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**Please send us
any comments or
suggestions you
may have.**

Who we are, our aim, and our purpose:

The **Chapter Relations Committee** (CRC) was formed in October of 2008 to focus on the relationship between the Chapters and the National Organization. Its primary objectives are to strengthen the NAWCC Chapters; establish confidence, trust, and accountability between all the parties through timely and open communications; and give guidance and support to the Chapters.

PLEASE SHARE and RESPOND

Dear Members, *(A Message from the CRC Chair)*

I hope this issue finds you and your families well and that you are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times.

We debated whether to send out a Newsletter at this time but decided since we are all confined to home and following restrictions that you may have extra time to read this newsletter. We also decided as a first time to send the NL not only to the Chapter Officers but to all Chapter Members.

I realized from the feedback I received that some the Officers were not sharing the NL with its members. Like you we are very disappointed that all our Chapter Meetings, Regionals and Nationals along with other collecting, antique fairs and markets have been cancelled. Now is the time to reevaluate our Chapters and meetings. It would be good to reach out to all past and potential members. Spend some time trying to come up with ideas to attract new and younger members to the NAWCC.

Our committee is here to assist you in any way we can, feel free to contact us for help. As in the past I would really appreciate your feedback on this newsletter. The links to the past Newsletter articles are in this issue. Go back and read them for you will obtain lots of helpful and valuable information.

These are unprecedented times that have dramatically changed our lives. While the uncertainty can be unsettling I believe we will get through this together and emerge stronger. So keep the faith and stay strong. Continue to support the NAWCC and keep your Chapters alive.

Best regards and stay well.

Lu Sadowski

You can reply to me at LBSadowski@aol.com or Stacey Strayer at sstrayer@nawcc.org. If you do not have email and the newsletter is mailed to you, you can always respond to us by mail at:

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My sincere wishes,

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SAVE THE DATES

2021 NAWCC National Convention, Hampton, Virginia Week of July 15th—18th

FUTURE SYMPOSIUMS: **2020** - October 1—3, "Horology 1776: Timekeeping During the American Revolution" Philadelphia, Chairman Bob Frishman

2021 - "250 Years of the Lever Escapement", New York City, Bob Frishman

An Update from the Chair



Dear friends,

In normal times, the Board of Directors would be meeting at the National Convention for two full days of planning and strategy sessions. I shake my head thinking about the unprecedented times we are all dealing with and wonder when we will be able to fully gather and enjoy seeing one another again in person. While we don't know when that will be, we can look forward and prepare. Distance learning with video conferencing, webinars, electronic forums such as our Message Board, and content-rich websites are all in focus today more than at any time in the past.

We've been without an Executive Director since October and the organization has been managed by a very dedicated and motivated team comprised of staff and Board of Directors. Controller Jenn Byers is our lead at headquarters and oversight is being done by a temporary committee, the Oversight & Advancement Committee (O&AC), which was established by board motion on October 29, 2019. The (volunteer) committee has worked between 100 and 120 hours every week since that time; Director Jim Price (from Wichita Kansas) is our de facto chief operating officer working directly with all members of our great leadership staff in Columbia. Together, we've made huge progress by emphasizing teamwork, employing technology and efficiency tools, and staying focused on priorities. But, that's not enough and I want to give a huge shout-out to all of you who are running local chapters and participating on national committees. Everything we have and do starts at the local level.

As you know, we had to cancel the National Convention in Dayton but this is another example of a great team, led by host Chapter Southern Ohio #23, which has done tremendous work and created tools & templates that any convention can use in the future. By the way, Chapter 23 grows their membership every year and Earl Harlamert would be happy to discuss their reach-out programs and how they do it. You can contact Earl at (937) 890-2924. Canceling the National has left a very large donut in our budget at a time when we're scrambling to raise funds to replace our failing roof and HVAC systems. I'm glad to report that replacement of the roof will happen this year. I'm also very proud to relay that more than 50 people with paid pre-registrations and table holders for the canceled National Convention donated their registrations fees to help.

