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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.

IT'S FEEDBACK TIME

Dear Members,
(A Message from the CRC Chair)

The Chapter Relations Committee is always trying to come up with new ideas and ways to help the Chapters. We need your input and feedback to continue. This will help us in assisting you and getting you the information that will help your Chapter grow and stay viable.

I would appreciate your comments and ideas to share with other Chapters. Let me know if you like or dislike this newsletter and what items you would like to see in the next issue. If you have articles of interest or additional information on any articles published in the past five issues to share with other officers and members, please submit them. Here is the link: <http://www.nawcc.org/index.php/our-association/bod-documents#COMMITTEEDocs>. It would be helpful if you read the past issues and comment on all. If you have negative comments, I also want to hear them.

I am also hoping that you will share most of the information we publish with your members, because some of this information is helpful for them as well.

If I receive a good response to this request, we may be able to set up a link in the newsletter to respond directly. For now, please reply to me at LBSadowski@aol.com or Pam Lindenberger at plindenberger@nawcc.org. If you do not have email and the newsletter is mailed to you, you may respond to us by mail at **NAWCC Member Services**, 514 Poplar St., Columbia, PA 17512-2130.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Chapters as Committee Chair for the past seven years since its inception. I hope I have been helpful and hope to continue to do so in the future.

My sincere wishes,

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THE NAWCC OFFERS ALL CHAPTERS A FREE WEBSITE ON OUR COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA FACILITY

With our Community Center, the entire NAWCC becomes one big Internet Chapter—always open, 24/7 and always ready for online Association activity. Want to start a private area where you and your chosen friends can exchange messages in private? Want someplace to store pictures, scans, or other media to share with your friends, Chapter, or the entire membership?

It's already waiting for you in the NAWCC Community Center! Store your data in digital libraries for the use of you and your friends. Archive copies of your Chapter Newsletters, important research you've uncovered, photos from your last mart... anything and everything! Or request a custom library for your own purposes—perpetual data storage at your fingertips and you hold the key.

Does your Chapter need a website to advertise it?

The Community Center is also designed to provide NAWCC members with easy-to-use website facilities, either for long-term (Chapter websites) or temporary (programs and events) use. Best of all, no special Internet expertise or Web design software is required to maintain and update these websites. Anyone can do it.

Visit the NAWCC Community Center by selecting the Community link from the main navigation bar on the NAWCC home page at www.nawcc.org, or by clicking the link below:

<http://community.nawcc.org>

SAVE THE DATES:**2016 NAWCC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

July 20-23, 2016,
Louisville, KY

2017 NAWCC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Week of July 25th,
Arlington, TX

2018 NAWCC NATIONAL CONVENTION

75TH Anniversary Jubilee
Week of July 20th,
York, PA

IRS FILING REMINDER FOR US CHAPTERS

All US Chapters are responsible for filing a 990-N electronic return if your normal gross receipts are less than \$50,000. If your normal gross receipts are \$50,000 or more, you will need to file a form 990 or 990EZ. These are returns to be filed annually by nonprofits with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Returns are due by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your Chapter's fiscal year. If you are not recognized as a nonprofit, then you would file a standard business return. If you have questions regarding IRS filing, you can check the Chapter Document section of the website or call Executive Director Steve Humphrey to discuss. The NAWCC is recognized by the IRS to administer an exempt group on behalf of its Chapters. Requirements to be part of the exempt group are included in the above referenced documents. Chapters with normal gross receipts of less than \$5,000 can qualify for exempt status under the small organizations rule (but are still required to file the 990-N). The NAWCC has provided a document to answer questions about Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and how to use it: who needs to file it, why, and how often. That document can be found at the following link:

http://www.nawcc.org/images/stories/chapter_info/IRS_Filings_Due_for_US_Chapters.pdf

"BRIDGE TO MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP"

Chapter 190's board of directors and the education committee have found a successful way to add new members to the NAWCC and our local Chapter. We present the success of this workshop.

The Chapter education committee supported and developed a Bridge to Membership public outreach two-day workshop that has worked very well. The workshop is titled "Introduction to Antique Clock Collecting, Repair & Maintenance."

