

Chicagoland Chapter 3
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS
Mart/Meeting – February 9, 2025

NAWCC - CHAPTER 3 – MART/MEETING **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.**

**NAWCC - Chapter 3
Meeting/Mart**

February 9, 2025
American Legion Hall –
310 W. Butterfield Road
Normandy Banquet Room
Elmhurst, IL

7:15 AM
Table Holders Entry/Setup
8:15 AM Gen. Admission

**Next Mart –
April 6, 2025
Elmhurst, IL**

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Greetings, NAWCC - Members of Chapter 3, Members of neighboring chapters around Chicagoland, and the NIWCC,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025! On behalf of the Chapter 3 officers and advisors, we extend our best wishes to our membership and neighboring members for a healthy and prosperous new year, filled with promise and a continuation of sharing our common interests and passion in horology. I begin this newsletter by informing our past and present members of Chapter 3 that we are in the midst of a membership drive for "25". Our newsletter reaches out to many active and nonactive members and has since before COVID in 2020. Some changes will be implemented this year in an effort to lower your costs and at the same time maintain a healthy and growing chapter. Chapter 3 disbursements remain the same, which is unfortunate, but if your support as a loyal, dues-paying member is maintained, we can do our best to make our chapter as affordable as possible. Whether you are active in attending one or all 6 of our chapter events or are a dues paying member to receive our newsletters, of which we are grateful, we need your continuing support in our membership drive for "25". If you are currently on our Chapter 3 mailing list, do not let your membership go dormant if you want to continue to receive the Chapter 3 newsletters.

Dates for 2025 Chapter 3 marts and meetings will be as follows: Sunday, February 9; Sunday, April 6; (Tailgate) Saturday, May 3; Sunday, August 24; Sunday, October 19; and Sunday, December 7, 2025. Our February 9th mart and meeting will feature a special "\$5 for February" admission fee to our first mart of the new year. This year our membership fees will remain at \$15.00, admission costs will be lowered to \$10.00, and table rental will be lowered to \$15.00 for each table.

Our February 9th mart and all 2025 marts will continue to be held at the **ELMHURST AMERICAN LEGION HALL, located at 310 West Butterfield Road, in Elmhurst, IL.** Our Saturday, May 3rd Tailgate Mart will once again will take place in Hillside, Illinois, at the same location held last year at the Union Local 73 parking lot on Roosevelt Road near Wolf Rd.

Any questions regarding table rental should be directed to Registration Chair, Pat Seavers or Membership Chair, Norma Joy. Contact information can be found on this page and on each form in this newsletter. Admission and table payments can also be made at the door as you check-in. Prepaid table reservations and admission would be appreciated. All 2025 forms are available in this newsletter. We ask our sellers to arrive no earlier than 7:15 A.M., check-in to receive your name tag at the NORTH DOOR entrance, then proceed to begin set-up. Please note, all participants **MUST WEAR A NAME TAG STICKER** as provided by our officers at the registration table. Entry to the hall by non-sellers will take place when set-up is complete around 8:30 A.M.

I am pleased to announce that we begin 2025 with a presentation on watches. Ryan Thomas will be providing us with a presentation on **World War II Military Watches** at our February 9th meeting. Thank you, Ryan. I am also happy to announce that accomplished guest speaker and Chapter 3-member, Mark Frank, will be our featured guest speaker at our April meeting. Mark Frank will be speaking on his manuscript, **A Brief History of the Great Clock at Westminster Palace Its Concept, Construction, the Great Accident and Recent Refurbishment.** Mark has presented at NAWCC National Conventions and in 2023 when he gave a sterling presentation on **The Completion of the Astronomical Skeleton Clock.** John Bruzan has also committed to do another presentation in August 2025. We have a great line-up for 2025, and if you have an interest in being our featured guest speaker for our October meeting, please contact Vice President, Ron Seavers.

The family of long-time NAWCC and Chapter 3 member Richard Bruck, will be conducting a special living estate sale of his clock collection on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. This sale is limited to NAWCC members and will be conducted at the Bruck residence. The remainder of Mr. Bruck's collection of rare antique grandfather, wall and mantle clocks will continue following this sale with an auction house. Additional information will be provided by Wayne Pedryc upon request, or at the February 9th Chapter 3 meeting. Mark your calendars to attend this exclusive sale to purchase rare clocks from Richard Bruck's collection.