Probably the most exciting announcement I have is the launch of the new website this month. Replacing our old site was essential to our survival because thousands of people find us on the internet every month. With that in mind, our high-level objectives from the start was pretty straightforward:

- 1.) Entice people who find us on the internet to develop interest in horology, interest in the NAWCC, and interest to become a member
- 2.) Improve access to information
- 3.) Increase traffic and ability to monetize that traffic
- 4.) Improve staff efficiency where possible

Enhancements will take place in the future. For this first release, we tried to focus on just 7 things:

- 1.) Achieve a single new website for the public and members to use without having to keep the old site up and running for any purpose
- 2.) Ability for members to login once and seamlessly access all functionality, including member-only content
- 3.) Improve access to information with a new menu and navigation design that uses up-to-date terminology and methods
- 4.) Streamline information and functionality to sign-up to become a member
- 5.) Fix inoperable links, spelling & grammar present on old website
- 6.) Improve internet search ranking on Google, Bing, and other search engines
- 7.) Launch during May

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An Update from the Chair continued

I'm hopeful that members will be pleased with all the work that has taken place so far, although some time will be needed to adjust to the new look and feel, and find where information is now located. I don't mind saying that everybody on the website team knows that more work is needed and nobody will ever be "completely happy" with the website, as is always the situation with very large and complex projects. But, the team is thrilled with getting to this point especially knowing that several attempts in past crashed and burned unfinished.

Please continue to support your NAWCC network of colleagues and friends by reaching out and staying in-touch. If there is anything HQ can do to help, please contact us.

Kind regards,
Rich Newman
Chair, NAWCC

Specialty Chapter 175 Industrial Time Recorders Chapter



Chapter 175 is aptly identified as a Specialty Chapter, as it's primary function is to promote and exchange information specifically regarding time recording clocks and the methods utilized to collect and record individual employee "time-on-the-job". Hence, the name of Chapter 175 is the **Industrial Time Recorders Chapter**.

Chapter 175 was originally founded by a long time NAWCC member, "Bernie" Pollack and 7 other time clock collectors back in 1997 and received a formal Chapter Charter shortly thereafter. Bernie maintained stewardship of Chapter 175 until his passing in 2014. Shortly thereafter, Frank Dey took on the responsibility for maintaining the chapter and continues doing so presently.

Being a Specialty Chapter, the Industrial Time Recorders Chapter does not have regular on-site meetings...but relies on the publication of a quarterly Newsletter to keep it's membership together and in contact with one another.

Some background... [Click Here to read the full article and view the pictures.](#)

NAWCC 2021 National Convention, Hampton, Virginia



The NAWCC 2021 National Convention will be held on July 15-18 in Hampton, Virginia at the Hampton Roads Convention Center and adjacent Embassy Suites Hotel.

Hampton is located in Coastal Virginia, considered one of America's most scenic and historic travel destinations. Attractions include the Fort Monroe and Casemate Museum, the Hampton History Museum, the Mariner's Museum and the Virginia Air and Space Museum. You can enjoy harbor cruises or shop at the nearby Peninsula Town Center with over 70 shops and dining establishments. Just a short drive away is Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg, the Yorktown Victory Center, the Norfolk Naval Base, Richmond and Virginia Beach.

A wide range of speakers and topics are being offered. The 75,000 sq. ft Mart area promises 'something for everyone'. Additional information and registration will be available in mid-summer. We look forward to seeing you and your family in Hampton in 2021.

NAWCC Auction Email Blasts

**Want to promote your upcoming auction or online store?
Email Mart@nawcc.org to order your spot in the next eBlast.**

On about the first and fifteenth of every month, the NAWCC sends out an email blast. This email informs subscribers about upcoming auctions and online stores with sales that include watches, clocks, and other horological items. Auction Emails are an opportunity for members to advertise their auctions effectively and economically.

