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SAVE THE DATE

2026 National Convention
natcon.nawcc.org
June 25-28

Hello Chapter Officers,

We have some great news regarding NAWCC membership. In 2025, membership increased for the first time in many years rather than experiencing a decline. This is a significant accomplishment and a positive trend that we can continue to build upon. While it may take some time to see how this growth impacts our local chapters, I am confident that the benefits will be felt throughout the organization.

The good news continues this year, as membership growth remains strong. I have also noticed many chapters doing an excellent job reaching out to members and prospective members. More chapters are learning to effectively use social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram to promote their activities and engage their communities.

This year, we hosted another Chapter Zoom meeting. Members of the Chapter Relations Committee, along with Alex Simpkins, NAWCC technical specialist, provided an excellent demonstration of the Chapter Support resources available on the NAWCC website. These resources include speaker lists, the Chapter Handbook, past newsletters, and many other helpful tools support chapter leaders.

We were also fortunate to have Mike Dayton share several success stories from San Diego Chapter 59. Mike has contributed two articles to this newsletter that highlight some of the chapter's achievements and initiatives.

In addition, Tom Hartwein of Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter 35 presented an overview of his chapter's ongoing project to service a tower clock movement. It was an inspiring example of the hands-on work being accomplished by chapters.

The National Convention will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, June 25–28. Chapter Relations will host its annual Chapter Representatives Meeting on Friday, June 26, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting provides a valuable opportunity for chapter leaders to network, exchange ideas, and share successes. If you are attending the convention, I encourage you to join us.

As always, please reach out if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance with your chapter. We are here to help.

Jeff Zuspan, Chair
Chapter Relations Committee

Donate to Our Endowments

Please consider supporting the NAWCC as we move forward. Donations 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>Association Documents>NAWCC Member Documents](http://Nawcc.org>About/Association Documents/NAWCC Member Documents)

DO YOU KNOW

A POTENTIAL NAWCC AWARD RECIPIENT?

Acknowledge the exceptional service and achievements of an NAWCC member by nominating them for one of the Association's prestigious awards.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available online at nawcc.org/about/member-recognition-awards.



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Growth and Energy in San Diego Chapter 59

Contributed by Mike Dayton (CA)



The past six months have brought exciting momentum and meaningful change to our chapter. We're pleased to report the addition of eight new members—each finding us through online searches that led them to our newly updated website and Facebook presence. This highlights the growing importance of our digital outreach and the success of recent efforts to modernize our visibility.

In addition to membership growth, we've made a strategic move in relocating our monthly meeting space. By transitioning from a centralized venue costing \$320 per month to a new, no-cost location just south of downtown, we've improved our financial efficiency while continuing to provide a welcoming gathering place for members.

Leadership has also seen a refreshing shift. We recently elected a slate of new officers, all of whom are serving in these roles for the first time. To further strengthen our communication and engagement, we've introduced two new positions—Webmaster and Facebook Page Administrator—both filled by newer members bringing fresh perspectives and technical skills.

These changes are already making an impact. Meeting attendance has increased significantly, with an average of 20 participants compared to 12 last year. This growth reflects both renewed interest and the success of our outreach and programming efforts.

Looking ahead, our two Vice Presidents are actively developing new ideas to enhance the meeting experience. Plans under consideration include hosting a meeting at a local jeweler featuring a watch brand representative, conducting live interviews with long-time members to share their collecting stories and experiences, and inviting guest speakers to present on a variety of topics of interest.

With strong leadership, growing membership, and innovative programming on the horizon, the year is off to a great start. We look forward to sharing more updates as these initiatives unfold.



Making Meetings More Fun and Engaging

Raffles, Show & Tell, and the Magic of the Elmo Camera

Contributed by Mike Dayton (CA)

When I first joined Chapter 59 several years ago, one of the things that immediately caught my attention was the raffle drawings. Each meeting features not just a door prize, but also a raffle tied to our *Show & Tell* segment. Everyone who participates in *Show & Tell* earns a ticket, and at the end of the meeting, we draw both the door prize and the *Show & Tell* raffle.

