 26th meeting will be: “Understanding Watch and Clock Escapements”

by Al Dodson. The escapement is an essential element of both watches and clocks. It performs two functions; it releases the power stored in the mainspring and keeps the oscillator (pendulum, balance wheel) in motion using energy it releases. We will look at the relationship of these two functions and attempt to demystify its operation. This discussion attempts to make the escapement understandable to anyone who is interested in how a clock or watch operates while also providing a fresh look and deeper understanding of escapements for the.

The One day Class on Saturday February 25th will be “Repairing Wooden Clock Movements”.

The class will include bushing, using wooden, and brass and bone bushings. The class will also include tooth replacement in pinions and wheels as well as pivot polishing and replacement. Participants should bring a wooden clock movement or several wheels that need work. They should also bring a jewelers saw with blades, several small files for shaping teeth, a vice, and whatever else they think they might need. If they don’t have any of these items they will be supplied by the instructor.

The Next Chapter One Meetings will be:

March 26th Rodeway Inn, Montgomeryville, Pa.

May 7th Rodeway Inn, Montgomeryville, Pa.

The Best in Show Contest:

The Best In Show's new format has met with enthusiastic response for the past two Meetings. It has become an integral part of our Meetings and will, hopefully, continue to do so. All that is needed to guarantee its continuing success is for the Membership to continue to bring in their unusual and interesting clocks and watches. Remember there are \$50.00 Mart Scrip prizes for the winner of each of the three categories. (Watches, Clocks and Other) Unlike in the past the prizes are awarded during the Meeting in which the Contest is held. This allows the winner to immediately redeem their winnings on the Mart floor. So, get out those interesting and unusual time pieces, tools, etc. and win some extra money.

Silent Auction: Bring in those items you really don't need and convert them into cash. This can be done very easily and cheaply on our Silent Auction Table or on our one or Two Item Sales table.

All Mart tables for the Feb. 26th Meeting will be \$5.00 each. This is an introductory offer and is limited to two tables per person. First come, first served. This is necessary because in the new venue space is somewhat limited. This should not adversely affect those of you who preregister. However, those who depend on getting a table as a walk in may be disappointed.

The Dutch Zaandam Clock

It resonates the Dutch experience during the post European Protestant Reformation period in the late 1500s to early 1600s. The Mennonite church emerged during this period in North Holland. In the Zaan region these reformed Christian believers weaved their clock and woodworking skills with their faith.

The Zaan region, near Amsterdam, became an industrial area in the 1700s, inviting the establishment of this unique style of clock making. Mennonite freedom of religion characterized this climate, which influenced the maxim typically found on this style clock,

“Nu Elck Syn Sin” – “To each his own”



Nu Elck Syn Sin is Old Dutch, which is no longer in use and not recognizable in the modern Dutch language. However, it is believed to be in reference to the Mennonite desire for freedom of religion and to practice their version of a “reformed” faith in peace amongst other Reformation movements. The Mennonites were persecuted during this time.

Shortly after Christiaan Huygens (1656) created the first pendulum clock in Holland, Zaan clockmakers adapted this innovation in the Zaan region in 1670.

The first Zaandam clocks were less ornate and made for Mennonite churches. These were known as “Poor Man’s Clocks.” They were not like the higher quality Hague Clocks of the same period, but were well made. For this reason, the Mennonite craftsmen began producing a more ornate version of the Zaanse clock for sale in Amsterdam and larger Dutch cities. A “Rich Man’s Clock” was designed for commercial export out of the Zaan region. This ornate, walnut veneered, brass and velveted decorated clock is what is most famously recognized as a Zaadam or Zaanse Clock. In it clearly emerge many of the characteristics of its

Mennonite origins. The “Rich Man’s Clock” design was mass produced in the early to mid 1900’s. This became the signature style for the Warmink Uhren clock company. The typical center piece is the brass ornamentations. A crown displays the Mennonite theological virtues of Faith, Charity and Hope. Lions and a coat of arms represent Amsterdam, Alkmaar or Holland. These clocks were designed and made for people in these North Holland metro areas. A Horseman pendulum represents service to the king.

Many think that the top finial is of Jesus carrying the world or of Hercules, but it is of Atlas of Greek Mythology. The Atlas symbolizes Amsterdam as a city of trade. He carries a celestial globe with all the stars, constellations and planets. At the time, Amsterdam considered itself as the most important city in the world. This same Atlas is found on display at the royal palace in Dam square in Amsterdam. Although much of the symbolism found on the Rich Man’s version of the Zaanse clock seems to counter the Mennonite faith and desire to live apart, it’s primary purpose was for sale to well off Dutch in Amsterdam and Alkmaa

What is the proper name for this Dutch clock? They are more typically known as Dutch Zaandam Clocks. However, this title is not entirely correct. Zaandam is the main municipality (capital) of this region. The clock was produced throughout the Zaan River region of North Holland. For this reason the proper name for this clock is the Dutch Zaanse Clock: “of the Zaan River.”



Dues for the 2016--2017 year were due on September 1, 2016. You can mail in your \$10.00 dues or you can include them in your February Meeting Registration. *If you haven’t paid your dues for this year you will no longer receive the Newsletter nor will you be able to advance register for Meetings or reserve Mart Tables.*

If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues or not check at the Registration Table and we will look that up for you.

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Registration for the Meeting: February 26, 2017

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: \$5.00 EACH # _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

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

1 or 2 Members only + Spouse or Children \$5.00 # _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

Names for the Badges (Please Print Clearly)

1) _____ NAWCC # _____

2) _____ NAWCC # _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THE "One Day Class" \$15.00/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 one week PRIOR TO THE MEETING, Feb. 18, 2017 is the cut off date.

Meeting Schedule: Saturday Feb. 25th "One Day Class -" Repairing Wooden Clock Movements"

Starts at 10:30 ends at 4:00PM

Sunday February 26th General Meeting

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 A.M. Best in Show Contest

11:15 -- Workshop Al Dodson "Watch and Clock Escapements"

12:00 Noon Luncheon Speaker Dr. Edidin "Collecting Watches"

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