The NAWCC Auction Emails reap much success, with a fifty-one percent open rate. The Eblasts boast a high click rate as well, at an average of twenty-six percent.

Any NAWCC Member can sign up to receive the Auction Emails.

[Click here to read more about this great opportunity!](#)

Staff Directory



Our staff is always ready and happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them whenever you need assistance with your membership or access to your account or just any questions you may have about the Association.

They stand ready to assist you in any way they can!

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NATIONAL HOSTING INFORMATION

If your chapter would like information on hosting a future NAWCC National Convention, please contact Jim Price, Chair Convention Committee.

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Please Note:

If you are planning on going to a National Convention, or to any upcoming Regional, you will not be admitted if your NAWCC membership is not up to date. Be sure to renew it before you attend. You may also renew it at a regional or the convention.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER 8 LAUNCHES VIRTUAL MEETING WEBINARS



At 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, Chapter 8 took to the Internet with its inaugural Zoom meeting. President Chris Carey regretted having to cancel Chapter meetings and he wanted to continue providing good programs during the virus shutdown.

Two weeks before, he called Bob Frishman, a Chapter 8 Past President and frequent speaker at its gatherings. Bob was just drafting an article for *Maine Antique Digest* about the recent online-only auction of clocks and watches at Skinner. Bob suggested that he could do a talk about that sale based on his article “No Preview, No Podium, No Problem” and include Skinner’s department specialist Jonathan Dowling as a panelist. The plan was settled and email announcements were sent.

As the half-hour live webinar began, Bob told the dozens of online afternoon attendees that they were getting a souped-up version of his article. In print, he is limited to about 20 pictures but for the presentation he could use many more to illustrate and enhance his auction report. 85 sharp color pictures were shown as his talk progressed, and more than one viewer said that it actually was better than watching projected images on a distant screen at a live meeting. About 20 minutes of Q&A followed his talk and allowed Jonathan to offer some details not covered by Bob.



The chapter purchased Zoom’s enhanced webinar package which allows more participants and offers other special features including recording the program for streaming later. Now anybody can watch and listen to Bob’s report on the highlights of the Skinner auction, including a \$200,000 Rolex and \$100,000 tall clock.



1149 Single-owner \$80,000 **Ended**
Rolex
Daytona
Reference
6239 "Exotic"
Dial
Wristwatch

Winning bid: ☐ \$160,000 **CLOSED!**

You can view the recording on our Vimeo Site, just click [HERE](#).

Other chapters can do this too, Chapter 8 V.P. Rick Saul can advise you how if needed.

Call Kevin Osborne (ext. 232) at the NAWCC for Rick’s contact information.

Searching for Information in the Watch & Clock Bulletin

Go to the NAWCC website, **log in** and click on Publications. In the left hand menu click on the Watch & Clock Bulletin link. On the dropdown menu click on the Bulletin Index.



Click on Quick Search and enter a keyword (subject, author, etc.) Click the search button. The results will appear below. Click on an ID number to view the PDF.

Click the image Below to enlarge it.

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RESEARCH REQUEST

EDWARD DUFFIELD, COLONIAL PHILADELPHIA CLOCKMAKER



Edward Duffield created some of the finest clocks made in American during the 18th century. While a small number of articles and book entries have been written about him, no comprehensive published study of his life and work has yet been produced.

Now research is underway for such a book, with expected publication by the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. Duffield was an early member of this venerable institution founded by his close friend Benjamin Franklin.

The new book's author, Bob Frishman, hopes that more clocks and papers will surface before publication. If you own or know of Duffield clocks, or of unpublished information, Bob will be grateful to hear from you. All replies will be confidential.