The workshop has only one prerequisite: Interest and Curiosity. Lex Rooker designed and prepared the material and taught the workshop. Ken McWilliams prepared the story of horology. Mike Schmidt gives a short presentation titled "Clock Collecting: Evaluating, Purchasing, and Documenting Your Collection."

The premise of the workshop is to offer a non-intimidating introductory workshop as an outreach to the general public. A small number of existing and lapsed NAWCC members have also enrolled. Our very first workshop was in February 2013. To date we have completed eight workshops.

The total results are the following:

A total of 72 students completed the workshop. The average workshop enrolled 9 students; **22 students (30%) became new NAWCC members** and 25 students became Chapter 190 members; and 25 students went forward, enrolled, and completed the FSW 101 workshop.

Upon completion of this introduction workshop, students can determine what aspect of an NAWCC membership would interest them. This can all be done with a minimum tuition cost of \$100 for the two days. All the tools, materials and movements are supplied by the Chapter.

How do we find students?

The students come from different sources: The main source, on a timely basis, is from local advertising in area newspapers. Some students come from Chapter members inviting or spreading the word. We also have workshop students telling others. We have students come from our open annual mart and Chapter monthly meetings. Once the initial workshop had been offered, completed, and evaluated by students, a forward momentum feeds off the student experiences reported. Cost of workshop? The initial cost of movements, clock stands, tools, and equipment, is provided by the Chapter. This initial investment provides the basics and is spread over many workshops. Each workshop has its individual costs. These include room rental, advertising, and educational handouts. The \$100 tuition cost is minimal and covers individual workshop costs. Our dedicated instructor, **LEX ROOKER**, has donated his time and much material in total support of this public outreach educational program.

The results of this public outreach workshop have been very encouraging. We have not only added new members but a younger and a more diversified membership. This is real tonic for old NAWCC members.

If you are interested in more information on this workshop, please contact Lex Rooker at: lex_rooker@usinter.net or Mike Schmidt at: eaglecreekclocks@msn.com.

Get to Know The Specialty Chapters

Do you and all your Chapter members know there are Specialty Chapters? These Chapters have a few meetings a year, where their members share interesting programs and their collections with all NAWCC members who would like to attend and learn about their Chapter. Do you own a *tower or street clock*? Have you collected *Howard Banta alarm clocks*? What about *wooden works clocks*? *Carriage clocks*? *British clocks*? *International Time Recorders*? *Horological tools*? *400-day clocks*? Do you own a clock with stenciling or a beautiful painted tablet or glass? Are you interested in *American pocket watches*? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, there is a Specialty Chapter on each subject mentioned, and more that will help you learn about a clock, tool, or art in your own collection.

A lot of these Chapters give a lecture or discussion at local meetings, Regionals, and at the National Convention. Please join them, and learn more about the items in your collection. They always welcome you to bring an item you know nothing about, and want to find out about. Lively discussion usually follow. Take advantage of these Chapters to learn more about what you own and would like to own.

The Educational Travel Chapter plans trips to different countries, to museums, and homes of collectors to be viewed on the trip. There also is a Horological Science Chapter.

Go to the NAWCC website, click on *Members*, then *Find a Chapter* and scroll down under the US map to the link for **International and Specialty Chapters** listed with the contacts.

Now You Can Learn About Time—When and Where You Want!

After our kickoff of online workshops last year, we now have several different courses available to NAWCC members. Online learning offers a virtual learning environment with the same level of technical content and standard of learning as face-to-face courses but without travel time and substantial cost.

Log on to NAWCC's website and your member account 24/7 to access My NAWCC Online Courses. Take a course when it is convenient for you, at a pace that works for you, enabling you to stop and restart the program. Please be sure to review our Policies and Online Learning System Requirements before registering.

Batteries, Bands, and Bracelets was the first of these online courses to be developed and available to NAWCC members. Instructor Anthony Paster provides an overview on the removal and installation of watch batteries, watch bands, and bracelets on a variety of styles and types of watchcases. Batteries, bands, and bracelets are replaced at jeweler stores, department stores, mall kiosks, and watch owners every day and on all makes and models.

American Time-Only Movement covers the eight-day, time-only clock movement with an open mainspring, typically found in American clocks. The course will concentrate on the basic procedures needed in this course and for other online workshops. The student will learn and gain confidence in the following repair procedures: movement and mainspring cleaning, hand bushing, pivot polishing, and time train troubleshooting. FSW instructor Mike Dempsey teaches the course.

