

**Chairman's Comments:**

Greetings to all and welcome to the Michigan summer that we have all been waiting for. Our All Michigan Meeting will be on August 5, at the Lord of Life, Lutheran Church, 5051 Pleasant Valley Road, Brighton, Michigan. Tailgate will start at 9 AM until 10 AM after which we will move inside and have refreshments and a 50-50 drawing. We look forward to seeing you there.

I received a call from Bob Haase from West Bloomfield, Michigan. His father collected many clocks and when he passed away, they were packed up and put in storage. That was almost 30 years ago. His son contacted me and donated over 125 clocks, mostly mantel clocks in various states of disrepair. I will be bringing several boxes of these to our All Michigan Meeting.

Hope to see you all soon.
Raymond Fowler

Tentative 2023 Chapter Meetings

February 26, April 2, October 1, December 3

Dearborn Masonic Lodge

August 5 "All Michigan Meeting"

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI

**Board Meetings: January 5, February 26, July 5,
September 7, November 2**

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Charlie Lauhoff, Directors

2023 Dues are Due:

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 if you have not paid. Please remit your payment soon to continue to receive the newsletter. Please note that you can pay using Paypal by using the link [PayPal.Me/chapter6dues](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nawcc.org%2Fchapter6dues). **If you have not paid your dues, this will be your last newsletter**

April Chapter Meeting:

The April Chapter meeting of Great Lakes Chapter Six was held on April 2nd, 2023, at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI. About 30 members, wives, and guests, attended the meeting. Several members brought items for sale, and the room was busy with shopping and conversation. There were refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

After some brief housekeeping and upcoming events announcements, President Ray Fowler turned the meeting over to the members. This meeting was a "Show and Tell" meeting where members were asked to bring their favorite or unique clock and/or watch tools and also favorite books on the subject. Sil Venerus and Ray Fowler both brought cuckoo and regulator clock stands for working on the movements, Pat Loftus brought an antique cast iron clock repair stand from 1874 complete with patent application, Gordon Webb discussed several special tools he had made including tooling to make odd threaded screws, Tom Morris brought a homemade mainspring winder, Rich Pozniak discussed what the four numbers on the back of French movements mean, and brought some wire bending tools. Walter Opdycke brought his "Time-O-Graph used to regulate watches, and Jim Miller brought a digital microscope with screen.

Several books were discussed; Andy Dervan talked about the Steven Conover clock repair books that many of us use, Pat Loftus brought an autobiography of C. Jerome, Sue Ellison discussed a 400 day clock book edited by her late husband Bill Ellison, and Tom Morris brought a book by H. Fried on watch repair. It was an enjoyable afternoon, especially with so many members participating.

Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success. I won't try to name them all here, but everyone pitched in with set-up and clean-up, refreshments, helping members move their items from the parking lot to the meeting room, etc.

August Chapter Meeting:

The August Chapter meeting will be held on August 5th, 2023, at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church east of Brighton, MI. This is our "All Michigan Meeting" and we will have a tailgate from 9AM to 10AM followed by an indoor mart from 10AM to 1PM. There will be tables to rent and refreshments. As in past years, we have invited NAWCC members from nearby states, so there will be some "new" mart items for you to peruse. In addition, there will be a Chapter table for donated items. We have received a large number of clocks from the Haase estate that will be available at deep discount prices. There will be a 50/50 drawing, and refreshments. Tables are limited, so please reserve your table (one per member) in advance. A reservation form is included with this newsletter. The venue is located at 5051 Pleasant Valley Rd. in Brighton, MI. just north of I-96. Please note that I-96, I-696, and I-275 are all under construction so give yourself extra time. If coming westbound on I-96, take exit 150 north to the Church. If coming eastbound on I-96, take exit 151, cross the freeway, take westbound I-96 back to exit 150 and proceed north to the Church. There will be signs to direct you to the Church from Pleasant Valley Road.

Tour of the U of M Telescope:

One of our members, Brian Murphy, has arranged for Chapter members to tour the U of M telescope and other astrological instruments in Ann Arbor on July 26 at 10 AM. If you are interested in attending, contact me on 734-282-1725 or email me at greatlakeschaptersix@gmail.com to get on the list. Details to follow.

Chapter Website:

We have a Chapter website as part of the NAWCC website located at www.nawcc.org. By clicking on "Local Chapters" at the top of the home page, you can search for Chapters in Michigan which will bring up our Chapter website. On our website is information about the Chapter, our meeting schedule with directions to the meeting location, newsletters dating back to 2020 and recent presentations that have been made at Chapter meetings. Check it out!

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(greatlakeschaptersix@gmail.com) and I will try to include it in the next newsletter.

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. To date we have received 49 responses, with 25 interested in clocks, 15 in watches, and 6 interested in both.

New Members:

Zack Schmidt and Roger Melton (prior member) recently joined the Chapter. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome if you see him at a future meeting.

Donations to the Chapter:

The Chapter benefits greatly from the sale of donated items. If you have horological items you want to donate, we accept them once a year before the “All Michigan Meeting” (August 5th this year). Give me a call at 734-282-1725 to see if they are items we can handle. As always, we appreciate your donations of items like this, as well as cash, and also your time helping out at our events.

Upcoming Events:

- July 13-16, 2023, NAWCC National Convention, Lancaster, PA
- August 5, 2023, Chapter Six “All Michigan Meeting”, Brighton, MI
- August 25-26, Eastern States Regional, Nexus Center, Utica, NY

Pictures from the April Meeting



Sil Venerus with
Regulator movement
stand



Patrick Loftus with
Jerome autobiography



Rich Pozniak
discusses French
movement markings



Gordon Webb
with leather punch



Andy Dervan talks
about Conover books



Walter Opdycke with
Time -O-Graph



Jim Miller with
magnifier



Sue Ellison with
400 day clock book

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