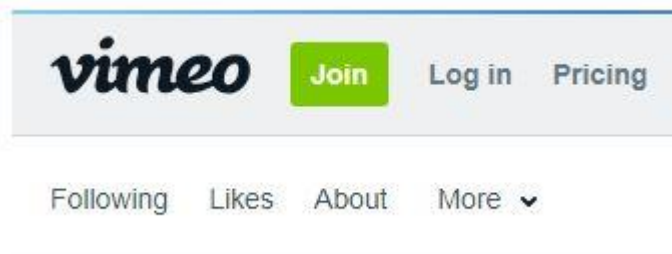
To contact Bob Frishman, visit www.edwardduffield.com

More NAWCC Videos On Vimeo!

In addition to the NAWCC presentations that are posted on our Vimeo site we now have all the NAWCC Webinars, 6 years worth of NAWCC Ward Francillon Symposiums and over 100 NAWCC Library Videos.

You can also sit in on an extended talk and demonstration of the Monumental Engle Clock and view The Atlanta Chapter 24 production of the Clocks of the Georgia Governors Mansion.

You can view the videos on the internet at <https://vimeo.com/nawcc>. Once you access the



site, simply click on the “More” option and select Showcases from the drop down menu.

This will present you with links to the albums that contain the videos from the Gala, the National Convention and more.

Clicking on any album will open it and allow you to select and view any of the videos that interest you.

As time and opportunity permits we will be adding videos to the Vimeo site so check back often.

Enjoy the view!



Did you know that your ALREADY belong to the Association of Science and Technology Centers Passport Program?

Click on the ASTC image to find out more.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

Why look elsewhere when you can shop online at the NAWCC GIFT SHOP?

They have a large variety of items for every one of all ages and interests to choose from.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING!

10% Member Discount!

Tax Deductibility of NAWCC Individual Memberships



The National Watch & Clock Museum Offers Free Admission to Military Families All Year Round

Clock Shop at Dutchess County Fair Grounds, Rhinebeck, NY

By Walt Lennon

The clock shop at the fairgrounds is in the Museum Village building. This building was put up about 15 years ago to display life as it was from 1870 – 1929. William (Bill) Lowe from chapter 84 of NAWCC was instrumental in getting the clock shop set up in the building.

A good number of the clocks and items on display came from Bill Lowe and some from others who put them there on display. They remained there after their passing. The shop has a lathe and polisher that runs by foot power. We have Clocks & watches and old Tools.

The oldest clock we have is a wooden works clock from the 1830s that still works.

It is an Elisha Hotchkiss Jr from Burlington. Ct

The shop is manned during the fair by people from Chapter 84. We do work on clocks and watches plus answer questions from the people who walk through. The most asked question is, "Who can I take my clock to and get it repaired?" The building is open two other times during the year: they are during the Country Living show in the spring & the Sheep & Wool show in the fall.

If you have been to the fair and have never visited the Museum Village Building, I highly recommend you do. You will enjoy not only the clock shop but all the old time working and not working displays that are there. If you have never been to the Dutchess County Fair you will have a lot to see and enjoy. There are 14 different displays to enjoy in the Museum Village building.

I became the exhibit chairman of the clock shop after the passing of Bill Lowe in 2014.



Your Board and Staff have been working hard for you!

[Click here to read all the NAWCC- Oversight & Advancement Accomplishments and Project Updates Reported by the Board of Directors](#)

NAWCC Chapter Websites

Many chapters have websites with information on their chapter (history, activities, and chapter contacts). It is a great benefit particularly for new members to find a local chapter or special interest chapter

Kevin Osborne, Headquarters, IT Support Specialist, has moved this to a new server and updated many of the websites.

If your chapter has a website, check it out you can find it under Local Chapters on the new NAWCC website homepage. If your chapter needs updating contact Kevin at kosborne@nawcc.org or telephone him at 717-684-8261 ext 232, and provide him the necessary updates.

If your chapter does not have website and officers are thinking about setting one up, contact Kevin at kosborne@nawcc.org or telephone him at 717-684-8261 ext 232, and provide him the necessary information and he can create one for your chapter.

