

**Chairman's Comments:**

Hello Everyone,

If you missed the last meeting you missed a lot! We try to bring you the best information that is available. Tom knocked it out of the park with his presentation about what to do with saving your clocks finish. I think he posted some of the products on our website that he uses. As always, if there is something you would like to see or learn about, there are many resources that we can present. Just ask. We need your input.

There are many great clock shows coming up. The main one you don't want to miss is the National that will be in Dayton OH June 23 - 26. It is close enough for a day trip. Just don't miss our "All Michigan Meeting" at our new venue in Brighton on Sept 17. Please attend and see all of the fun things and deals.

Tom Morris has, as always, been doing a great job, as is Jim Miller, many thanks for all that you both do. With that said all of us could not do the job without the past officers that have guided and helped us along. It is very difficult to do all of this without you, yes you! Please take the time to come out and support your chapter, we need you.

Upcoming 2022 Chapter Meetings:

June 12th - Plymouth Historical Museum

September 17th – All Michigan Meeting – Brighton

December 4th – Dearborn Masonic Lodge

Board Meetings: July 30th, October 15th

2022 Chapter Officers

Ray Fowler, president 313-588-5858

Jim Miller, treasurer 734-718-8563

Tom Morris, secretary 734-282-1725

Bill Ellison, Paul Mallie, Gordon Webb, and
Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

April Chapter Meeting:

The April meeting of Great lakes Chapter Six was held on April 24th, 2022 at the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth Michigan. Twenty six members, wives and guests attended on a beautiful, sunny, warm (finally) spring day. Several members brought items to sell or trade and there were refreshments and lots of catching up among the attendees.

The program began with some opening remarks and announcements from President Ray Fowler followed by introduction of member Tom Morris, who gave a PowerPoint presentation called "To Restore or Not to Restore, That is the Question". The purpose of the presentation was to familiarize the members with the options they have when deciding what to do with a new acquisition. The presentation focused mainly on clock cases and talked about four main options; preservation, conservation, restoration, and leaving as found. These terms were defined and discussed in detail with examples. The presentation also discussed evaluating your recent clock acquisitions to be able to decide which of the options you want to pursue. Tools and materials that can be used in conserving and restoring were also discussed as well as resources available to learn about the processes that are involved. Several pictures of clocks were shown to illustrate the various options. The presentation concluded with several questions from the audience.



**1991 Gilbert "Citizen" Clock
Before and After Restoration**

Following the presentation, Andy Dervan spoke about some clock books that he recommended. Of special interest was a book on clockmaker Joseph Ives by Mary Jane Dapkus, a very active NAWCC and Cog Counters member and author.

Light refreshments were provided during the meeting. We have been using individually wrapped refreshment items due to Covid concerns. Hopefully we can return to more fresh food items in the future.

Mini-Mart:

Michael Shulman is looking for watch making tools as follows: 1) a pair of hairspring removal tools for wristwatch-sized hairsprings, 2) Dumont style 7 watchmaker tweezers, 3) other quality watchmaker tweezers that are completely/truly antimagnetic, 4) a good used demagnetizer (seeking an old solid one rather than a newer Chinese-made one), and 5) any collections of vintage Swiss- or American-made 15- or greater-jewel men's wristwatch movements, for parts. Collections of vintage men's watch dials, watch-hands, cases and case-backs, etc., also sought. Contact Michael at mshulmanphd@gmail.com.

Jerome Smarney is looking for an ultrasonic automatic watch cleaning machine. Contact Jerome at 810-794-7672

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) and I will try to include it in the next newsletter.

New Members:

John Bolday recently joined the Chapter. Please welcome him if you see him at a future Chapter event

If you have a friend or relative who is interested in horology, encourage them to join the NAWCC and our Chapter. They can attend a Chapter meeting as your guest free of charge to meet our members and learn about Chapter activities.

2022 Dues:

2022 dues are due and remain at \$5 for email newsletter and \$10 for a paper newsletter. Many of you still need to send in your payment. **A dues renewal form is included with this newsletter if you owe dues for 2022.** Please remit your dues and dues renewal form ASAP to insure that you continue to receive the newsletter. Remember that you can send cash, check, or money order, and you can even pay using Paypal. Instructions for using Paypal will be included with your email newsletter. Call Tom Morris at 734-282-1725 or email me at thomasm326@gmail.com if you have questions.