Bushing and Depthing on the Milling Machine covers the installation of bushings and depthing for clocks and watches on a milling machine. This course uses a **Sherline milling machine** to demonstrate the techniques described below.

Bushing on the Mill

- Three methods of locating the pivot hole
- Reaming for a bushing
- Inserting a bushing in the movement plate
- Reaming the pivot hold to the proper size
- Chamfering and cutting oil sinks in a bushings

Precision Bushing on the Mill

- Bushing at the edge of a movement plate
- Bushing a watch movement plate

Depthing on the Mill

- Movement setup
- Tools required
- Rebushing improperly place bushings

Turning and Boring on the Mill

- How to set up the mill as a lathe
- Turning bushings
- Boring spring barrels
- Bushing barrels

Grinding Verges on the Mill

NAWCC instructor Jerry Kieffer teaches the course.

Our next course, available in May, will focus on the decorative side of clock cases, with demonstrations of water gilding, veneering, and finishing by NAWCC instructor Gregg Perry. Education is the core of NAWCC's mission, so enjoy learning!

[Click HERE](#) for a list of current online classes and programs

Mentor a Younger Generation of Horology Enthusiasts

The National Science Olympiad's program **It's About Time** is seeking volunteers interested in helping with this event for the 2015-2016 year. From 1990 to 1997 representatives from NAWCC helped the Science Olympiad run this popular event and six years ago we returned as sponsor for this event for the Science Olympiad's 25th anniversary.

The Science Olympiad is continuing this popular horological event for its 2015-2016 schedule. This event is the perfect opportunity for the NAWCC to reach out to a younger generation on a local and national level who are interested in the science of horology. Your local resources and assistance will be crucial to the event's success!

It's About Time will reach at least 2,600 US high schools, with at least four students per school preparing for the event, for a total participation of about 10,000 US high school students in 2016.

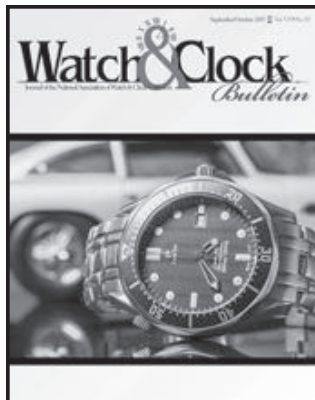
There are 47 state organizations that run 240 regional and state Science Olympiad tournaments annually.

Science Olympiad is once again looking to the NAWCC members and Chapters to assist in the following ways:

- Mentor teams in their local area
- Work with students at Science Olympiad practice sessions
- Assist at regional or state tournaments
- Present at teacher trainings
- Provide expertise to national event supervisors on industry-specific concepts
- Provide Web, electronic, or visual resources to assist students with the event

If you are interested in helping a younger generation get excited about horology, visit the National Science Olympiad's website at <https://www.soinc.org/volunteers> to see how you can volunteer in your area or on a national level.

W&C BULLETIN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!



The *Watch & Clock Bulletin* is putting out a call for submissions as follows:

* We are looking for cryptograms with a horological flavor. Anyone who wishes to submit a cryptogram with its solution should send them to Mart & Highlights Advertising Coordinator Elise Leytham at: mart@nawcc.org.

* We are seeking items for Fredric Friedberg's Fantastic Finds and Related Tales, which has been absent from recent issues because submissions dwindled. Anyone who wants to share a story about a super find or unusual discovery should send them to Fred Friedberg at: fred@illinoiswatches.com.

* The NAWCC staff and volunteers are preparing for the Association's 75th anniversary. We are digging through published papers, examining old photos, and piecing together a legacy that will be published in upcoming issues of the *Watch & Clock Bulletin*. We are looking for your tales about funny adventures, friendships, and events related to the NAWCC to publish with our research. The submissions should be around 300 words long; photos are welcome.

Anyone with stories to share please contact:

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NEW NAWCC-THEMED CLOCK VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Produced by member **Lex Rooker** for use by NAWCC, this series of 16 short videos on how a clock works is from an "Introduction to Horology" course Lex developed and teaches for Chapter 190. A basic time-only American movement is covered. These videos are free to all YouTube viewers. His goal for the videos is to direct the viewers to the NAWCC for further education and awareness of our organization.

