# New England Chapter No. 8 The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

# January 27, 2018 Saturday Meeting

Auburn Elks Hall, 754 Southbridge Street (Route 12), Auburn, MA (508-832-9303)

**NOTE**: It is with regret to report the sudden passing of both Dick Pompeo and his wife Robin. Dick had a decades' long presence in this chapter as well as in the local auction scene, and is well known to most of the membership. His son, Rich, will continue the Pompeo presence in our horological world. We will miss Dick.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This meeting is our annual meeting at which we are required by our by-laws to have our annual business meeting and elections. This business portion of the meeting will take place after lunch in lieu of a luncheon speaker. I encourage you to stick around, because we have one change each to make to the constitution and the by-laws that require a vote by the meeting attendees (see the following page for details). I do not anticipate any foreign hacking, but you won't know unless you show up! I'll see you there ... comrades.

## Chris Carey

Your chapter membership card can be picked up at the registration table at any meeting.

With our trend in declining membership, it is most important to renew your dues at this time. We need and value your continued support. Separate forms are provided for the membership renewal and meeting registration. Both can be mailed with one check in the enclosed envelope. Also, you continue to have the option of using PayPal (with one payment): 1) Log on to your PayPal acct, 2) click on: "Send money," 3) under "To" type in: **chapt8@gmail.com**, and complete the form. State what the amount of your payment is for.

Your continued membership support of our chapter is critical to the vitality of our meetings

# **REGISTRATION**

# NOTE: THE CUTOFF DATE is Friday, January 19th

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION <u>ARRIVES</u> ON OR BEFORE THIS CUTOFF DATE Registrations received by cutoff date are \$30.00. Registrations received after Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and walkins are \$35.00. Registration includes your lunch and is required for participation in all meeting activities.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

**8:30A.M. Registration.** Nametags are available for pre-registered members, and walk-in registration begins. Mart opens for set up for table holders only.

9:00A.M. Mart. Opens for general entry. Mart will close at 11:45 AM for the noon lunch.

9:00AM to 10:15 AM. Silent Auction. A fee of \$3.00 per item, multiple items for one bid to count as one item.

### WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

**9:45 AM. "An Old Timer and his Clock Collecting." John Fitzwilliam**, now an NAWCC "Old Timer," looks back over the years since acquiring his first clocks in the late 1950's. What inspired him and others to pursue vintage clocks, and how such pieces have fared in the collectors' market? And the amazing diversity of timekeepers one can collect. John was brought up in the Boston suburb of Wellesley, surrounded by neighbors with antique clocks. A memorable childhood visit to Old Sturbridge Village's clock collection also prompted his fascination with them. A part-time job at Spivack Antiques in Wellesley, and a stint with David G. Hills, also a Wellesley native and owner of a high-end clock shop there, inspired John to start a clock business in neighboring Newton Upper Falls in 1975.

**10:45 AM. Horology in Art Symposium Recap.**" Many of the 120 participants and speakers at the October Museum of Fine Arts NAWCC symposium stated that this conference was the best they ever attended. With many images and video clips, Symposium organizer **Bob Frishman** will present an illustrated summary of the groundbreaking event. Sixteen presenters including art history and horology professors, curators and experts all gave important lectures which Bob will highlight. A Chapter 8 Past-President, Bob has been a working horologist and scholar for nearly four decades. He is an NAWCC Fellow and Time Symposium Committee Chairman, and a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers. He is organizing the September 20-22, 2018 NAWCC symposium at the Henry Ford Museum — www.carsclockandwatches.com.

## 12:00 PM. Lunch and annual after-lunch chapter 8 business meeting and discussion

Amongst the regular business matters, we have one change each to make to the constitution and the by-laws that require a two-thirds vote by the meeting attendees:

Chapter 8 constitution by-law change: allow all elected council positions to serve more than one term. The President suggested the following change to Article 1, Section 2, Terms of Office. This change will be to eliminate the sentence that reads, "Terms of office for Officers shall be one term in that office, except that a member may serve as Second Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer for an indefinite number of terms and may be re-elected immediately." A council motion was made and accepted.

Chapter 8 constitution article change: allow the council to have at least six Directors. The President suggested the following change to Article V, Council. The change will be to change the wording of the sentence that reads, "There shall be six Directors ...," to "There shall be at least six Directors ...," A council motion was made and accepted.

# DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY DUES THIS YEAR? YOUR MAILING LABEL, OR THE MOST RECENT EMAIL, WILL SHOW THE STATUS OF YOUR DUES PAYMENT.