Please support our neighboring chapters in their scheduled events. Chapter 47 will conduct their next meetings on Sunday, January 12, and on March 9, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., at the American Legion Post 434, 9327 South Shepard Ave, Oak Creek, WI. Presentations will be taking place after each mart, **Restoring a Scottish Musical Tall Case Clock** and in March, **Moving a Schwalbach Tower Clock.** Chapter 66 will be conducting their meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., at Clark-Lindsey Village Home, 101 West Windsor Road, Urbana, IL. The NIWCC will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., at the Harlem United Methodist Church, 8401 N. Alpine Rd, Machesney Park, IL. Chapter 171 will be conducting their next meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., at the Goodman Center - Bolz-B room, 149 Waubesa St., Madison, WI. Your support and participation in our neighboring chapter events is greatly appreciated. Additional contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Bits and Pieces

- Many thanks to the 57 participants that attended our December Mart and to the sellers that manned 20 tables for our Mart. I would also like to thank the 23 members that took part in our Holiday Luncheon. A good time was had by all.
- Congratulations to Rich Newman who was the winner of the "Split the Pot" raffle. Rich won \$37.00 and donated it all back to Chapter 3. Many thanks to Rich and our anonymous coffee donor of \$5.00. Norma Joy will be selling raffle tickets beginning at 9:45 A.M. at every meeting.
- There is NO fee to participate in Silent Auction. The location of the auction is next to the Registration table and begins at 9:15.

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Bits and Pieces, cont.

- There was only one participant in the December - Gingerbread Clock Theme Contest and the Mart Bucks prize was donated back to Chapter 3. The theme for the February 9th contest is ***Watches from the World War II Era***. The prize is \$25.00 Mart Bucks.
- It is with sadness that I announce the recent passing of another longtime well-known NAWCC member known to Chicagoans. I was informed by Dale Beske from Chapter 171, that Don Kershner has passed away. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Don Kershner.

We encourage everyone to become a part of Chapter 3, so that we can continue to serve you in the best way possible. Chapter 3 is committed to inform you of all future programs and events. If you would like to contribute to this newsletter with a horological entry, submit your writing for publication at least one month in advance of the scheduled meeting. If you are interested in advertising in this newsletter, contact the president. Rates are reasonable. Costs will be modified to advertising rates in 2025. Please direct your publication or advertisement to Wayne Pedryc. Find more details on the final page of the newsletter. We encourage all members to share their horological expertise and passion to further enhance our members' knowledge.