VIEW HERE: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3ozRcvjc5EBPOELSz5ssyR2_llpWqSZm

MARKETING MATERIALS

Chapters that require flyers, posters, and various marketing materials to better advertise themselves can contact Kim Craven at kcraven@nawcc.org

Sample Press Releases for Chapter and Regional events can be downloaded from our

NAWCC PRESS MEDIA PAGE

Posters and flyers can also be downloaded and printed directly from the Internet in assorted sizes. Interested Chapters can download those flyers here:

[JOIN THE NAWCC 8.5" x 10"](#) [JOIN THE NAWCC 11" x 14"](#)

[JOIN THE NAWCC 16" x 20"](#) [CHAPTER MEETING 8.5" x 14"](#)

Chapter Survey Results: Preliminary Summary

Thanks to all the Chapters that responded to the survey that was sent out in April. To date there have been 81 responses, and additional surveys continue to come in. If you have not sent your Chapter Survey and Roster, please do so. The simple four-question survey can be found at http://www.nawcc.org/crc/CRC_2014_Chapter_Survey.pdf.

The final tabulations should be ready around the first of the year and the results will be posted. The responses have indicated that Chapters are concerned about member recruitment and retention. Following are a few of the tips offered in the 2014 survey responses.

Almost half of the surveys listed word of mouth or members bringing friends to Chapter events as their most successful method of recruiting new members. If you have friends who are interested in your collection, invite them to a meeting? Perhaps even offer to pick them up. You can also request copies of the NAWCC membership brochures from Member Services to distribute to your Chapter members. Don't hesitate to give one of these brochures to interested people. It will provide them with additional information about the organization, and as an added benefit to you, if a new member enters your name as referring them, you will receive a \$35 voucher to apply toward your next year's renewal.

As for the most successful method of retaining existing members, half of the responses focused on having good, consistent programs and marts. If your members are not willing to present a formal program, consider utilizing some of the videos available from the Library and Research Center. Ideas for new programs can also be gleaned from reading the Chapter Highlights section of each *Mart & Highlights* issue. If you see a report on something that sounds interesting, don't hesitate to reach out to the Chapter and ask about the program. A popular program option that offers everyone an opportunity to get involved is show and tell. These programs can be a general session where each member can bring any horological item of their choosing, or they can be focused on a specific topic, such as their first horological purchase, a specific type of timepiece, a favorite tool, most beneficial reference book, or an item that begins with a certain letter of the alphabet. Non-member spouses who attend should also be encouraged to participate. These show and tell programs remove the pressure of preparing an entire program while getting everyone involved. It's surprising how much information is provided in this type of program.

Once again, thank you for your input. If you have other tips for member recruitment and retention or ideas for programs, please send them to LBsadowski@aol.com and we will share the information in an upcoming Chapter Officers Newsletter.

The Chapter Survey compilations, the report, and this summary were produced by Patricia Holloway (TX).

SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Two programs that are very successful for a Midwest Chapter are **The Internet Library** and **mentoring potential program presenters**. The Chapter in question has and uses its own internet library to help its members do repairs or research on pieces in their collections. **First, the Chapter has a dedicated librarian who is appointed by the board.** The librarian is responsible for maintaining the library and making recommendations for future book purchases by the Chapter. *All the books from the library are posted on its website.* If a member wants to check out a book, he or she emails the librarian who then brings the book to the next Chapter meeting, or if the Chapter member wants it sooner, the librarian mails the book.

Shipping costs are paid by the person requesting the book. Many of the older members have donated books they no longer need or want, which helps to increase the number of books the Chapter can offer for free. This service has proven to be a great Chapter resource.

The Chapter in question also has no problem with live lectures at all its Chapter meetings. A small group of Chapter members mentor and support with resources to aid a program, and they will help with research and photography for the presentation.

