



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:

**March 17, 2024** at the  
Holiday Inn, Lansdale  
1750 Sumneytown Pike Kulpsville, Pa. 19443  
215 368 3800

**The Luncheon Speaker will be: Frank Hartwell.** The topic is "It's About Time". "The ubiquity of our clocks and watches, and the time obsessed culture of which they are both cause and effect, has led us to regard our way of timekeeping as coming with the territory, like the air we breathe. Nothing could be further from the truth." (Times Pendulum xvii)

We are all obsessed with TIME. This lecture will trace the history of timekeeping devices from the beginning of civilization. Included will be pictures and background information about the use of sunlight, water, fire, mechanical devices, wrist watches, and atomic energy to power our clocks. Some of the interesting questions covered, include: How did we get from a stick in the ground to atomic clocks? Why do we have time zones? Where does your cell phone time signal come from? Why do clocks move in a clockwise direction? How did the Swiss become famous for wrist watches? Who established the first tower clock? What does the future hold for timekeeping? Come join us for a fun and educational exploration into the fascinating world of horology!

Background information about Frank Hartwell

I appreciate the opportunity to present the lecture, 'It's About Time', which is about one of my passions-Clocks and the history of time and timekeeping devices. Twenty years ago, I reinvented myself after I retired from a 36-year career as a high school teacher and guidance counselor. Upon completing classes at the School of Horology in Columbia PA, I started a clock restoration business, using more of the other side of my brain and lots of eye-hand coordination! Each year, I restore almost 100 clocks! I am indebted to a number of local clock professionals who mentored me over past 16 years. Without their patience and teaching I could not do what I do. Horology is the term for those who specialize in the study of clocks and watches. My fascination with horology started when I found my first clock, an OG in my grandparent's attic in Newton Highlands, MA in the 1960's. My professional career as a high school teacher and guidance counselor has always included a theme of problem solving, teaching, and restoration. Likewise, my avocations of restoring antiques, making/marketing country wood crafts, and now restoring clocks have included these same themes. Each clock that comes to me for repair, symbolizes a member of a household which is sorely missed

when in my shop. Customers are very appreciative when their 'family member' returns to its rightful place on the wall or shelf. On many occasions I have seen tears of joy as the clock begins melodious ticking and strikes for the first time upon return! I restore clocks because I enjoy being productive, working with my hands, and seeing the satisfaction of customers. Most recently I have designed a power point lecture entitled 'It's About Time', which has been enthusiastically received by many people who love time-keeping devices too.

**The Workshop Speaker will be: George Morrison.** The topic is "George and his watchmakers lathe". George graduated from the NAWCC School of Horology in 2007 and has been repairing vintage and modern watches since then. He will demonstrate how, with a few easily made fixtures and readily available accessories one can use the watchmakers lathe to fabricate flat parts that one may not be able to source otherwise. Common jobs include setting levers and springs but a variety of parts can be made this way without the need for additional equipment. These techniques and more are presented in William Smith's book titled "21st Century Watchmaking", available at the NAWCC Library and gift shop.

**Saturday Hands On Workshop is Moving.** The class is moving to the Horsham Library. It is at 435 Babylon Road in Horsham, Pa. 19044. There will be no charge for the class. The topic for the One Day Class on March 15th will be "Repairing French Clocks." Although the primary emphasis will be on the typical round, or square "Pendule de Paris". Consideration will be paid to the other French Movement styles. The Comtoise and Normandy will be included. Participants should bring a French Movement, either a count wheel or rack, and snail striking. Do's and Don'ts for successful French Clocks will be discussed. Disassembly, Pivot Polishing, and Bushing, mainsprings cleaned, and reassembly will be completed. . Participants should also bring a movement stand, eye protection and magnification, a pair of tweezers, a small flat-bladed screwdriver, a small pair of pliers, and whatever tools they need. However, the instructor will supply whatever tools, or movements you need.

The second part of the class will be dedicated to the next "2024 National Crafts Contest. The project agreed upon by the class will be an 1837 R and JB Terry, Triple Decker clock. The Movement of this clock will be examined, and plans for its restoration will be determined. The case will also be examined, and the necessary repairs will be noted and scheduled. The clock has six columns that are in need of refinishing, that task will be addressed during the class. We are planning to clean the columns and, if necessary, reapply the Marbleizing.

We have been asked to review the technique for resharpening a pivot polishing burnisher. That will also be included in this class. As usual, the last hour of class time will be devoted to "Open Bench" where participants are encouraged to bring their current Clock and/or Watch problems to the class for suggestions or solutions.

Beginners are welcome. For questions about this class or any other call the Instructor Dave Gorrell at 443 694 4972 or email at [djgclocks@aol.com](mailto:djgclocks@aol.com)

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We have open jobs we need your help filling.

**Recorder** - Record the minutes of meeting.

**Newsletter Editor** – Create the newsletter and save as a PDF file. Send to mailing and emailing coordinators.

**Mailing list coordinator** – Create labels from the membership list and provide them to the Mailing Coordinator.

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**Email Coordinator** – Take the newsletter PDF file and email to all members that take it by email.

**Meeting Registration Coordinator** – Take in all registration forms, print badges, and assign tables and process people when they come to the meeting.

**Website Coordinator** – work with National to list the new meeting, send National the latest newsletter, have National send out an email blast announcing the next meeting

**A/V Manager** – Setup and prepare all A/V equipment for the meeting and record them and the Zoom meetings. Coordinate with the speakers for their needs.

**Mart Chairman.** Bring equipment from storage and return it. Setup the mart room and cover the tables.

We will have elections in May and we are looking for someone to take over the Secretary and Treasurer positions. If you have any interest in the open jobs or officer positions see Dave Gorrell, Jeff Fox or Ken Garrett.

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## Registration for the Meeting: March 17, 2024.

**Please Submit by Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 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” FREE                      YES    ☐**

**Chapter One Membership Dues    9/1/2023 to 8/31/2024    \$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 March 9<sup>th</sup>, WHICH IS 8 DAYS BEFORE THE March 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING.**

### Meeting Schedule:

**Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>                      “One Day Class”**

**Starts at 10:00A.M. Ends at 4:00P.M.**

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>                      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.**