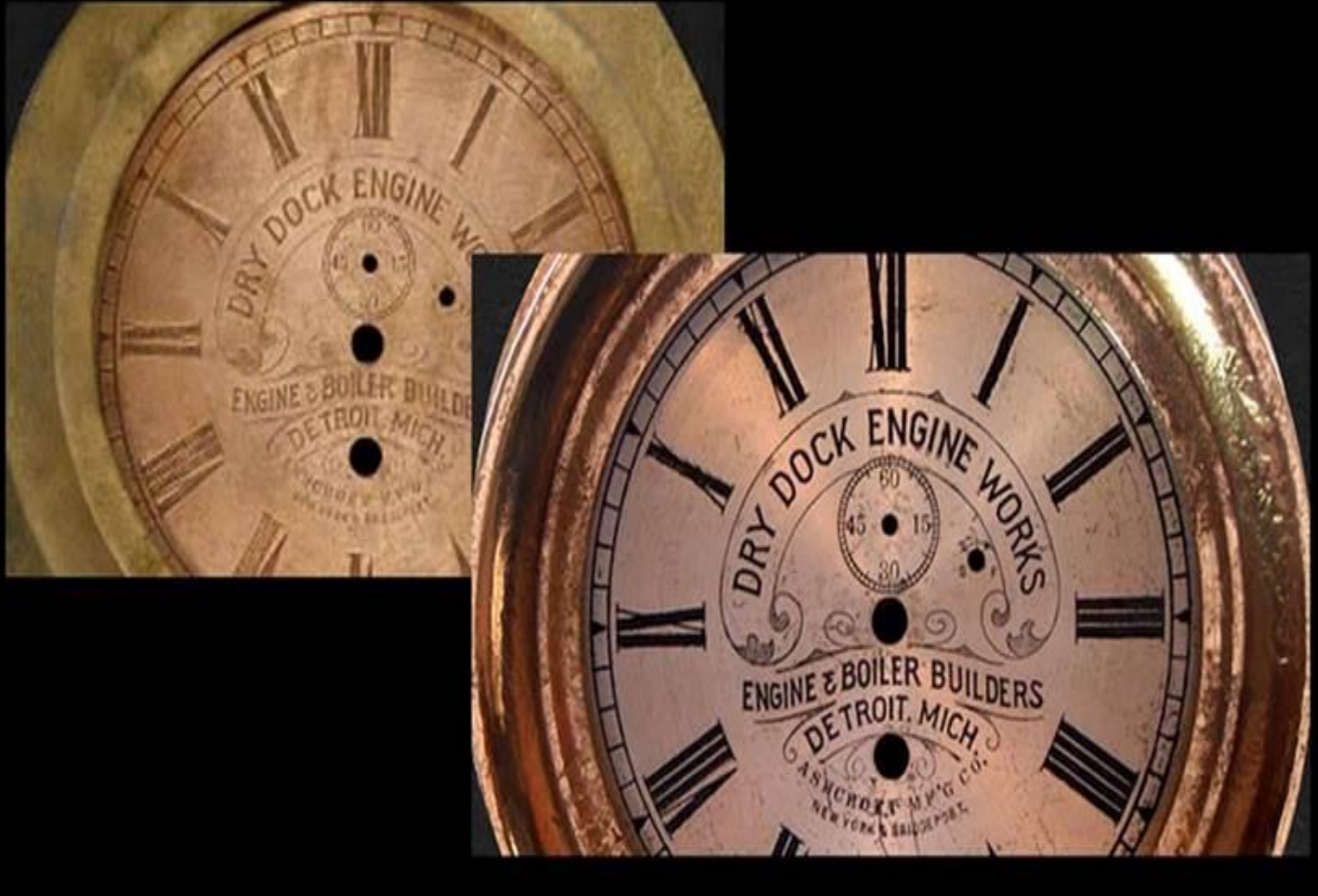
Horological Trivia - 12th Installment

My twelfth installment of Horological Trivia will look at investments in Chelsea clocks. I am a recipient of several websites that send me advertising as well as educational material on clocks and watches. In the past I have shared a couple of horological businesses of which I am on their mailing list. In this issue, I am going to devote my trivia column to an email I received from Chelsea Clocks. I found the information not only interesting, but very educational. I hope that you will agree.

Timeless Investment: Understanding the Value of Antique Chelsea Clocks



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Vintage and antique clocks, including Chelsea clocks, are highly sought after by collectors. Between unique designs, aesthetic appeal, and historical significance, timepieces are on the level of coins, stamps, baseball cards and other popular items. Some classic clocks have fetched millions of dollars at auction.

How Much is My Chelsea Clock Worth?

Valuing antique clocks isn't an exact science. The market can be volatile, and some classic clocks are worth a fraction of similar timepieces. Still, there are some common considerations. Here are six factors that determine the value of an antique clock.

The Clock's Age

The older the clock is, the more value it generally has. Some collectors say an antique clock must be at least 100 years old, but there's no hard and fast rule.

The Clock's Condition

A clock that is in good working and visual condition is worth far more than one with a broken movement, tarnished case or other damage. The one possible exception is small imperfections in construction, as they can indicate the clock was handmade.

Clock Craftsmanship

On a related note, clocks that are well-made using high-quality materials hold more value. Furthermore, if a clockmaker has a good reputation, its vintage clocks will be worth more.

How Rare the Clock Is

If there are only a few dozen models of a certain clock, they will be worth much more than if there were thousands. One example is our Special Grand House Strike Clock; only nine are known to still exist, making the remaining clocks quite valuable.

The Clock's History

Clocks that were owned by someone famous may be worth more because of this association. Likewise, a clock that was made for use on a warship will command more among people interested in naval history.

Market Demand

The more people want a certain clock, the higher its value will be. This is an unpredictable factor as clocks can go in and out of style just like other collectible markets.

How to Determine Clock Value

If you're wondering how much a vintage Chelsea clock is worth, there are a couple of options. One is to look at online pricing guides. Several reputable services such as [Savage & Polite](#) put together estimates based on what similar clocks have sold for.

You can also take the clock to an expert for an appraisal. They can identify features and information an online guide can't and thus give a more precise estimate. If their estimate is way off what you found online, further research may be needed.

Sentimental Value

There is one more great variable, and that's the value the clock has as an heirloom. If a clock has been in your family for generations, it likely has a lot of emotional value. You often can't put a price tag on this sentimentality, as you will treasure the clock in a way few others can.

