



Great Lakes Chapter #6 – NAWCC Newsletter No. 230 April 2023

Chairman's Comments:

Well, as a lot of the clocks say, at the top "Tempus Fugit", which is Latin for time flies. I can't believe that I am already in my second year as your President. I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and safe, and that you have power. At least here in southeast Michigan it has been a very mild winter and soon to be over.

I was hoping at the February meeting that we would have a better turnout as compared to our holiday party in December. I'm not sure if the free pizza brought a lot of you out or not. It's still nice to come out and see our friends and talk about our clocks and watches.

Our next meeting is coming quickly. It's less than a month away on April 2. It will be at the same location as our last two meetings, 907 Monroe Ave., one block north of Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. As usual, we will have at least 10 tables set up for you to bring something to sell. This meeting we will be having individual presentations about some of our favorite books to use as resources or some of our favorite tools to use to help us make the correct repairs. Please try to attend and bring something to talk about or just come out and maybe you'll learn something new.

If you know of anyone that would like to learn more about our Chapter, or the NAWCC, you can always bring them as your guest and maybe we might be able to build on our membership. Many of our current members are a wealth of knowledge, all you have to do is ask. Hope to see you all soon, stay warm, summer is almost here.

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 6,
September 7, November 2

2022-23 Chapter Officers

Ray Fowler, President 313-588-5858 Jim Miller, Treasurer 734-718-8563 Tom Morris, Secretary 734-282-1725 Andy Dervan- Historian 313-885-8861 Gordon Webb, Rich Pozniak, and 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.

February Chapter Meeting:

The February Chapter meeting of Great Lakes Chapter Six was held on February 26th, 2023, at the Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI. This was our second meeting in this location as we continue to work out the bugs to improve our presentations and room layout. 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.

We made several changes to improve this venue for our Chapter meetings. First was to place rows of chairs in the center of the room with tables for mart items arrayed around the outside of the room. This placed the chairs in direct line for viewing the presentations. Second was the addition of a large portable screen and a digital projector for showing PowerPoint presentations or pictures that the presenter would be using. Finally, a microphone and the room's sound system were used so that everyone could hear what was being said during the presentation. These changes greatly improved the ability of our audience to view and hear our presentations.



New Room Layout →

After some brief housekeeping and upcoming events announcements, President Ray Fowler gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on rebushing. This included a review of the KWM and Bergeon bushing systems, the criteria to determine the need for bushings, and the various tools and methods that can be used. Ray brought many of these specialty tools to show the members including a depthing tool that many had heard of but never seen. There was some Q and A and several members also discussed how they do bushing repairs.



Members Viewing the "Rebushing" Presentation



Ray and the Depthing Tool

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.

April Chapter Meeting:

The April Chapter meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2023, at 1PM. The meeting will be held at the Dearborn Masonic Lodge in Dearborn, MI (Map on the back page). If you haven't attended a meeting here, it is located at the corner of Garrison and Monroe Streets in downtown west Dearborn, just north of Michigan Avenue, between Southfield and Telegraph. 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. There will be a Mart, so bring your items to sell or trade. The presentation will be on "Tools and Books Related to Clock and Watch Repairs". This will be an audience participation event, so bring your favorite tool or a homemade clock or watch repair tool and/or your favorite clock or watch repair books to discuss with the members.



April Meeting Preview Homemade Spring Winder

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(thomasm326@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:

Jeff Truant recently joined the Chapter and is interested in vintage watches. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome if you see him at a future meeting.

2022 Financial Report and Membership Status:

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2022	\$4561.99
Chapter Income (Dues and Meeting Income)	\$1721.09*
Chapter Expenses (Mailing, Meeting, & Misc. Expenses)	(\$916.13)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2022	\$5366.95

^{*\$592} of this amount was realized from the sale of items donated by the family of Paul Mallie

Please contact Jim Miller for more details

We ended 2022 with 85 members of which 45 receive email newsletters and 40 receive paper.

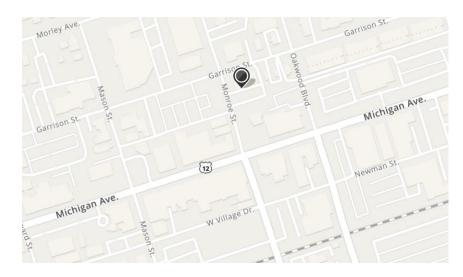
Donations to the Chapter:

As you can see from the above Financial Report, the Chapter benefits greatly from your donations. In the past two years, we have realized close to \$1300 in revenue from the sale of parts, books, clocks, and watches donated by Jerry Stocking in 2021 (\$683) and the family of Paul Mallie in 2022 (\$592). So 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:

- April 13-15, 2023, Southern Ohio Regional, Wilmington, OH
- July 13-16, 2023, NAWCC National Convention, Lancaster, PA
- August 5, 2023, Chapter Six "All Michigan Meeting", Brighton, MI

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