



**Great Lakes Chapter #6 – NAWCC** 

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Chairman's Comments: Hello all, hope you had a great summer. I can't believe it's already November! We had a great turn out for our all-Michigan meeting, there were many clocks exchanged and friends reunited. Our next meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at a new venue, 907 Monroe St, in Dearborn. It is at the Masonic building on the corner of Monroe and Garrison. We will meet on the second floor (yes there is an elevator) where we will have tables set up for you to sell any of your items. There won't be any presentations at this meeting, but we need you to come out and support your chapter and see old friends. Of course, we will have plenty of food and pop or coffee. Please remember to pay your dues, we don't want to lose you.

# **Upcoming 2022 Chapter Meetings:**

December 4th - Dearborn Masonic Lodge

# **Tentative 2023 Chapter Meetings**

February 5, April 2, October 1, December 3 Dearborn Masonic Lodge August 5 "All Michigan Meeting" – TBD Location Board Meetings: January 5, March 2, July 6, September 7, November 2

#### 2022-23 Chapter Officers

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Gordon Webb, Rich Pozniak, and Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

# **September "All Michigan" Meeting:**

The "All Michigan" meeting of Great lakes Chapter Six was held on September 17th, 2022 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Brighton, MI. on a beautiful, warm late summer day. Approximately 70 members, wives, and guests attended from as far away as the Chicago area. The parking lot was already filling up with eager sellers and customers by 8AM for the tailgate. The event moved inside at 10AM where all 25 tables were sold and soon filled with items for sale. Coffee, donuts, and other refreshments were ready for the participants. Sales continued to be brisk and there were many clocks, watches, tools and other items for sale. The Chapter had a table of items donated by the estate of Paul Mallie and some items from Tom Tulaskas. Many of these items sold quickly netting the Chapter nearly \$500. A 50/50 drawing was held toward the end of the event with Linda Lauhoff winning \$100. The event concluded at 1PM, and it was good to see such a good turnout that allowed everyone to catch up with old and new friends.

Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success; Sara Morris and Linda Dervan for handling the refreshments, Charlie Lauhoff for taking care of the Treasurer's duties, Gordon Webb for helping with set-up and clean-up, Rich Pozniak and James Smith for clean-up, Ray and Sue Fowler for handling the 50/50, Howard Ziegel for donating the donuts, Tom Tulaskas and Fran Mallie for donating items for the Chapter table, and finally, special thanks to Pastor Dale and wife Colleen for all their help in making this event possible. (See some pictures from the event on the picture page)

#### **Mini-Mart:**

Rich Pozniak is looking for a Hermle 130-070 movement with a good balance for parts. Contact Rich on 313 506-8543 or e-mail: richpoz@comcast.net

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(<a href="mailto:thomasm326@gmail.com">thomasm326@gmail.com</a>) and I will try to include it in the next newsletter.

### **December Chapter Meeting:**

The December Chapter meeting will be held on December 4th, 2022 at 1PM at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI (Map on the back page). This is a new venue located at the corner of Garrison and Monroe Streets in downtown west Dearborn, just north of Michigan Avenue, between Southfield and Telegraph. (map on back page). There is a large parking lot and the meeting room is on the second floor. There are two elevators and an area for unloading your mart items near the elevator. To encourage you to attend, this will be a free meeting with food and beverages provided by the Chapter. We ask that you bring a dessert if you can. There will be a mart, and a short business meeting, but mostly we will just have a nice Christmas get together. In order to know how much food to buy, please use the included form to RSVP or call Tom Morris at 734-282-1725 or email thomasm326@gmail.com.

#### **Member Questionnaire:**

Included with this newsletter is a member questionnaire. The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information about Great Lakes Chapter Six members with regard to their horological interests and specialties. We will make this information available to the members as a resource to make it easier to get help or advice. Please fill out the form (if you haven't already) and return to Tom Morris by mail or by using the link provided with your email copy.

### **New Members:**

James Smith, Stuart Suanders, and Jon Start joined the Chapter at the "All Michigan Meeting". Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome if you see them at a future meeting.

# **2023 Dues:**

2023 Dues are due and remain at \$5 for an email newsletter and \$10 for paper. A dues renewal form is included for your use. Please remit your payment by 12/31/2022. Please note that you can pay using Paypal by using the link <a href="mailto:PayPal.Me/chapter6dues">PayPal.Me/chapter6dues</a>.

# **Chapter Visit to Greenfield Village to see the Sir John Bennett Clock:**

Several members of Great Lakes Chapter Six recently took a guided tour of the Sir John Bennett Clock at the Henry Ford Greenfield Village. The flatbed tower clock with bells and four animated figures of Gog, Magog, Father Time and the Angel was installed in Sir John Bennett's store in London, England in 1875. Henry Ford bought the building, clock and figures, had it disassembled and brought to Dearborn, Michigan in 1929 where it was reconstructed as one of the historic buildings in Greenfield Village. The tower clock is a three train clock with time, strike and Westminster chime. It also powers the Gog and Magog figures that strike the bells. Great Lakes Chapter Six replaced the weights powering the clock with an electric winding system called "monkey on a rope" in the early 90's to eliminate the roughly 1600 pound of weights that were starting to cause the tower to shift on its foundation.

Twelve members (group size limited due to small space around the movement) of the Chapter were given a guided tour of the clock by Conservative Specialist Andrew Ganem who maintains the clock for the Henry Ford. He explained the history of the clock since it came to Greenfield Village and discussed some of the challenges in keeping the clock and the figures operating. The figures were recently restored but require constant attention since they are out in the weather and subjected to Michigan winters. He explained how a recent repair was made to one of the figures to replace part of the movable arm. The part was actually 3D scanned and an exact replica made with a 3D printer.

The building and figures are a popular attraction at Greenfield Village, and visitors congregate on benches across the street from the clock to watch when it strikes and chimes. If you would like more information about the clock, there is an article about it By Andy Dervan in the January/February 2019 NAWCC Watch and Clock Bulletin (pg. 44) that is available on the NAWCC website.

# **Picture Page**



**Tailgate in Progress** 



A Busy Mart

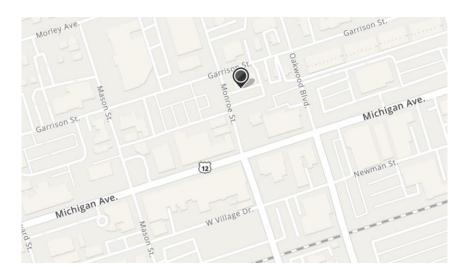


**Bill and Paul in Memoriam** 



Members at the Sir John Bennett Clock

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