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I hope that you enjoyed this twelfth installment of *Horological Trivia*. The NAWCC and Chapter 3 provides association services, promoting interest in and encouraging the collecting of clocks and watches including disseminating knowledge of the same.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the year on Sunday, February 9th.

Respectfully,

Wayne Pedryc
President
NAWCC – Chapter 3 - Chicagoland

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Highlights from Chapter 3 – December 8, 2024, Mart – Elmhurst American Legion



Picture #1 – We are privileged to have a terrific group of watch aficionados who are excellent in their field of horology. Our watch dealers are outstanding in Chapter 3. Rich Newman shows his Robert Grinkin, circa 1635-40 museum piece pocket watch to Mahzar Shamas who marveled at this extraordinary watch.

Picture #2 – A close-up shot of Rich Newman's - Robert Grinkin watch which he shared and told the history to our watch enthusiasts.

Picture #3 - Although our attendance was not 101 as it was in October, the 57 total people who came to the December mart had an enjoyable time. In the picture we see Anne Shallcross amazed by Rich's intricate Grinkin watch. Anne's husband, John Shallcross is also pictured at their seller table.

Picture #4 – Ross Nelson showing his fine watches to Ryan Thomas and Ron Chan. Many thanks to Rose Marie Pedryc and Rich Newman, for providing these fine pictures.

2025 - NAWCC - CHAPTER 3 – CHICAGOLAND MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____
SPOUSE'S NAME (NAWCC # if a member) _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
NAWCC NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP # _____ CHAPTER 3 MEMBERSHIP # * _____

Send this form and a **\$15.00** check payable to: **CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER 3** for local chapter membership dues

to:

Pat Seavers
620 Southwind Drive - Unit 207
Lake Geneva, WI 53147 Phone (if necessary): (262) 203-5491

Your Chapter 3 Membership Card will be ready for pick-up at the next Chapter 3 meeting or will be mailed to you upon request if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Note: Due to the rising cost of postage rates, Chapter 3 Newsletters will only be sent by email.

NAWCC - CHAPTER 3 – CHICAGOLAND - ADMISSION FORM for 2025

NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
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TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
NAWCC NATIONAL # _____ CHAPTER 3 # _____

CHECK OFF EACH MEETING YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AT **\$10.00** PER MEETING.

_____ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 - SPECIAL \$5.00 ADMISSION FEE**
_____ SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 _____ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
_____ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 _____ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
\$ _____ TOTAL

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Note: Advance payment of 2025 Admission Fees can also be paid at the Registration Table when attending the Chapter 3 mart.

If you have questions, please email or call Pat Seavers. Thank you.

NAWCC - CHAPTER 3 - CHICAGOLAND TABLE RENTAL FORM for 2025

NAME and NAWCC # - _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

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TABLE RENTAL - **\$15.00** - PER TABLE

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE **PAYING IN ADVANCE** FOR TABLE(S) LOCATION.

TABLES THAT ARE *NOT* PREPAID WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A **FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED** BASIS ON MART DAY AFTER PAYMENT IS PRESENTED.

of TABLES _____ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

of TABLES _____ SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

of TABLES _____ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

of TABLES _____ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

of TABLES _____ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

_____ TOTAL TABLE(S) FOR _____ MEETINGS – TOTAL COST \$ _____

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Please mail in your table rental fee in advance to assist our registration committee.

If you have any questions, please call or email Pat Seavers. Thank you.

