



**Chairman’s Comments:**

Well, it’s been a quick winter so far, but we still have chances, so I’m sure there will be more winter weather. There are several activities coming up that you don’t want to miss. First would be the solar eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup> that will be as close as Toledo for a quick drive to see this. The first time I saw a total eclipse was in Aruba. This time I only have to drive maybe 100 miles and see a total eclipse. You will not be disappointed, just remember to use the proper protection for your eyes and never look directly at the sun until it is a total eclipse. Clock related we have the SOR or Southern Ohio Regional coming up on April 11 in the same week. I don’t understand why Ohio gets all the fun stuff! And please don’t forget our Chapter meeting on April 7 at 1 PM, 907 Monroe, Dearborn, Michigan. At this meeting there will be no charge for your table or for your entry, but there will be refreshments, and we are only asking if you could make a small donation to help offset the cost. Hope to see you all soon. If you have any questions about the eclipse, you can always Google it or shoot me an email.

Raymond Fowler

**Tentative 2024 Chapter Meetings**

**February 4, April 7, October 6, December 1**  
**Dearborn Masonic Lodge**  
**August 17 “All Michigan Meeting”**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI**  
**Board Meetings: January 4, March 7, July 9,**  
**September 5, October 31**

**2023-24 Chapter Officers**

Ray Fowler, President 313-588-5858  
Jim Miller, Treasurer 734-718-8563  
Tom Morris, Secretary 734-282-1725  
Andy Dervan- Historian 313-885-8861  
Gordon Webb, Rich Pozniak, and  
Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

**Joke of the Day:** A man with one clock always knows what time it is. A man with many clocks is never sure!

**2024 Dues are Due:**

2024 Chapter Dues are due and remain at \$5 for email and \$10 for a paper newsletter. If you owe dues, there will be a dues notice included with this newsletter. There are several ways to pay your dues. You can remit your dues using the dues renewal form. You can pay the treasurer, Jim Miller, at an upcoming Chapter meeting. You can also pay via PayPal using this link, [PayPal.Me/chapter6dues](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&from=sellerpaypal&source=paypal). Dues must be paid by April 15th.

**February Chapter Meeting:**

The February meeting of Great Lakes Chapter Six was held on February 4th at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI. Thirty members and guests attended on a bright, mild winter day. Selling in the mart was brisk and the Chapter sold several items in a silent auction. There were refreshments and beverages for attendees to enjoy. Andy Dervan gave an interesting presentation called "Minimally Invasive Watch Surgery". He explained via a PowerPoint presentation how an Amish watchmaker in New York state does repivoting of very small watch parts like balance staffs. His process, done without electricity and using only natural light, removes the broken staff pivot, drills a tiny hole on center and inserts a new pivot that is then shaped to the correct diameter and profile. These parts are so small that it was difficult to even take pictures of the process for the presentation. In many cases, this type of repair is necessary because balance staffs for many of these older watches are no longer available and would have to be made from scratch. This process provides an alternative to repair the existing balance staff. If you are in need of a repair of this type, contact Mahlon Shetler, 3345 Highup Rd, Jasper, NY 14855

Thanks to all who helped make the meeting a success and especially to Pierre Poisson for all his help and Kathy Miller and Sara Morris for taking care of the refreshments. Also, thanks to Dave Axelrad, Rick Braekevelt, and Rich Pozniak for donating items to the Chapter.

### **April Chapter Meeting:**

The April Chapter meeting will be held on April 7th, 2024, at 1PM, at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge. 907 Monroe St, Dearborn, MI (see map on last page). It will be a free meeting with free tables. Charlie Lauhoff will give a talk on the "Paper Side of Railroad Timekeeping" and Jim Miller will discuss "Geneva Stops"

### **Membership:**

Chester Towles and James Grogan joined the Chapter at the February meeting. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

### **2023 Financial Report and Membership Status:**

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2023	\$5366.95
Chapter Income (Dues and Meeting Income)	\$2244.35*
Chapter Expenses (Mailing, Meeting, & Misc. Expenses)	<u>(\$1076.11)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2023	\$6535.19

\*\$659 of this amount was realized from the sale of items donated by the families of Paul Mallie, Joe Haase, and by Chris Thompson.

Please contact Jim Miller for more details

We ended 2023 with 90 members of which 53 receive email newsletters and 35 receive paper.

### **Mini-Mart:**

Looking for a horological item or have a horological item for sale that members might be interested in? Contact Tom Morris by phone (734-282-1725) or email([thomasm326@gmail.com](mailto:thomasm326@gmail.com)) and I will try to include it in the next newsletter.

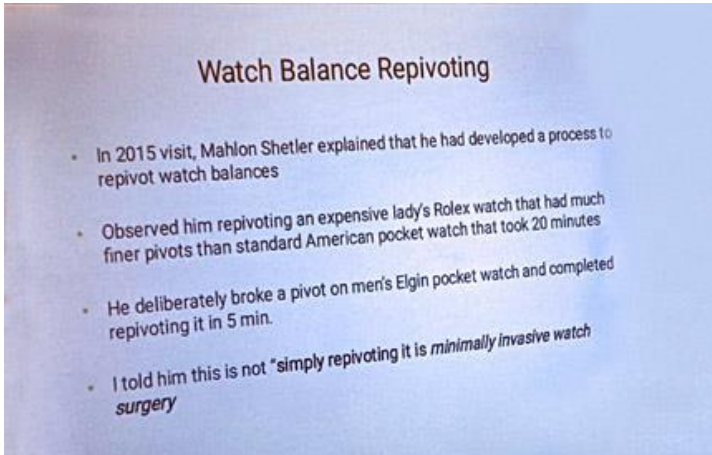
**Wanted:** Crowns/head pieces and finals for Vienna Regulator wall clocks. Interested in all but in need of one approx. 14 1/2" long. Also wanted, French clock hands for a dial that has a 4 1/2" chapter ring.

