New England Chapter No. 8

The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

March 25, 2017 Saturday Meeting

at Old Sturbridge Village 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566 (800-733-1830)

Membership Dues for 2017

Even if you cannot attend this upcoming meeting, please remit \$25 for the 2017 dues at this time. Payment can be mailed in the enclosed envelope. Also, you continue to have the option of using PayPal: log on to PayPal, under "To" type in: **chapt8@gmail.com**, and then, after payment, state for what the amount of your payment is.

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

President's Message

One of the greatest perks of being President of Chapter 8 is getting to meet and interact with so many of our members. We have a great group of people. Thank you all for your advice, support and willingness to share your talent. We are a smaller group than we once were, but there is no decline in the quality of our people. We have several new members who joined at the last meeting and, also, several members who contacted me about serving on the council. By the time you are reading this we will have two new directors: Joanne Chatlas and Daniel Horan. Joanne and Daniel, thank you volunteering to help keep the chapter going strong. We still have room for two more on the council so, if you are interested please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting,

Chris

Reduced Mart table rental for this meeting
The full table rental has been reduced from \$10 to \$5 per table, irrespective of the number of tables

REGISTRATION

NOTE: THE CUTOFF DATE is Friday, March 17th

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION <u>ARRIVES</u> ON OR BEFORE THIS CUTOFF DATE Registrations received by the cutoff date are \$30. Registrations received after Friday, March 17th, and walkins are \$35. Registration includes your lunch and is required for participation in all meeting activities.

MEETING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM. Registration. Nametags are available for pre-registered members. Walk-in registration begins. Mart opens for setup for table holders only.

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

9:00 to 11:45 AM. Silent Auction. A fee of \$3.00 per item, multiple items for one bid count as one item.

WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

9:45 AM. "Dennison's Orphans and the English Watch Company." This talk by Tom McIntyre is a follow-on to "Dennison's Orphans" given a few years ago to Chapter 8. When Aron Dennison was fired from Waltham he eventually hooked up with Bigelow to form the Tremont Watch Co. With time this company folded, and Dennison was given the task of disposing of the machinery and inventory of unfinished products and tooling. He eventually made arrangements with the Anglo American Watch Co. in the UK, which quickly became the English Watch Co. as Dennison himself departed to form the Dennison Watch Case Co. The English Watch Co. continued to use Tremont tooling and material for many years. A few recent finds have extended the lifetime of that usage well into the 20th century. Much longer than the English Watch Co. remained a visible business. Tom started collecting clocks and watches in Canada in 1967 and joined the NAWCC in 1971 after moving back to the states. Tom is the technical administrator for the NAWCC Message Board.

10:45 AM. "Moving the wooden works clock into the 21st century." Vinnie Mack will show the progression of these movements through the years as well as the differences between 30-hour and 8-day clocks. The history of clock advancements such as segmented wheels roller pinions, strap plates, and the reasons that clockmakers used them will be reviewed. Vinnie will discuss inherent problems with the old method of manufacture. Additionally, he will talk about some ideas for repairing old movements. Vinnie started clock work while in high school and after graduation worked for Elmer Stennis. Later, he went to technical school in Boston. He made his first wood works clock at Fitchburg state college in 1963. Vinnie received his Masters degree in wood technology in 1968, and later made 15 time-only wag on wall movements. Vinnie continued to improve the design and fabrication of wooden works clocks for the next 44 years.

12:00 PM. Lunch.

12:45. PM. "The 1876 Crisis - Analyzing the watch industry from the business and history perspective." Aaron Stark is an MBA student at the Harvard Business School, and also runs the Watch Ponder Blog (https://watchponder.com) devoted to analyzing the watch industry from the business and history perspective. He will be talking about his case study research into the Swiss watch industry response to the "1876 Crisis" and how they were able to eventually overcome the American mechanized production threat. The Swiss watch industry is one of the few (or only) group of producers to overcome such a disruptive disadvantage. Aaron will talk about how the Swiss were able to do this.

Directions:

<u>From the East or West</u>: take I-90 (Mass Pike) west to exit 9 to Rte 20 west in Sturbridge, then through the lights and follow the signs to OSV. Proceed to the large parking area in front of the Oliver Wight Tavern.

<u>From Connecticut and New York</u>: take I-84 east to exit 9 to Rte 20 west in Sturbridge, then through the lights and follow the signs to OSV. Proceed to the large parking area in front of the Oliver Wight Tavern.

<u>From Rhode Island</u>: take Rte 146 north to the I-90 (Mass Pike) west to exit 9 to Rte 20 west in Sturbridge, then through the lights and follow the signs to OSV. Proceed to the large parking area at the Oliver Wight Tavern.

SILENT AUCTION

9:00 to 11:45 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.

Want to buy / sell a horological item? See the enclosed insert. Email or phone your text for the next meeting to the secretary.

2017 MEETINGS: May 20th Annual Willard House Workshop, N. Grafton, MA, and the summer picnic, August 13th, Ludlow, MA.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 MEETING REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

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