



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, 2023 at the
Holiday Inn, Lansdale
1750 Sumneytown Pike Kulpville, Pa. 19443
215 368 3800

At the present time, if you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask, but you can if you are more comfortable. This could change by the time of the meeting so you may want to bring a mask with you.

The Luncheon Speaker will be: TBD.

The Workshop Speaker will be: Lee Davis. The topic is "Making a splat for an American wood works shelf clock....painting, varnishing and stenciling".

Upcoming meetings. The meetings for 2023 will be February 26th, May 21st, September 10th, and December 3rd. All the meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn in Lansdale (Kulpville), Pa.

The Best in Show. Do you have a watch, clock or horological related item? Why not bring it in to present in the Best of Show. This is a great way to educate other members. The winners will receive \$50 in Mart scrip to be used in the mart room. This can be carried over to future events if you don't use it the day you win.

Saturday Hands On Workshop The One Day Class on Saturday Feb. 25th will be "Repairing an eight-day time and strike American Kitchen Clock. It will cover the following topics:

1. Examination of the clock movement, looking for wear, missing parts, etc.
2. Determining why the clock doesn't run.
3. Examining the striking mechanism for function and reliability.
4. Cleaning the clock movement.
5. Disassembly of the clock.
6. Examining the pivots and pivot holes for wear.
7. Polishing the pivots.
8. Rebushing the worn holes.
9. Reassembly of the clock time side.

10 Reassembly of the strike side.

Participants should bring the following tools and material: A vise (Table Mount), a pair of pliers, a screwdriver, a set of mainspring let down keys, two "C" rings, magnification device (Loupe or Optivisor), An American Kitchen Clock Movement. Any other tools that you feel are necessary. As usual if you don't have these items the instructor will loan them to you.

Class will start at 10:00AM and end around 4:00PM. The last hour will be devoted to "Open Bench" any questions or problems those participating have on clocks or watches they are working on at home we will try to answer. For questions about this class or any other call the Instructor Dave Gorrell at 443 694 4972 or email at djgclocks@aol.com

We need your help. The chapter is looking for volunteers for different tasks. If you can help with covering the tables, helping with the registration desk, helping with setting up the A/V equipment or recording the speakers, taking pictures or joining the board, let one of the officers know. Let us know if you have suggestions for lunch or workshop speakers. We are always looking for new ideas.

Some opinions and facts about modern watches and the people who buy them.

I discovered this article while searching online for opinions on the current state of the watch and clock market. I found this very informative and poignant. All of us are interested in the latest market trends for adding to or disposing of our collections. It is a long article so I will submit it in pieces. Or, if you like you can read the entire article on his web site.

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Fueled by an unshakable love for horology and a general curiosity for intricate things, Ariel Adams founded aBlogtoWatch in 2007 as a means of sharing his passion. Since then, ABTW has become the highest trafficked blog on luxury timepieces, and Ariel has become a contributor to other online publications such as Forbes, Departures and Tech Crunch, to name just a few. His conversational writing style and inclusive attitude brings a wider appreciation for watches the world over, and that's just the way he likes it. Follow me on Instagram [Ariel Adams](#)

I didn't become a high-end watch lover because I decided my wrist was a great place to show off my money. In fact, I had very little money when I first became enamored with timepieces. A watch was and still is - in my opinion - above all a tool. It is a logical device designed to offer information and make life easier. My interest in high-end watches began as I realized that well-made tools (that ideally also work well) tend to be expensive. What I love about high-end watches is the superb level of quality and the tireless pursuit of perfection in each little detail - that you can find in the watches made by the world's best brands. Despite having a tradition that is rooted in utilitarian logic, today's "fine timepieces" are pure luxury items. They are in fact designed to excel at costing a lot. For many companies that is a matter of pride: being able to claim that their product is "the most..., the best..., or the only..." Nevertheless, when the worlds of luxury goods and tools come together, ironies and confusions are a logical result. As a watch lover I'd like to point out five of the most ironic or simply amusing qualities that you'll find in the high-end watch world.