Andy Dervan

UPDATING YOUR CHAPTER INFORMATION

Chapter Presidents and Officers:

Each time you receive a new Bulletin/Mart Highlights, email blasts or any other correspondence please check the listings for your Chapter and the Committees you are on. Check that all the information is correct and up to date. If there are any changes that need to be updated please contact Stacey in Member Services at sstrayer@nawcc.org This also applies to any members who read this Newsletter.

Thank you,
Stacey Strayer,
NAWCC Member Services



Clocks for Humanity

One of my pursuits is building houses for Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County, New York. When people at our ReStore (where Habitat takes in donations and resells them to earn money for building more houses) found out I worked on clocks, they asked me to be the go-to guy for clock questions. I said sure. So when clocks are donated they let me know and I tell them what price to put on them ... usually around \$50 to \$75. If they are extra nice or have historical value, I'll take them home, clean them and get them running. These clocks usually go for over \$100. Clocks go out the front door as fast as they come in the back door. People love them, even if they aren't working.

Last year, I picked up a beautiful (though dirty) Tiffany Mantel clock for \$25. It had some serious problems and was not my style, but it was a good project to work on. Plus, I had an end result in mind. When I restored it to its former beauty, I took it in to ReStore, set it up running in the front of the store, safely behind the counter. We then ran a silent auction for one month, where people would fill out a form with their name, phone number and their bid price, and put it in a glass jar. It was a great attraction for the store, and was featured on our web site. The winner paid \$650 for the clock and was going to give it to his daughter as a wedding present.

Later in the year, someone donated a large, old table clock to Habitat, so they sent me a phone message with a picture ... asking me if the clock was worth anything. I went right in and looked it over. I could tell it was a beautiful, very well-made clock under the dust and grime. But there was no name on the dial, and the key for the front and back doors was missing. So I took the clock home and eventually found a key that worked. When I opened the back door, the works were totally disgusting. Someone had obviously sprayed them with some chemical to get them running, but in the process, caused extensive surface corrosion. But what I saw at the bottom of the back plate got my heart pumping: W&H, Sch. This was the trademark of Winterhalder and Hofmeier of Schwaerzenbach, in the Black Forest of Germany, who made beautiful, robust clocks back in the second half of the 1800s and early 1900s.

After much enjoyable work (largely in cleaning the works!) the clock was restored to new condition. We again held a month-long auction amongst great interest and excitement ... everyone who came in the store loved the clock. On the last day of the auction, we invited the four top bidders to come in half an hour before closing for one last round of bidding. The winner paid \$3,200 for the clock (and the second-place person almost cried!)

So between these two clocks and the other ones that went through the store last year we made over \$4,500 toward building new houses! I would encourage anyone to get involved in their local Habitat Restore as a clock expert. It's fun.

I have also started participating in local "Repair Café's" where people bring in items like clocks, lamps, toasters, and bicycles that need repairing. They pay with voluntary donations. It's usually two Saturdays a year. Quite often people bring in quartz clocks. The problem is often corroded contacts or even just needing new batteries. But with the mechanical clocks, I oil them and adjust them to get them running and advise the people to get them serviced soon ... or better yet sign up for our Basic Clock Repair class through our local continuing education program. This is also a fun activity ... you meet many interesting people.

Jim Holmgren

President, Chapter 84, Mid-Hudson, New York

Please click the links below to acquaint yourself with the IRS Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations and the NAWCC Sales Tax Policy:

[IRS Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations](#)

[NAWCC Sales Tax Policy](#)

Posting on the Message Board

Log in to the [Message Board](#) and Scroll down to the Horological Education Section.

Pick a Forum to post to. For example, click on General Clock Discussions under the Clocks section.

A new page will open with a number of threads listed.