Years ago, the prizes were \$20 each—back when our regional events were bringing in plenty of funds—but even though the prizes are now \$10 each, it's still a fun little bonus. After all, who doesn't enjoy winning a free cup of coffee?



Another aspect that makes our *Show & Tell* sessions especially enjoyable is our use of a visual presenter document camera, connected to the projector and PC. The model we use is an Elmo, and it has become a real favorite among the watch enthusiasts in the group. The camera's zoom and detail are incredible, allowing even the smallest watch components to be seen clearly by everyone in the room.

The clock folks are also starting to take advantage of it, using the Elmo to demonstrate repairs and share details on clock movements. Basically, anything that fits under the camera can be displayed in crisp detail on the screen for all to see. It's simple to set up, easy to use, and adds a whole new level of clarity and engagement to our presentations.

Insurance Coverage for Local Chapters and Regionals

Many local chapters focus their efforts on providing educational programs, fellowship, and events for members, but one important consideration is ensuring that the chapter is properly protected with insurance coverage.

To assist chapters in securing appropriate coverage, Chris Fantaski of Horst Insurance in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has been designated as a liaison to work directly with NAWCC chapters across the United States. Horst Insurance currently provides insurance coverage for the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and has extensive experience serving local watch and clock organizations.

Over the years, coverage has been placed for more than a dozen chapters nationwide. The insurance program is designed to provide general liability protection for local chapter meetings and can also be extended to cover regional events sponsored by a chapter. In addition, coverage may be available for chapter-owned property and equipment. Please note that this coverage does not insure members' collections or collectibles. Coverage for collectibles may be obtained through programs available from the National Association.

Coverage is placed through The Hartford, with annual premiums generally ranging from approximately \$500 to \$1,000, depending on factors such as the chapter's geographic location and the venues where meetings are held.

Insurance coverage can be especially important when renting facilities for meetings, marts, and regional events. Many venues require proof of liability insurance before allowing an organization to use their space. Certificates of insurance can be provided when the venue is added to the policy.

Chapters interested in obtaining a quote may request and complete the NAWCC insurance quote form on the following page. The form provides the information necessary to secure pricing and coverage options. Once completed, the form should be returned directly to Chris Fantaski to begin the quoting process.

Whether your chapter is reviewing its current insurance needs or planning a future regional event, this program offers an opportunity to obtain coverage tailored specifically to watch and clock chapter activities.

For additional information or to request a quote form, chapters are encouraged to contact Chris Fantaski at Horst Insurance.

Email: cfantaski@horstinsurance.com

Office: 717-581-9894 | **Fax:** 717-581-9812

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NAWCC Chapter Liability Insurance Quote Form

Name of chapter:

Chapter mailing address:

Contact name:

Contact phone number and email:

How many years has the chapter existed:

Any prior insurance coverage:

Number of chapter members:

Number of meetings per year:

Meeting location(s)/address:

Square footage of the meeting room:

The liability quote that we are offering is for your chapter meetings. We can also provide liability coverage for any regional event you have planned during the policy term. Please provide the information below if you would like to include coverage for the event.

Date(s) of the regional meeting:

Regional meeting location/address:

Kinds of activities that are planned:

Will you have liquor?

Horst Insurance

Contact: Chris Fantaski **Phone:** 717-581-9894 **Email:** cfantaski@horstinsurance.com

Please note the insurance quote being offered is for general liability coverage only (Directors & Officers liability coverage is not included but can be purchased separately). Also, coverage for your collectibles is available thru the national program.

Chapters: Do You Have a Member Interested in Learning to Teach a Workshop?

The NAWCC is pleased to offer an exciting opportunity for Chapters to strengthen their local educational programs. Any Chapter that wishes to send one member to the NAWCC School of Horology to take a **core** workshop course may do so **at no cost to the Chapter**—the NAWCC will cover the class fee and all required materials.

The following are examples of the **core workshops**:

- Introduction to Antique Clocks
 - 1-day and 2-day workshops (time-only movement)
- American-Style Time/Strike Movement
- Rack and Snail Striking: An Introduction to Tall Case Clocks
- Introduction to the Anniversary, or 400-Day, Clock
- Pivot Polishing/Burnishing and the Bushing Machine
- The Chiming Clock

As long as space is available, Chapters can enroll a member to learn directly from our outstanding instructors. Clock **core** workshops are offered year-round, with schedules available on the NAWCC website (nawcc.org/events) and regularly advertised in the monthly e-newsletter.