Contact Rich Pozniak  
e-mail: [richpoz@comcast.net](mailto:richpoz@comcast.net); Phone: 313-506-8543

### **Donated Items:**

As you can see from the above financials, the Chapter benefits greatly from donated horological items. We are looking for items to sell at the Chapter table at the "All Michigan Meeting" in August. If you have any items you would like to donate, bring them to the April Chapter meeting or call Tom Morris, 734-282-1725 or Ray Fowler, 313-588-5858 and we can arrange for a pick-up.

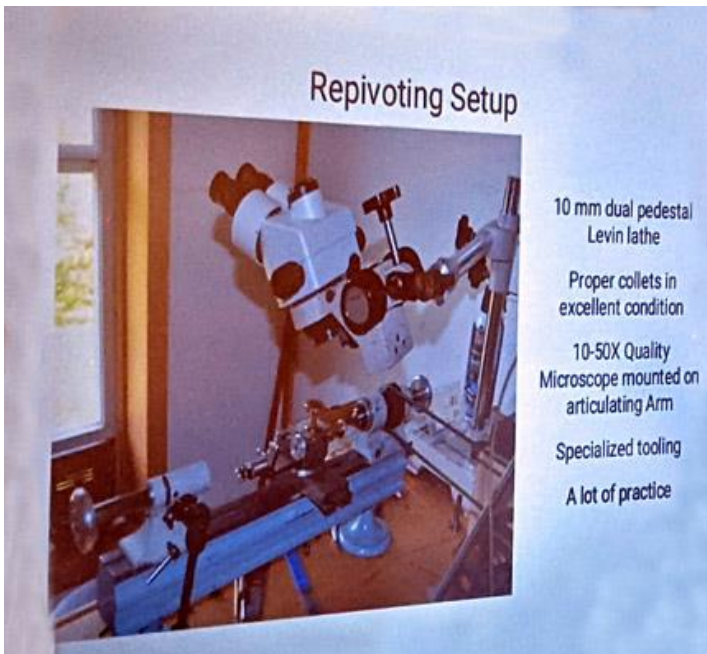
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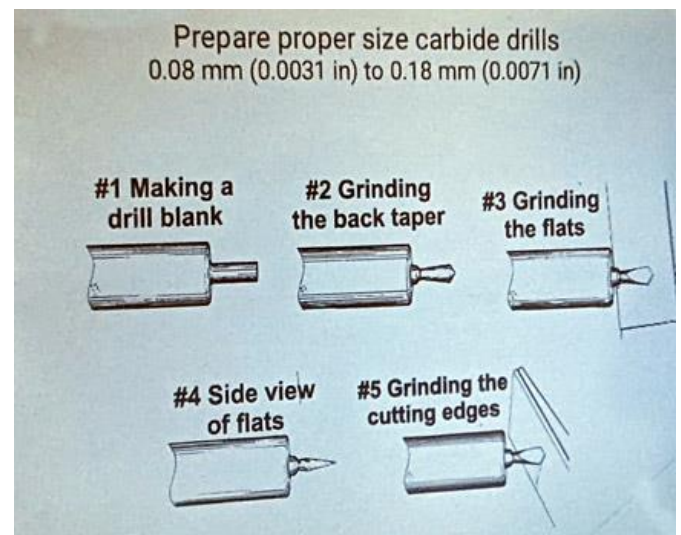
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Andy Dervan Explains the Process

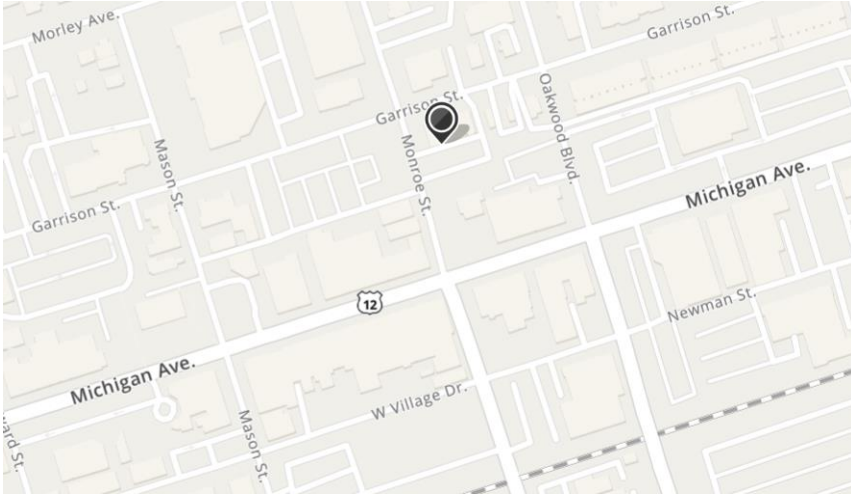


Special Equipment Required



Making a Tool to Drill the New Pivot Hole

Exhibits Courtesy of Andy Dervan



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