

CHAPTER 53 NEWSLETTER

August 2023

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Next Meeting *The details:*

Saturday September 2, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Location:

Darcy's Restaurant

10502 East Sprague
Spokane, Washington

Lunch at noon - Individual order from menu

Need directions - please let me know



Please RSVP before August 30

by email to Dennis Armstrong
at daa3@msn.com
or call to 509-430-5304

Mart will begin at 11:00 AM

**Don't Forget To Bring
Something For The Mart**

Lunch at noon - Individual order from menu

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Program for September 2:

We have ordered three DVD's – will do a popularity vote at the meeting on which to show.

** The Vintage Wrist Chronograph

** Waltham's American Watch Co.
Grade: 40 Years of Excellence

** Treasures of the American Clock and Watch Museum: Keynote Lecture, Walking Tour of the Exhibit and Video of the Exhibit

Sharing letter is



"D"

Bring your "D" item and share.

Let's be innovative in bringing some horological "D" things.

members are also welcome to bring Special or Mystery Tools Or some other neat thing - to show and share.

September “D” Tech Topics:

Density and Specific Gravity are related concepts that are often confused. Density is defined as the ratio of the mass (weight) to volume of a substance. It is usually measured in grams per cubic centimeter, grams per milliliter, pounds per cubic foot or pounds per gallon, and is somewhat dependent on temperature and, to a lesser extent, pressure. Specific Gravity, on the other hand, is defined as the weight of a sample, at a given temperature, divided by the weight of the same volume of water, at the same temperature or a different specified temperature. Since Specific Gravity is a ratio, it has no units, but it is dependent upon both the temperature of the substance and the temperature of the water reference.

On pocket watches the **dial** is frequently named “single sunk” or “**double sunk**”.

A single sunk dial is where only one part of the dial is lower than the outside number zone of the dial. This is usually the circular area where the second hand operates.

The **double sunk** dials have both the center section and the seconds a bit lower than the outside chapter of the dial. Such dials were usually made using three separate parts that were lead soldered into position on the double sunk dials.



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2023 National Convention:

On July 13-16, Dennis Armstrong along with Walt and Susan Swita attended the NAWCC 80th Anniversary National Convention in Lancaster, Pa., held at the Marriott.

The event started on Thursday with an open house at the NAWCC Museum in nearby Columbia, Pa. The Museum was beautiful and exceeded our expectations. Many clocks and watches were displayed, including special lectures and exhibits for this event. It is well worth the effort to visit the Museum.



Walt & Dennis at the NAWCC Museum in Columbia, PA

Highlights of the Convention included a large attendance with a huge Mart and 300 public visitors on Saturday, a joint Chapter meeting on Friday morning, a 130 lot auction on Friday night, and the well attended banquet on Saturday night. Over 28 scheduled lectures and workshops were conducted, covering many topics including watch and clock fabrication and repair, historical

perspectives, and the current watch market and conditions. Also, the exhibits and craft competition were well done and interesting.

The Marriott venue was very convenient and well received. While the Convention ran thru to Sunday at noon, the culmination was the Saturday evening banquet, highlighted by the keynote program by Keith Scobie Youngs, entitled "The Conservation of the Great Clock of Westminster: Big Ben", which followed the six year restoration from start to finish.

Members are encouraged to attend a future National Convention.

We need your ideas for future programs and meeting venues. Contact any of your officers.

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Each of us has something to share - Please consider volunteering to do a short "Tech Talk" at a future meeting.

Future meetings:

Fall 2023 Meeting Schedule

September 17, 2023 (Sunday)
Kennewick – Applebee's – Letter E

October 8, 2023 (Sunday)
Spokane – Darcy's – Letter F

October 28, 2023 (Saturday)
Kennewick – Applebee's – Letter G

May 2024 – Regional hosted by Chapter 135 to be held at the Clackamas Monarch hotel.

Please confirm before traveling

The Inland Empire Chapter 53 of NAWCC covers Eastern Washington State, Northern Idaho and Northeastern Oregon. Meetings rotate between Spokane and the Tri-Cities.

Wear your Badge to every meeting

Need one?? - Simply order at the next meeting.

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get the new Magnet Back style for \$11.00.

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