1. Accuracy Isn't Important

Probably the most difficult fact that most watch lovers need to emotionally tackle at some point in their horological obsessions is that mechanical watches aren't nearly as accurate as electronic quartz watches. Those cheap, often poorly designed quartz watches that are the antithesis of what we lust for simply perform better than our high-end mechanical timepieces. Watch lovers make an internal value judgement that traditional design and an ability to perceive (with their own eyes and related to the mechanism inside of a mechanical watch) is more important than accuracy. Which is ironic because we wear a watch to know what time it is.

Today this is less of an issue than you may think. We are typically surrounded by highly accurate digital clocks that are often synced to other, more accurate clocks. So if our wristwatch is off by a few seconds then we can either adjust it or know to rely on a different clock if to-the-second accuracy is needed. Though, for some people the issue of accuracy can cause a degree of cognitive dissonance. You can buy a quartz watch for \$10 or less in most cities. It will have a battery life of at least 2 years and be accurate to within about 15 seconds per month. Of course there are many quartz watches that are much more accurate (albeit more expensive).

A lot of high-end mechanical watches go through a testing process in Switzerland by a company called C.O.S.C. Brands choose to send their movements in for testing, and those whose performance passes certain standards will get a COSC Chronometer certificate for accuracy. Chronometer watches are usually accurate to within about five seconds or so per day, which is very different than the 15 seconds per month accuracy of a cheap quartz movement. Watch lovers simply place accuracy on the back-burner when it comes to time telling, which is probably a bit ironic when it comes to enjoying an expensive high-end wristwatch. Though we do, and we enjoy them very much.

Ariel Adams publishes the [watch review site aBlogtoWatch](#).



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You are invited to the
2nd Annual 2-day

Atlantic Horological Event

to be held at

Skyline Auction Center
2781 NY Route 364
Penn Yan NY 14527



Table Rental

\$25 if paid by March 25

\$30 on or after March 25

Contact:

Leroy Newswanger
706 Dundee Lakemont Road
Dundee NY 14837
phone 607-243-8454

8 AM - 5 PM

Tuesday and Wednesday

April 4-5, 2023

Auction Consignments

Contact:

Paul Zimmerman
1112 PreEmption Road
Penn Yan NY 14527
phone 315-536-6358

Deadline for Auction Catalog March 25
Consignments accepted Mon. 1 - 5 PM,
Tue. 7 AM - 12N

Clockmaking and watchmaking event consists of
mart and auction to buy, sell, and trade anything
clock and watch related.

Auction 3 PM on the first day

Demonstrations on micro-machining and clock
and watch repair will be provided question-and-
answer style on both days for the beginner to the
advanced.

Food on site

No admission fee

Registration for the Meeting: February 26, 2022.

Please Submit by Wednesday February 22nd if you want lunch or a table.

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

NAWCC Member/ Spouse / Guest \$18.00 per person. Day of the meeting is \$25

Member's Child (Age 5 – 17) \$9.00 per child # _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____
_____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

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

MART TABLE: \$20.00 EACH # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD for non-table holders (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" \$15.00/person \$ _____

Chapter One Membership Dues 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023 \$25.00 per year \$ _____

OR receive electronically for only \$5.00 per year \$ _____

Email address _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Phone # () _____

Mail to: Jeffrey Fox 2 Pebble Drive Horsham, Pa. 19044

Or email your Registration to Jeffrey.W.Fox@gmail.com

Or call (215) 672-6947

NO REFUNDS AFTER 12 NOON ON February 18th, WHICH IS 8 DAYS BEFORE THE February 26th MEETING.

Meeting Schedule:

Saturday February 25th "One Day Class"

Starts at 10:00A.M. ends at 5:00P.M.

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

10:45 A.M. Best in Show Contest.

11:00 A.M. -- Workshop

12:00 – Noon Lunch will be served and then the lunch speaker will present.