The Chapter is very lucky to have a younger group that heads up this program. It's fairly easy to find potential speakers by just asking members of your Chapter what they collect and their specialty. Asking this in a large group does not really work, but talking to members "one on one" works very well. Workshops also work very well. The Chapter will run a small workshop during the mart but before the main lecture. They keep the workshops very simple and they last no longer than 30 minutes. They do simple things, such as putting a clock in beat, changing a watch crystal, taking a pocket watch movement out of the case so that you can clean the case, or replacing the leather in a hammer on a clock. These workshops need to be kept very simple but can be very effective for the Chapter members.

If any Chapters are interested in more information or learning how these programs are implemented, the Committee will provide more details and perhaps formal instruction for interested parties to learn some of these techniques.

NAWCC CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

The NAWCC has created a service for Chapters to send their newsletters to the Marketing Department and have them printed and mailed for a reasonable fee. This service enables our Chapters to take advantage of our lower bulk mailing rates for mailings of over 200 pieces.

Another service available to Chapters is use of the NAWCC mass emailing service to send messages to their rosters, other regional members, or even (in special cases) the entire membership. (These services have a small cost, depending on how large an area is targeted.)

If you are interested in learning more, contact Kim Craven at kcraven@nawcc.org.

NEW NAWCC AUCTION & SALES eNEWSLETTER

Interested in the latest sales and auction events? Click the link below to sign up for the new **NAWCC AUCTIONS & SALES Email Newsletter!**

SIGN UP NOW

Reminders/Ideas

The Chapter Highlights in the *Mart & Highlights* has many interesting ideas and examples of what Chapters do for workshops, lectures, presentations, and events. Take the time to see what other Chapters are doing. Many Chapters have really nice newsletters online or attached to their Chapter webpage.

The Speaker's Bureau is online and has an extensive listing of Speakers and topics.

Bimonthly Updates Report is sent out by the Member Services Department every other month. This listing has all new members in your area or whatever zip codes you choose. All new, new active, inactive, deceased, and suspended members are listed. Many Chapters send an invitation to their next Chapter meeting to new and new active members. Many invite them as a guest and do not charge and even allow them to bring a friend or spouse.

The NAWCC Lending Library is available to loan books, articles, videos, CDs and standing exhibits.

A Chapter Library is one way to help members gain knowledge. A book or related tools may be requested and the items will be brought to the Chapter meeting. If the member is not attending the meeting, the Chapter will mail the item; you pay only for the shipping.

Targeted Email Blasts sent to all members about your Chapter's meetings and events are a good way to get the word out.

eHappenings and Chapter Events in the *Mart & Highlights* is another way to get the word out.

Marketing Materials are available from the Marketing Department. Posters and signs can be acquired to post in your local shops, malls, schools, and antique and jewelry stores.

Rosters and Officer Changes should be reported to the Member Services Department.

Joint Meetings work for many Chapters; for instance, Mid-Hudson Chapter 84 holds an annual Picnic in the Park in July and invites all the New York, New Jersey, and New England Chapters. For \$17 you get a buffet breakfast and lunch with all the beverages included. This includes admission, a table, and show and tell hour. Philadelphia Chapter 1 holds an annual picnic in August at Merritt's Antiques. For \$10 you get lunch, a table, and admission. An annual picnic in September at the armory is sponsored by Buckeye Chapter 23, Lexington Chapter 140, Louisville Chapter 35, and KY Flower Clock Chapter 44. For \$5 you get to sell your items, donuts and coffee, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, and admission.

The NAWCC Website is constantly being updated and improved. There is so much information that is easy to access. **The Community Center** is a whole separate area of our website, packed with a fantastic array of new communication options for NAWCC Chapters.

Member of ASTC (The Association of Science and Technology Centers). ASTC is part of your NAWCC membership card. You can visit over 250 museums and centers for free just by showing your membership card.

Chapter Archives at the NAWCC Library. Send your Chapter newsletters, notices, and events to the Library, and they will file your materials in your Chapter's archive.

IRS Filing for US Chapters annually. Remember to file when your fiscal year is over. These returns are due by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your Chapter's fiscal year.

AWARDS, INFORMATION AND MEMBER SERVICES FOR CHAPTERS OFFERED BY NAWCC

YEARLY DATA AND BIMONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Member Services provides the geographical Chapters with an alphabetical membership list each calendar year of all current members in a Chapter's assigned area to a designated officer of the Chapter. Only those members who wish to not have their information given to Chapters are not included. Bimonthly, an activity report showing new and reinstated members, inactive members due to death, resignation, and non-payment of dues, and members who relocate is provided. The information is provided in email or printable format to one Chapter representative, usually the secretary, unless specified differently. They have permission to distribute to any other Chapter officer or representative as needed.