2025 National Convention

York Expo Center

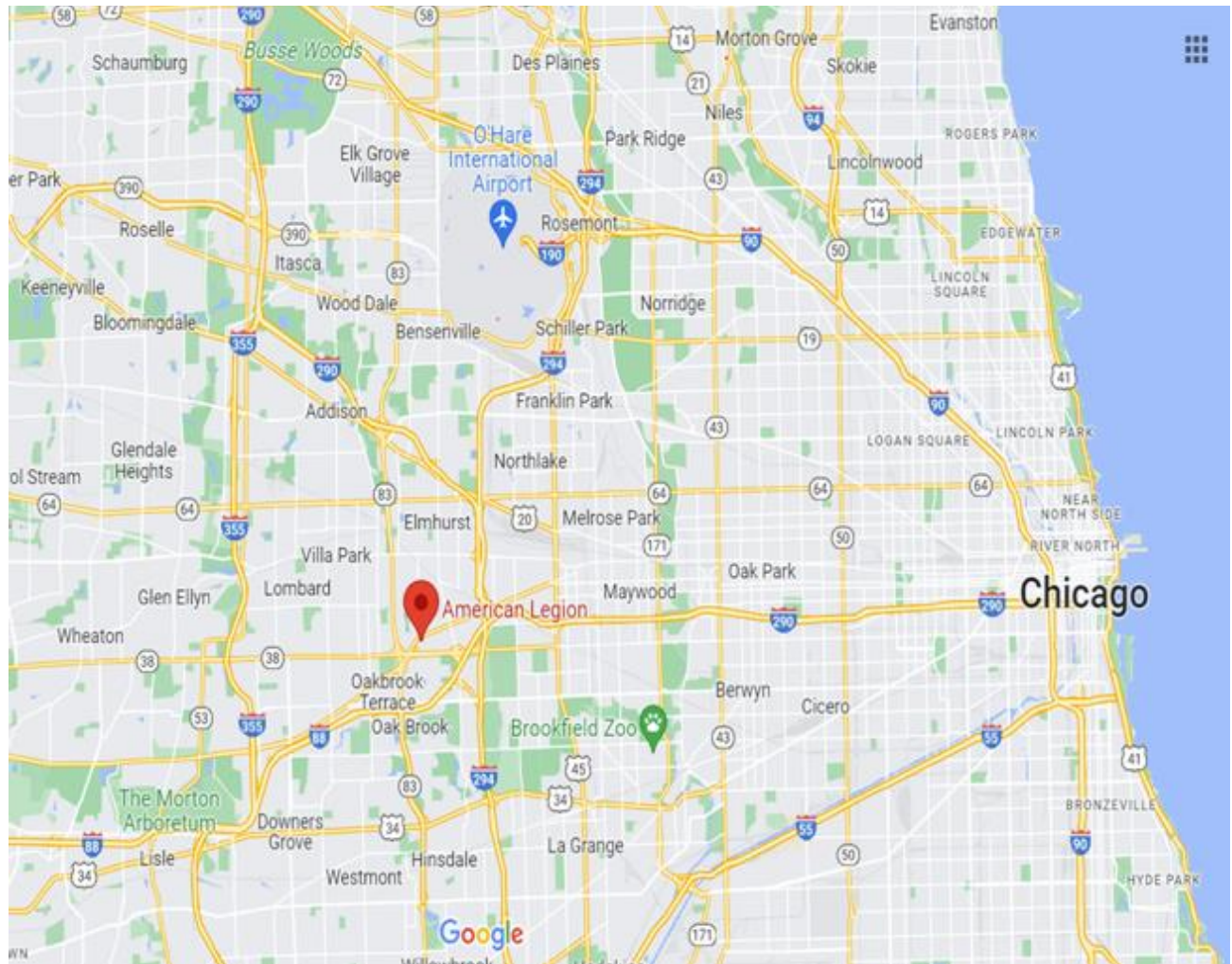
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MAP TO ELMHURST AMERICAN LEGION HALL – ELMHURST, IL

AMERICAN LEGION HALL - NORMANDY ROOM
310 W. BUTTERFIELD RD
ELMHURST, IL



Elmhurst American Legion Hall | 310 W. Butterfield Rd, Elmhurst, IL

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Space is available in the Newsletter for the nominal price of \$8, for a one-time ½ page ad, or \$40 for the entire year. Include picture(s) @\$10.00 each in your ad. It's easy; just contact the Secretary or President.

2024 CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER 3 & NEARBY CHAPTER MEETING DATES

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Central Illinois Chapter #66 – Contact: Mark Coons - coons30@gmail.com
Peace Pipe Chapter #83 – Contact: Jerry Tiemens - jerryann10@sbcglobal.net
(second Monday of each month)
Western Michigan Chapter 101 Contact: Richard Weiderman - pjkurta@gmail.com
Madison Chapter #171 – 1st Wednesday of EVEN numbered months at 7 P.M. -
Contact: Leroy Baker – lebaker@chorus.net Dale Beske - debeske@wisc.edu
Northern Illinois Watch and Clock Club – Contact: Matt Clark -
matt.clarktcs@gmail.com, or Mazhar Shamas – mshamas@gmail.com
British Horology – Chapter 159 – for info contact: Richard Newman, President

This space is available for advertising or your business at the upcoming Mart. There is a nominal rate for displaying your business card.

Details on the cost of placing your ad can be found at the left of this page. Thank you.

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