On that page you will see two green buttons that read POST NEW THREAD:

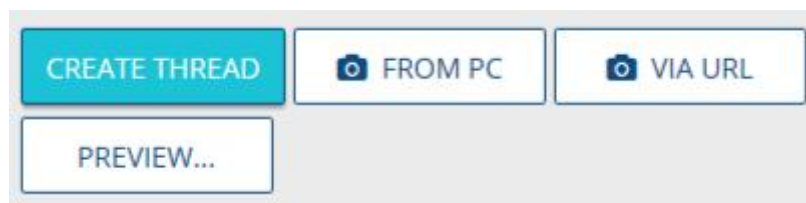
POST NEW THREAD

Click on either one of them.

A page will open with a place to type in the Thread Title and an editing box to enter your question and the details about the clock.

To add a picture, click the box with little camera icon either “FROM PC” or “VIA URL”.

The options look like this:



If you click the FROM PC option, it will open your Windows Explorer so you can navigate to your picture on your PC, find it and click it and it will insert it for you.

The VIA URL will open your internet browser so you can locate a picture on the internet to insert.

When you are finished and ready to post the thread, click the Create Thread button either in the same box or at the bottom of the page.

POST NEW THREAD

Either one will create (post) the thread for you so others can read it and reply to it.

Welcome to the Member Services Department!

My name is Stacey Strayer. I have been with the NAWCC for four years and recently took over as the Member Services Manager when Pam Lindenberger retired this past February. I have big shoes to fill but am confident and excited to help meet all our member's needs.

Taking over my position as Member Services Administrative Assistant, and new to our team, we welcome Rhianna Lau. She comes to us with many years of customer service experience and has jumped right in to learn the ropes.

We are here to support our members in a variety of ways. Whether you need help understanding your benefits, getting access to the website, information on upcoming events, or if you're looking to reach out to your local Chapter, we are here to assist you. Always feel free to call us directly when it's time to renew your membership and we can take credit card payments right over the phone for your convenience. If we find a time we can't provide you with an answer, we will help to get you in contact with the person or department that can.

On the back end, we are preparing the mailings of your membership cards, membership invoices, and new member packets. We work with the Board of Directors and various National committees, especially Awards, Chapter Relations, National Convention, Crafts, and Membership.

We are a resource to support your membership growth by providing member contact information for your Chapter's area and providing Regional events with membership data. When those membership milestones are reached, we are here to proudly gift our members with recognition certificates and pins.

We are committed to assisting the NAWCC membership in every way we can. How can we help you today? If you want to reach us please contact Stacey Strayer at 1-877-255-1849 option 5 or ext 210 or email sstrayer@nawcc.org or Rhianna Lau at 1-877-255-1849 option 5 or ext 201 or email rlau@nawcc.org.

Member Services Team
Stacey Strayer & Rhianna Lau

What Other Chapters Did in 2019!

The Pacific Northwest Regional Hosted by Pacific Northwest Chapter 31 along with the Co-hosts Puget Sound Chapter 50, Inland Empire Chapter 53, British Columbia Chapter 121 and Mt Rainier Chapter 135 partnered with a major Antiques Dealer Show Organizer.

They chose a location in the Portland, Oregon area. They had booths set up for the antique dealers and rows of tables for the NAWCC members. There was a small display in cases and a space where lectures were given. There also was a public day. There was a huge turnout of approximately 14,000 people, mostly antique collectors.

[For all the details and results please click on this link read The Report](#)

Submitted by Tim Orr.

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Did you miss past issues of our **Chapter Relations Committee Newsletter?**

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[CRC Newsletter #4 \(Winter 2014\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #5 \(Spring 2015\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #6 \(Winter 2015\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #7 \(Spring 2016\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #8 \(Winter 2016\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #9 \(Spring 2017\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #10 \(Winter 2017\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #11 \(Spring 2018\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #12 \(Winter 2018\)](#)

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Meet your new NAWCC Director of the Board and... New Member of the Chapter Relations Committee



Bob Burton

I have been a member of the NAWCC since 1983, joining the organization a year or two after I began collecting clocks. I have been a collector my entire life, starting out picking up rocks, then on to marbles, stamps, coins, you name it and I probably collected it. My wife, Jody, says that she is surprised that I do not have a big ball of string stashed somewhere.

