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2024 National Convention
natcon.nawcc.org

June 13-16

2024 Time Symposium
education.nawcc.org/symposium

October 21-24

Greetings!

My name is Jeff Zuspan, and I currently serve as the chair of the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC). I assumed this position in July 2023, succeeding Bob Burton, who now serves as the treasurer of the NAWCC Board of Directors.

The primary objective of the CRC is to nurture and enhance the relationship between the Chapters and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC). Our overarching goal is to rebuild trust and confidence within our community. We firmly believe that open dialogue is the key to achieving this objective. Effective communication is crucial in this endeavor. It is imperative for all Chapters to understand that we are committed to listening to your needs and collaborating to find solutions that benefit our Chapters collectively.

As part of our efforts to rejuvenate communication channels, we are reintroducing the *Chapter Officers Newsletter*. This newsletter will serve as a platform for sharing successful strategies and ideas from various Chapters. We encourage you to contribute insights regarding events, activities, or programs that have proven effective in attracting members to Chapter meetings.



In addition to the newsletter, we have initiated a series of Zoom meetings where members can convene to share their experiences, both positive and challenging ones. These gatherings provide an invaluable opportunity to learn from one another's successes and failures.

We invite you to review this inaugural newsletter since 2021 carefully. Please share it with fellow members and offer your feedback. Your input is crucial in identifying areas where we can improve to better support ALL Chapters.

On the left-hand side of this page, you will find a list of CRC members along with their email addresses, including mine. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the NAWCC community. Together, we can create a stronger, more vibrant network of Chapters.

Warm regards,

Jeff Zuspan, Chair
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Tips for a Great Gathering

My Thoughts on Better Zooming

What makes for a good Zoom meeting? If you go online, you can find dozens of pages and videos that offer the five, ten, or twelve keys to a better Zoom experience. All seem to share one suggestion—have fun. I enjoy the meetings I host by remembering that key. From my experience, here are some ideas to help you enjoy your Zoom meeting.

First, stop calling it a Zoom meeting. Give it an original name. Wednesday Coffee and Horology, Clocks and Stuff, or Coffee Klatch all sound like more fun than Zoom meeting. It will be a gathering of folks who share a common passion. Help them connect with a name that ties them together.

Invite yourself, then welcome all others as a Blind Courtesy Copy (BCC). Not everyone wants their email address made public. Using BCC as an invitation option will hide all emails but yours and the person who receives the invitation. This also makes the invitation personal.

If you want to share the fun, record the meeting and make it available to folks who couldn't make the live gathering. Both are free, and paid subscribers can record their meeting to their laptop or computer. The recorded files can be uploaded to a file

storage service, such as Google Drive or Dropbox, or a video streaming service, such as YouTube or Vimeo. To enable recording, go to Settings > Recording and toggle it on. When you are in your meeting, click the Record icon on the bottom toolbar. After your meeting, the application will do all the work.

Remember to turn on the gallery view. Gallery view lets you see everyone in the meeting at once instead of just the person speaking. To turn that on, click the tab that says Gallery View in the top right corner. If the meeting has 49 or fewer attendees, you'll see all of their screens displayed on one page. If there are more, you will have the option to move between multiple pages.

Another way to focus on the participants is to hide non-video individuals. When there are many joining a meeting, your screen can appear cluttered, which can be distracting, especially if some don't have on their cameras. Hide the individuals who aren't using video by going to Settings>Video>Meetings, and check Hide Non-Video Participants. Now you will only be distracted by pets and children who appear on video.

Try to limit the time of all the fun. Whenever you have a group of folks together that share a passion, they will go on and on and on as long as you let them. If there is a reason for the meeting, have an agenda, include it in the invitation, and try to stay focused. Thirty minutes is enough time for me. After that, conversations begin to ramble. Give everyone a chance to speak. Call on them if they are shy. Use a verbal cue to let people know the fun is coming to an end ("I think my coffee is gone").

Attend as many Zoom meetings as you can. You will learn what works and what doesn't. Zoom offers videos to help you learn what is available on their app. Test some of the features by applying them in your meeting. These gatherings can be fun. If they are, folks will want to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on the little screen.