This is a wonderful way to bring hands-on horological education back to your Chapter, helping to train, inspire, and grow your local membership.

While your member is in Columbia for the workshop, consider arriving a little early. They can spend some time volunteering at the Museum, where there is always a need for helping hands.

If your Chapter is interested, please contact education@nawcc.org for more details.

Come to Columbia, learn a workshop, and bring new skills back to your Chapter!



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2026 NAWCC Crafts Competition

Celebrating Members' Skills!

The Crafts Competition at the National Convention (June 25-28) is an excellent opportunity for all craftspeople to have their work judged against that of their peers.

All classes will be judged by qualified experts. We will have our annual People's Choice award, which will be determined by ballot. Ballots will be in the crafts exhibit area at the Central Bank Center and can be cast by both members and the public. The People's Choice winner will be announced at the evening banquet on June 27.

Purpose of the Competition: To showcase the finest work in current-day horological crafts. This contest highlights each artisan's talent as well as their understanding of history's influence on their craft. It provides opportunities to expand each member's historical appreciation of clocks and watches.

Members (excluding Youth Membership) of the NAWCC, in good standing at the time of any scheduled competition, are eligible to enter.

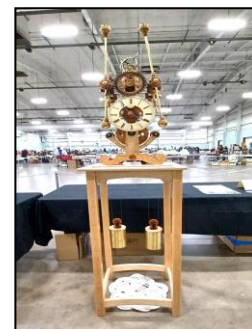
Youth Members who are 17 years of age or younger are eligible to enter all classes, and they will be judged as a separate group with medals and awards. Their projects will be displayed with all entries but judged as a Youth Entry.

There are many ways to enter the event:

1. Entries can be presented at the Convention by the entrant or his/her representative.
2. Arrangements may be made so entries can be shipped in advance. For more shipping instructions, contact Bill Slough.
3. You can send details in a binder or a digital file to be printed and placed in a binder. The items must be documented with photos or drawings to show the condition when the project began and when it was completed.

If you don't have an entry but would like to participate, we do need judges and helpers for the Crafts Competition.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bill Slough, Crafts Competition Committee Chair: 817-829-5675 or nawcc.craft@gmail.com.



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
 - National Conventions
 - 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 nawcc.org/local-chapters/, where Chapter websites are linked and where potential new members can connect with your Chapter.

Chapter Highlights

Share the latest goings-on in your Chapter by submitting a Chapter Highlights report for publication in the *Watch & Clock Bulletin*!

Chapter reporters provide summaries of the educational content of programs, workshops, and Chapter- and community-related horological projects. Reports also mention future meetings, topics, and speakers, as well as members who recently passed away. Each Highlight report should be approximately 600 words and will be edited for length, clarity, spelling, and grammar. The reporter's name will appear at the end of the submission when it is printed in the *Bulletin*.

Photographs should be high resolution with a minimum of 300 dpi or 500 kb in size. A photo should be sent as an attachment to an email; do not embed the photo into the text or in the body of the email. Only one photo per Chapter is permitted due to space limitations.

The deadlines for each issue are:

Bulletin Issue	Submission Deadline
January/February	November 10
March/April	January 10
May/June	March 10
July/August	May 10
September/October	July 10
November/December	September 10

Details and a report template are available at <https://www.nawcc.org/publications/chapter-highlights-submission/>.

Reports and any questions should be emailed to ChapterHighlights@NAWCC.org.

Call for Speakers

Did you know the NAWCC website has a Speakers Bureau list at <https://www.nawcc.org/about/chapter-support/>?

We're currently updating this list and are eager to include more speakers! If you have a presentation you'd like to share, and you're open to traveling to Regional or Chapter meetings, we'd love to hear from you. Send a message to the Chapter Relations Committee via <https://www.nawcc.org/about/organization-contacts/chapter-relations/>.

Once the list is updated, we'll send it to those interested in booking speakers. This is a fantastic opportunity to support NAWCC Chapters and Regionals by sharing your expertise!