I practiced Dentistry for 40 years, the last 35 of which I was in private practice as a Periodontist. I retired from my practice 6 years ago and now have time to do more of the things that I enjoy doing, including being involved in the NAWCC.

My main area of collecting in the field of horology has always been early American clocks. One of the first clocks that I purchased turned out to be a 30 hour wooden works clock. I still remember removing the hands and the dial and looking at a movement made entirely out of wood! I had no idea that something like this existed! This started my research into the American clock industry, which to this day I still find fascinating. You must remember that this was well before the internet and the easy access to information that we have today. I do not limit myself to only early American clocks. Pocket watches, wristwatches, you name it, if it is mechanical I collect it. I feel sorry for the younger generations growing up with their digital devices, never learning an appreciation for the mechanical devices that were designed and built over the last 200 years.

My wife is also a collector, so we have a great time together. She has also been a member of the NAWCC for many years, and is currently the Treasurer of our chapter, Bluegrass Chapter 35. In the past I have been the President of our chapter and am currently the Chapter Vice-President. I am well aware of the problems facing local chapters trying to recruit new members as well as to retain present members.

As the newest member of the Board of Directors as well as the Chapter Relations Committee, I am looking forward to assisting the Chapters in any way that I am able. We have a major overhaul of our National website due to come online very soon, and we hope to use this to offer a lot more assistance to the Chapters. I also ask that you let us know what you need and want from the National organization. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A Great Opportunity to help your Organization



I want to thank all of the generous chapters who made donations to the National in fiscal year 2019. I especially want to thank you because most, if not all, of your donations were matched and therefore counted double, thanks to a \$250,000

matching fund put up by an anonymous member/donor.

I do want all chapters to know that we are in a new NAWCC fiscal year as of the first of April, 2020 and there is still just under \$100,000 left in the matching fund. Any chapter donations made from now through the end of June can be matched and there is a new category of donation which can qualify for the match. From now through the end of June we are trying to raise money for a much-needed new roof for the museum and Headquarters building in Columbia. The anonymous donor has agreed that any donations made to our general fund/greatest need/roof will also be matched.

I also want you to know that since we lost our Executive Director, just over 6 months ago, your board and its management team have cut expenses at HQ by nearly 40%. Also, through a few generous donations we have upgraded the computer systems at HQ and in the museum, which hadn't been done in years. This has made the operations at the National much more efficient from both the standpoint of cost and productivity. We also want you to know that our new NAWCC website will be launched by late May or early June. Look for more about this in an upcoming email blast. As chapter leaders, please take any opportunity you can to let your members know that, even during these difficult times, the organization is trying to better and better serve their needs.

Finally, I just want to say that we at HQ are as disappointed as everyone else that we have not been able to get together at regional meetings and that we will not be able to see each other at the National this year. I am also missing my local Chapter 18 meeting as I know you are missing your local meetings. We want you to know though, that we have the next 3 National Conventions all well into the planning stages. There is a lot to look forward to from your NAWCC and National Watch and Clock Museum.

Stay safe and be healthy.

John Cote
NAWCC Development Committee Chair
NAWCC Board of Directors



HOROLOGY 1776 WARD FRANCILLON TIME SYMPOSIUM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER 1-3, 2020



“Chester, twelve o’clock at night, 11 September, 1777 - I am sorry to inform you, that, in this day’s engagement, we have been obliged to leave the enemy masters of the field...” *George Washington to President of Congress.*

Throughout the *Itinerary of General Washington From June 15, 1775, to December 23, 1783*, compiled by Williams S. Baker in 1892, and in many other period accounts, soldiers’ diaries, and orderly reports penned during our War of Independence, readers can find regular references to specific hours of day and night. Clearly, these were not based on squinting at the sky, but were actual times noted from consulting timepieces. Such reports principally were from the field, so pocket watches were the likely instruments, along with portable sundials also popular in those years.