—Frank Webster, host of
"Wednesday Coffee &
Horology"

Chapter Meeting Ideas

Compiled from Chapter Highlights *by Andy Dervan*

- **Sacramento Valley Chapter 71** planned a “Bring and Brag” program and asked members to bring their favorite Seth Thomas clocks to the Chapter meeting and talk about them.
- **Colorado Chapter 21** held a special “Hands-on with a Watchmaker’s Lathe” class, and 12 members participated.
- **Idahorological Chapter 153** held its meetings at unique locations: Boise (ID) Train Depot Meeting Station and Weiser Snake River Heritage Center. They learned the Heritage Center had an unused tower clock, and eight Chapter members signed up to help restore it.
- **Atlanta Chapter 24** enjoyed a unique program by Geoff Parker on “How to Build Your Own Wristwatch.”
- **Minnesota-Oscar T. Lang Memorial Chapter 20** held its Chapter meeting at the James I. Fiorentino Museum in Minneapolis. It is better known as the Cuckoo Clock Museum.
- **Buckeye Chapter 23’s** recent Chapter meeting included horological bingo, run by Craig Ankeney.
- **Great Lakes Chapter 6** toured the Detroit Observatory at the University of Michigan, arranged by Chapter member Brian Murphy. The observatory dates from 1852, and Brian had assisted with restoring some of the instruments.
- **New England Chapter 8** held a summer picnic at the American Legion Post in West Brookfield, MA, and had a tailgate mart and show and tell.
- **Granite State Timekeepers Chapter 189** held a summer cookout meeting with members displaying clocks, watches, tools, and books for sale.
- **Philadelphia Chapter 1** held a “One-Day Class” to work on a special project.
- **Lone Star Chapter 124’s** members are working to restore a McClintock street clock.
- **San Jacinto Chapter 139** created a business card (below) that includes a QR code that links to its website. Members stapled the business card to the front of old *Bulletins* and left them in waiting rooms around town.

NAWCC San Jacinto Chapter 139
Chapter139.com

*Interested in Watches or Clocks?
You’re always welcome!*



Monthly meetings in Houston on the 2nd Saturday of every month, check our website for details!


*We are the Houston-based Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC)
Benefits of local membership includes:*

- Clock repair classes
- Watch repair classes
- Lathe class
- Monthly meetings with demos and educational presentations
- Technical assistance
- One-Day buying and selling marts during the year
- Largest clock and watch show in Houston every August
- Support with watch and/or clock estates

Other Sample Cards:

You’re Invited . . .

Come be our guest at an upcoming meeting of NAWCC Buckeye Chapter 23. Educational programs and workshops; clock and watch marts; sharing of information and ideas in the fascinating world of horology.



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Inland Empire area covering Eastern Washington, Northeastern Oregon & Northern Idaho

Meetings generally rotate between Spokane and the Tri-Cities areas

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<https://new.nawcc.org/index.php/chapter-53-inland-empire>



Chapter 61's Project

On October 21, 2022, a group of members from Rocket City Regulators Chapter 61 in Huntsville, AL, attended an estate sale in Birmingham, hoping to find interesting items, including an English tower clock. Despite limited information available about the clock, we brought a trailer for transportation. Upon arrival, we inspected the clock briefly, confirming it had most of its parts.

Bringing the clock back to our Chapter, we decided to make it a focus of our monthly meetings, using it for discussions, socializing, and restoration work. With the goal of showcasing it at the Mid-South Regional in 2023, we had less than a year to prepare.

Over the months, we discovered only one missing part, which we replaced with a machined piece. After cleaning and some minor repairs, the clock was functional again. Some members built a 20-foot tower, and with the help of 3D printing, we made gearboxes, faces, and hands for the clock.

Our display at the regional event was well-received and brought Chapter 61 members together for a fun project, strengthening our sense of community.



—Keith Henley



Welcome, Chapter 196!

A warm welcome is extended to the newly formed South Central Kentucky Chapter 196. Based in and around Bowling Green, Chapter 196 invites you to attend upcoming meetings and help plan future events if you're in the area. For details on how to connect with this new Chapter, please send an email to chapter196@nawcc.org.

Donate to Our Endowment

Please consider supporting the NAWCC as we move forward.

Donations to the For All Time Campaign are invested to provide long-term funding for the NAWCC.

[Click Here to donate!](#)

Tax Deductibility

Information about the tax deductibility of NAWCC Individual Memberships is available via this link:

[Nawcc.org>About>NAWCC Member Documents](#)

Do You Know a Potential NAWCC Award Recipient?

Acknowledge a fellow member's achievements in horology or service to the NAWCC by nominating them for one of the Association's prestigious awards. Guidelines and forms are available online at nawcc.org/about/member-recognition-awards/.

THE CHAPTER BIMONTHLY REPORT

Attention Chapter Presidents and Secretaries!