# **DIRECTIONS:**

<u>From the East or West</u>: Mass Turnpike (I-90), take Exit 10, then stay to the right after exiting the toll plaza and to Southbridge St. (Route 12) going south. The Elks Club is about 0.6 mile on the right. Watch for the sign.

<u>From the North</u>: follow Route 290 to Exit 6, then to Route 20 West. Follow Route 20 to the 4<sup>th</sup> set of lights (Route 12 intersection). Turn right (north) on to Route 12. The Elks Club is about 0.3 mile on the left. Watch for the sign. Note: the exit for Route 20 West off of Route 290 in the very first exit after the Mass Turnpike. The exit comes up quickly, so be aware of this situation.

<u>From the South</u>: follow Route 395 (becomes Route 290 in Auburn) and take Exit 6 for Route 20 West. Proceed to the 4<sup>th</sup> set of lights (the junction of Routes 12 and 20) and turn right on to Route 12 North. The Elks Club is about 0.3 mile on the left. Watch for the sign.

#### SILENT AUCTION

#### 8:30 to 10:15 AM. There is a flat fee of \$3.00 per item: multiple items for one bid to count as one item.

The charge is collected in advance, and applies regardless of whether item sells or not. We hope you find that this is an easy way to sell just a few items.

#### **RAFFLE REMINDER**

The 50-50 raffle tickets, (50% to winner and 50% to Chapter 8) are available at the Registration Table and the Auction Table in the mart area.

#### **DATES FOR 2018 MEETINGS**

March 25<sup>th</sup>, OSV, Sturbridge, MA, May date TBD, 21<sup>st</sup> annual Willard House Workshop, N. Grafton, MA

#### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

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# **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

Do you ever think of giving a presentation at our meetings? Every member has a horological story to tell. Think about that. The difference is how long the story may be. Why can't we share those stories and take only a few minutes to do it. Say 15 minutes. No more. You don't have to be a professional speaker. Reluctance to speak among friends should not be an excuse. Let's hear about your experiences at the bench, the finds that you treasure most, what lessons you learned when repairing clocks or watches. Scheduling speakers is not easy and you can help by giving a mini-presentation. Your help is needed, and let us hear from you today. Thank you very much.

Did you know that only 15% of our members do not list an email address on their membership application? That doesn't necessarily mean they don't have a computer. 37% receive their meeting notices by email. The rest are sent hard copies via USPS. We (Chapter 8) could save money if more members would sign up for emailed meeting notices. The notices would get to you faster and likely enable you to schedule attendance at a meeting before you filled your calendar with another activity. Please consider changing your mailing preference. Everyone benefits.

Recently we have found that there hasn't been enough help to run our meetings efficiently. Your assistance can greatly approve the overall quality of our meetings and everyone will benefit. Here's where we need an extra set of hands: before the meeting starts, table assignments, set up of silent auction, assisting table holders by opening the door for them and helping to bring in their items, manning the silent auction (taking shifts), moving a table or two, and these sorts of things. If you can spare a little time we will greatly appreciate your help.

# HOROLOGIAL BUY / SELL ITEMS (JAN 2018)

Please provide text only (no images) and how you want to be contacted. Also, this Wanted / For Sale sheet will be on the bulletin board by the registration desk for adding more items while at a meeting.

# **CLOCKS WANTED**

--Ansonia china "Winnipeg" in green, jeweler's regulator, and great wheel skeleton. David Hagberg, dnhagberg@comcast.net

--Early strap movements (Ives, C&LC Ives, Birge), Junkers, and movement parts. Frank Matthews, fdmiii@hotmail.com

--Shortt-Synchronome or Fedchenko electrical "tank" clock, working or non-working. Eric Scace, eric@scace.org

# WATCHES WANTED

--Old watches wanted - dead or alive. One piece to entire collections, or retiring watchmaker inventories. Micah Tasker, cel tel: 603-781-5757 or tasker@quixnet.net.

--Movado cal 90 chronograph ww movement or chrono-bridge – any condition. John Wetherell, 508-653-8118.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 MEETING REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

Name	City / State	NAWCC No
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Make check payable to **"New England Chapter 8" for \$ 25.00**, <u>or use</u> **PayPal (chapt8@gmail.com)** Mail application to: New England Chapter 8, % Joseph W. Seremeth, 35 Foster Hill Rd, W. Brookfield, MA 01585