“**Horology 1776**” will be the NAWCC’s annual educational symposium for 2020. Its broad themes will focus on timekeeping and clockmaking during the American Revolution, not only from an American perspective but also from the English, French, and Hessian viewpoints. Important speakers already have confirmed presentations on these themes.

The symposium opens with a reception and the James Arthur Lecture on the evening of Thursday, October 1, 2020, in the Benjamin Franklin Hall of the American Philosophical Society. For the next two full days of programs, the venue will move across the street in Old Philadelphia to Liberty Hall atop the Museum of the American Revolution. A closing Saturday evening banquet also will be hosted there.

Never before has this unique horological focus on the American Revolution been undertaken. Participants will learn of the constant and vital role of timekeeping, and the active roles of clockmakers such as David Rittenhouse, in the birth of our republic.

For further information, please contact Symposium Chairman Bob Frishman at 978-475-5001 or via bell-time@comcast.net. Full descriptions of previous NAWCC conferences created and organized by Bob Frishman may be viewed at www.clocksatwinterture.com, www.horologyinart.com, and www.carsclocksandwatches.com.

Don’t forget to view past symposiums at
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CLOCKS, WATCHES, AND TIMEKEEPING
DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Jerry Unger - JAMES ARTHUR LECTURE: Award-winning British historian.
 Emily Ackermann - Curator, Greenwich Observatory National Maritime Museum.
 Robert C. Cheng - Executive Director, William H. Miller & Clock Museum.
 Mary Jane Delpus - Independent scholar and author.
 Walter H. “Turrey” Oak - Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School.
 Don Farris - Co-author of two recent definitive books on the British and
 Chagget families of clockmakers.
 Bruce S. Forman - Independent scholar and author on early American horology.
 Don H. Hagler - Managing Editor, *Journal of the American Revolution*.
 Philip Hirst - Co-author of two recent definitive books on the British and
 Chagget families of clockmakers.
 Charles F. Hurrell - Senior Deputy Director of Winterthur Museum (retired, 1991).
 David Lindsey - Craftsman and restorer of mechanical clock movements.
 Rich Newman - Curator of early American horology, NAWCC Board Chair.
 Steve Polyzouli - Director, Adams Broom Company.
 Philip Potts - Expert on early European watches and clocks.
 Sara Schuchman - Curator, Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments, Harvard.
 Christopher Smith - Philadelphia-based furniture conservator.
 Gary Sullivan - American decorative arts scholar, author, dealer and curator.

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Stephen Engle Monumental Clock Presentation & Demonstration Video

Watch Bill Zell, NAWCC Gallery Attendant and Engle clock guru, give a presentation on the Monumental Engle Clock held at the National Watch & Clock Museum in Columbia, PA. Available online at <https://vimeo.com/319486938> on Vimeo.

Assembly of a Welte & Söhne Orchestrion Video

On December 10, 2019, Durward Center, Baltimore resident and restoration expert for antique tower clocks and organs, installed an M. Welte & Söhne orchestrion that was donated to the National Watch & Clock Museum. The orchestrion mechanically plays music with actual organ pipes, drums, and a triangle. M. Welte & Söhne was originally a German clock-making company that evolved into making premiere self-playing mechanical organs. A video about the orchestrion and its installation is available online at <https://vimeo.com/392506644> on Vimeo.



The NAWCC Watch & Clock Podcasts

Jessica Roland, Anna Tran, and Keith Lehman host the NAWCC Watch & Clock Podcast. They discuss news and events at the National Watch & Clock Museum and conduct interviews with people involved in the watch and clock community.

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