

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors  
***George E. Lee Michiana Chapter 26***  
Celebrating 56 Years of Horology

**Reservations Required**

Reservations due by January 8th

Agenda:

10:00 AM – Mart, Exhibits, Library,  
Coffee or Tea, Donuts or Rolls

11:00 AM – Business Meeting

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Contest “Letter N”

**Chapter Meeting:** January 18, 2015

**Location:** Lester’s Banquet Hall

**1502 Bluffton Rd**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**Hosts:** Terry Webb

1314 W. Foster Parkway

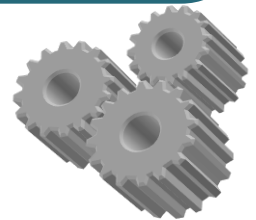
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**Contest: Our next letter is “N”.  
Instead of Manufacturer lets  
do “N” for NON-Running  
Clocks & Watches**



***Reminder:  
Membership Dues  
were due at the last  
November meeting.***

***Please have your  
reservations in by  
Thursday January  
8<sup>th</sup>.***

**Program Announcement ...**

**Larry Kraye will be putting on a program on  
photographing. How to get the great shots of those small  
intricate detailed watches with awesome lighting.**

# President's Message

## The President's report

November is a favorite meeting at our home. We love all the meetings, but the Honeywell Center is so cool and inviting, and the food's good, too. The election of officers went as expected. I wonder if there has ever been a fight over officerships in a NAWCC Chapter? The Mart was good and active. The Chapter is still adjusting to the loss of John Stump. As I got to know John, he quickly became a go-to guy for questions on clocks, mechanics, and machining. I still find myself saying "I'll call John tomorrow and ask him." Larry Krayer will be teaching you about photographing your treasures...watch, clock, or whatever have you. Please bring your camera to the January meeting so that he can help you get it set up in its best format. This brings me to next November. The Restoration Contest is a great part of our program year. All of us have bought a time piece and then wondered "What now?" Part of the process of learning is jumping in, whether it's your first clock or your 1500<sup>th</sup>. Give it a try. Advice is all around you. If you have trouble, and if you can't find another Chapter member, check out the NAWCC website. There are lots of question threads running and you can start a new one if you want. Remember, as you go back into older watches and clocks, you are looking at American history. Mr Whitney gets credit for mass production, or interchangeable parts, but the clockmakers in Connecticut and Massachusetts were developing those techniques before Mr Whitney. So find yourself a project piece. I have a good case for an early pillar and scroll clock that I intend to present. It is a very nice piece but someone...apparently my first father-in-law...started a frame-off restoration. I have it in a box. With no two pieces connected, it looks like kindling wood to most observers. So if you have a project like that or find one, start photographing and restoring. Remember, there is some money in this contest so get out there and start restoring. You might win enough to buy the next basket case for the following year. And we can help you put your pictures into a slide show that displays the steps you went through. I remember being in Morgan's shop in Decatur many years ago. I was admiring a cardboard cigar box full of watch parts. I quickly realized it was the parts for three different quarter repeater movements! I'm scanning it to see how much is missing when he looked over my shoulder and said "Why don't you just give me \$2000 and take that home to work on." Another missed opportunity. But there is great pleasure in bringing back to life something that was constructed many years ago by people long gone. The work they put into the piece is well worth restoring. Enough sentimentalizing. Belva and I are in Florida for the winter for the first time and loving it. Dick Clutter will conduct the January meeting and probably March too, but we will be back in the spring, ready for a "watchful" and "clock-watching" summer and fall. And naturally there are clocks, and NAWCC Chapters down here. I'm working on a couple of Self-Winding Clocks and a set of interesting Gilberts.

See you soon.

Tony

## Meeting Minutes

### November 16, 2014

It was a cold November 16. 30 members met at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, IN. Outgoing President Tom Wyncott thanked members who helped during his two years. Incoming President Tony McNair said that Tom had done a great job and hoped he can do the same. Tony brought the meeting to order letting us know that Gary Gruver has had some back problems and pneumonia. In addition, he has started chemo. Craig Sebald is also still having problems with his foot. He has to see the doctor on a frequent basis to have his foot removed from a cast and be evaluated and then put into another cast. The club is still mourning the loss of John Stump who passed away this summer. Reminder: 2015 membership dues should be paid.

Tony McNair went to the train station downtown to reset the clock for the ending of daylight savings time. Dick Clutter announced that the Mid-America Regional went very well. Lighting was not an issue, and the concessions went very well. There weren't any complaints really to speak of. There were 166 vender tables sold and 334 NAWCC members attended.

Terry Webb made announcements regarding the banking and balance of the checkbook. The regional was profitable. There will be an audit at our January meeting which will include Jim Bostic and Dick Clutter. Restoration contest: John Carpenter has been doing the contest for 25 years and was the only contestant this year. His clock restoration was an Ansonia clock wherein he had to replace both mainsprings as well as several pieces of the case. He also had to replace the dial. John had several pictures on slides to show his progress of the restoration. Bill and Nancy Bells daughter Robyn was a guest today. She plans to begin taking an On-line clock repair class in January.

*Secretary*

*Craig Sebald*

Reservations for the meeting are due on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

Location of our January meeting is:

Lester's Banquet Hall

1502 Bluffton Rd

Fort Wayne, IN 46992

Call, Send, or email Reservations To:

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\$10.00 per Person

*Please make checks payable to: George E. Lee - Chapter 26*

### **Upcoming Events:**

**1/16/2015 Kentucky Thoroughbred Regional**

**1/29/2015 Greater Los Angeles Regional**

**3/16/2015 Lone Star Regional**

## **Directions To Lester's Banquet Hall**

From the North:

I-69 South to Exit 311A US-27/Lima Rd  
Slight right on N. Wells rd  
Continue on Fairfield Ave  
Turn Right onto W. Washington Blvd  
Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left on to Broadway  
Turn right onto Bluffton Rd  
Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Vesey Ave  
Destination on Left

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From the South:

Take US-24 East  
Turn Left on IN-9  
Continue to follow US-24 East  
Continue onto W. Jefferson Blvd  
Turn right onto Engle Rd  
Turn Left onto Bluffton Rd  
Slight right onto Vesey Ave  
Destination on Left

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