Changes to the assigned Chapter area as well as recipient of this data can be updated at any time by notifying Pam Lindenberger at 717.684.8261 x210.

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE AWARD

The Golden Circle Award is an award to recognize the achievement of 50 years of NAWCC membership. It is granted automatically to those members achieving 50 years of continuous membership. It is recognized by a certificate and a Golden Circle pin, presented to qualifying members at each year's National Convention Awards Banquet. A list is also maintained on the NAWCC website with the name, member number, and year of achievement for all members attaining 50 years of service.

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Board of Directors passed a motion at their December 2009 meeting to begin offering Recognition pins in ten-year increments to those members who have reached 10-, 20-, 30-, and 40-year milestones. Member Services staff compiles a list at the end of the calendar year of the eligible members. Those members are sent a thank-you for their years of service and are offered a pin. Any member questioning their years of membership can contact Member Services for research.

DON'T MISS THE 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Make your plans NOW to be a part of the 2016 NAWCC National Convention. Public Clocks of Every Shape and Excitement: Unwinding On the River, **July 17-23, 2016** in Louisville, KY.

It will be a week to remember. Field Suitcase Workshops are scheduled for July 17-20. The World Wide Traders show opens Tuesday, July 19. Other attractions include the pre-Convention reception followed by the keynote speaker, the mart, exhibits, Crafts Contest, Chapter and Committee meetings, lectures, auctions, the annual meeting, and the banquet.

Arrive by Wednesday, July 20, and join other NAWCC members and their guests (children welcome) for a two-hour cruise on the historic steamboat, *Belle of Louisville*. Enjoy a buffet lunch on the enclosed air-conditioned main deck. Take a stroll on the open upper deck and spend time with the onboard historian as he points out scenic vistas and shares the history of steamboats. The calliope will whistle a tune as we round Nine Mile Island. There will be time after the cruise to unwind before other Convention activities begin.

The main events will be Thursday through Saturday, July 21-23. All the expected NAWCC activities will be held within the host hotel, The Downtown Marriott, and the Kentucky International Convention Center, a short walk across Sky Bridge. Beyond these walls is Louisville, a city filled with possibilities. Within walking distance are museums (Louisville Slugger Museum, Frazier Historical Arms Museum, Louisville Science Center, The Muhammad Ali Center), and music (Stevie Ray's, The Kentucky Center, The Jazz Factory, Fourth Street Live), and food (Hillbilly Tea, Harvest Restaurant, Proof on Main). You will want to pick up a passport for the Urban Bourbon Trail and sample the local libation. Wherever your adventure leads, pause and appreciate the numerous public clocks of Louisville.

Whether you think of Louisville as a city in the lower Midwest, or as a city as far north as you can go and still be in the South, make your plans now to unwind on the river and enjoy the excitement and hospitality of the 2016 NAWCC National Convention. Look for the latest details and registration information under Events on the NAWCC website.

The Chapter Representatives Reception at the 2016 National Convention

The Chapter Relations Committee will be hosting **The Chapter Representatives Reception** at the **2016 National Convention in Louisville, KY**. The dates of the National are July 17-23, 2016. The Chapter Representatives Reception will be held during the Convention (schedule TBD). There will be a light fare, a cash bar, and door prizes.

Come and meet Steve Humphrey and other Directors along with some members of the Chapter Relations Committee. You will have an opportunity to learn what is happening with the NAWCC and be able to voice your concerns about your Chapter and converse with other Chapter Officers and members to compare ideas and suggestions. If you cannot attend, please send a representative from your Chapter. It is easy to register online or by mail when you sign up for the Convention; if you have already registered, you can still add this event or any other event online, mail in, or call the Registration Chair on the form.