Please be on the lookout for the Chapter bimonthly (every other month) via email or USPS. This helpful report can be used to update your records, welcome new members to your Chapter, remind past-due members to renew their NAWCC membership dues, plus find out when we have lost important members of our organization. The report also includes the current contact information we have on file to connect with the members of your Chapter.

If you need help with the information provided in these reports, please call Marlo Davis at 717-684-8261 ext. 210 or email mdavis@nawcc.org.



The National Watch & Clock Museum offers free admission to active military families because it is a proud member of the [Blue Star Museums](#) program.

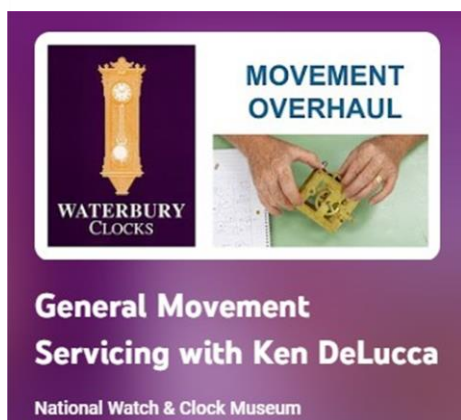
Originally a summer-only program, the Museum expanded Blue Star to offer free, year-round admission for the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including the National Guard and Reserve. Funding for the Blue Star Museum program expansion is provided by a grant from the Pryor & Arlene Neuber Charitable Trust through PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee.

NAWCC Videos Online

There are many educational videos available online for members to enjoy on their own or at a Chapter meeting.

Visit <https://www.nawcc.org/research/nawcc-digital-video-archive/> to access a variety of videos:

- NAWCC Ward Francillon Symposium Lectures
- NAWCC Webinars
- YouTube Videos
 - *Collecting Conversations Series*
 - General Movement Servicing with Ken De Lucca
 - 2023 National Convention
 - Many more!
- Zoom Videos
- 300+ Videos on Vimeo



Plus, the NAWCC Library & Research Center has hundreds of educational DVDs available for lending. Details are online at <https://www.nawcc.org/research/nawcc-digital-video-archive/>.

Got Officers?

NAWCC headquarters needs your list of Chapter officers and their email addresses!

When new officers are elected or when contact information changes, please notify HQ's Alex Simpkins via email at asimpkins@nawcc.org. He'll make sure the officers are updated on <https://www.nawcc.org/local-chapters/>, where Chapter websites are linked and where potential new members can connect with your Chapter.

What You Need to Know about Nonprofit Organizations

Contributed by Andy Dervan

Here are four key points on nonprofit corporations excerpted from LII Legal Information Institute Cornell University Law, law.cornell.edu/wex/non-profit-corporations.

1. A nonprofit organization is a group organized for purposes other than generating profit and in which no part of the organization's income is distributed to its members, directors, or officers. Nonprofit corporations are often termed "non-stock corporations." They can take the form of a corporation or an individual enterprise.

2. Nonprofit organizations must be designated as nonprofit when created and may only pursue purposes permitted by statutes for nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit organizations include churches, public schools, public charities, public clinics and hospitals, amateur sports organizations, political organizations, organizations, labor unions, professional associations, research institutes, museums, and some governmental agencies.

3. Nonprofit entities are organized under state law. For nonprofit corporations, some states have adopted the Revised Model Nonprofit Corporation Act (1986). State law also governs solicitation privileges and accreditations requirements such as licenses and permits. Each state defines a nonprofit differently.

4. For federal tax purposes, an organization is exempt from taxation if it is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, public safety, literary, educational, prevention of cruelty to children or animals, and/or to develop national or international sports. Non-Profit Basics from IRS Publication 557 nonprofit organizations are identified as 501C (x). NAWCC National Organization is a 501C (3) charitable organization. Most NAWCC chapters are identified as 501C (7) – Social Club. All exempt organizations must have an EIN (employer identification number).

All nonprofit organizations are obligated to file income tax return annually by 15th day of fifth month after the end of their fiscal year. If the organization fails to file its annual tax return 3 consecutive years its nonprofit status will be revoked by IRS. If the organization's annual gross receipts are less than \$50,000 it is required to only file 990-N, Electronic Notice (ePostcard) that contains basic information on the organization required by the IRS.

- The organization's legal name and mailing address
- Any name under which it operates and does business
- Its internet website address (if any)
- Its taxpayer identification number
- The name and address of principal officer
- Organization's annual tax period
- Verification that the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less
- Notification if the organization has terminated.