June Chapter Meeting:

The June Chapter meeting will be held on June 12th, 2022 at 1PM at the Plymouth Historical Museum (Map on the back page). We will have our customary Mart and refreshments. Pat Loftus will give an interesting presentation on "James Remind-O Clocks".

When: Sunday, June 12th, 1-4 PM

Where: Plymouth Historical Museum (see map on next page)

Cost: \$5 admission for Mart, refreshments, and the Program.

Program: "James Remind-O Clocks" by Pat Loftus

Chapter Health News:

Longtime member and veteran Jeff Cooper passed away on December 15, 2021 at age 80. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Both Andy Dervan and Linda Lauhoff attended the April Chapter meeting. It was good to see them and that they both are recovering well from recent health issues.



Jeff Cooper

Chapter “Coffee Klatch”:

Don’t forget to join our weekly “Coffee Klatch” on Wednesday’s at 10AM via Zoom. Bring your clock and watch discussion items or anything else you would like to talk about. If I have your email, you will receive the meeting notice and Zoom link each week.

Upcoming National Events:

The NAWCC National Convention will be in Dayton, Ohio, June 23-26. See details at <https://natcon.nawcc.org/2022>

Meeting Venues:

You have probably noticed that most of our meetings are being held at the Plymouth Historical Museum (PHM) instead of alternating them with the Royal Oak Senior Center as in years past. The main reason for this is the cost of renting the Royal Oak facility, which is twice the cost of PHM (\$150 vs. \$75 per meeting). Also, the PHM provides free room setup and a better venue for presentations. The Board realizes that this may cause some issues for those of you who live on the east side where the Royal Oak facility was more convenient and we apologize for that. We hope that you will understand the reasons for this change and will continue to attend our meetings. **We need you!** The goal of the Board is to make our meetings as close to revenue neutral as possible while still providing a good product that you will want to participate in. Along those lines, also notice that we are moving the December meeting to the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn as a way of further reducing costs. This is a beautiful facility, and we hope you will all attend the December meeting to check it out. Thank you for your understanding and let us know your thoughts.

Donations of Horological Items to the Chapter:

The Chapter appreciates the donation of horological items to the Chapter to be sold to benefit Chapter Finances. Below are the guidelines for these donations:

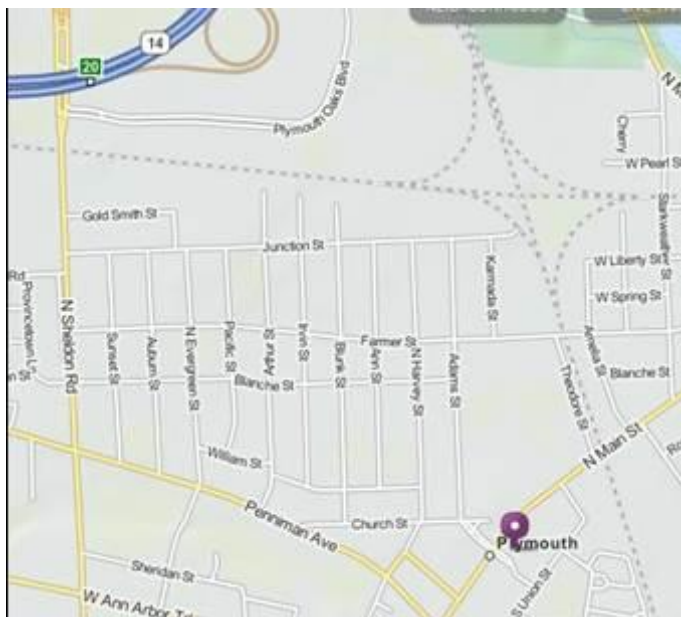
1. Items will be accepted once a year for sale at the All Michigan Meeting in September.
2. You can drop your items off at the June Chapter meeting, or at the Secretary’s home. Contact the Secretary first to see if we can accept your items. We are unable to handle large items or large quantities.
3. Arrangements can be made to pick up your items with the Secretary if you can’t use one of the options in item 2 above.
4. We will have a Chapter table at the September meeting to sell the items.
5. All proceeds will go to the Great Lakes Chapter – NAWCC

If you have questions, contact Tom Morris at 734-282-1725 or 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 and return to Tom Morris by mail or by using the link provided with your email copy.

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