Regards,

Lu Sadowski
Chapter Relations Committee Chair

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

CLICK TO DOWNLOAD:

[CRC Newsletter #1 \(Spring 2012\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #2 \(Winter 2013\)](#)

[CRC Newsletter #3 \(Spring 2014\)](#)

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

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

IDEAS FOR RUNNING SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS OR REGIONALS

Did you ever wonder why and how some Chapters and Regionals work so well and are thriving, while others are slowly dying out? Some members believe that NAWCC financially supports Chapters and Regionals. This is not true. The Chapters and Regionals have to generate their own revenue to keep them going. These same people also think that members get paid for helping out and that the same people working get paid for doing jobs at Regionals and National Conventions. This also is not true.

These are some questions we hear all the time. Get involved and you'll understand why we volunteer. The reason that Chapters are successful is because the officers and members of the Chapter are working hard to keep it viable and interesting for their members. You don't have to be a Chapter officer to help out. Offering to do a program or workshop on something you are familiar with is a start. Bringing or inviting new people to the meetings also helps the Chapter grow.

The Regionals don't run themselves. You have to put some thought into how to change it a little to make it more interesting. Get some new volunteers and tap into their ideas. Check out other collecting clubs to see what they do. Run contests in the mart room to generate interest. Vote on the best clock, watch, or antique horological tool display or the oldest clock or watch there. You need a "cheerleader" to help generate interest and put energy into your Regional. There are a few Regionals that run a very busy and vibrant silent auction...it keeps energy going in the whole mart room.

The silent auction announcers are upbeat and get everyone up and moving to see what is going on. They start their silent auctions an hour after the mart opens and keep them going until the mart room is ready to close! Everyone sticks around to see what is going up next.

It is most important for Regionals and Chapters to have happy, smiling faces around the room. Members of your local Chapter should be there to welcome people in. If you know they are new, as they walk in, introduce yourself. Ask what they are interested in and show them around to meet members with the same interest they have.

Finally, you'll be paid handsomely for volunteering at your Chapter, Regional, or National Convention. The more you do, the more you will earn in friendships that will last a lifetime. No one that volunteers gets paid monetarily. That is against all that NAWCC is about. Our Chapters, Regionals and members support the NAWCC organization, Library, and Museum. We volunteer because we meet new members from across the USA and throughout the world.

We find that this payment is sufficient enough to keep us wanting to volunteer more and more. We look forward to the next Convention so we can spend time with these same friends.

Searching NAWCC Museum Collection

NAWCC has photographed all the 12,000-plus horological items in its collection, digitalized the images, and placed all the images on the website for members to access and view.

Sign onto the website, select the Museum tab at top of the page; a drop book will appear and you can find information: Visiting the Museum, Special Events, and Search the Collection.

You can search the collection by three routes: Keyword, Advanced Search, or Random Images.

SERVICES FOR CHAPTERS OFFERED BY NAWCC

For your convenience, here's a list of available services offered to Chapters by the NAWCC:

*Reduced rates for Chapter Insurance * Free hosting of Chapter website on Community * Website Design Help and Newsletter Assistance * Chapter activities on National Calendar * IMIS Software to support meeting/regional registrations * Printing Services * Mailing Service at bulk rates (over 200 pieces) * Suitcase workshops/programs * Programs for Chapter meetings * displays and printable marketing materials * Bimonthly updates for address changes * Demographic lists available for recruiting * Speakers Bureau * NAWCC Documents (Chapter Handbook, Bylaws, Charter) * Assistance with IRS tax reporting * Archive Chapter officer info in our database * Chapter listing on National Chapter Finder * Publishes Chapter News and Highlights * Chapter Officers listing in Mart & Highlights * Awarding of certificates/honors * Assistance with advertising for meetings and Regionals * Online discussion groups and file libraries on Community * Consulting aid from CRC Committee and NAWCC staff*

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List of NAWCC Webinars

The NAWCC Education Department has developed a monthly webinar series that began in late 2014. The webinars cover a wide variety of horological topics and are about 30-50 min. long, which could be useful topics for Chapter meetings to promote discussions. [Here is a partial list of available webinars for viewing:](#)

The War Alarm by Al Dodson

Establishment of Time Zones in US by Robert & Susan Gary

The Basics of Self-Winding Watches by Adam Harris

Beginning of Hermetic Watch by Adam Harris

The Beginning of Wrist Watches by Adam Harris

Clock Companies of Joseph Eastman by Ken Hogwood

Ephemeral Art: Here Today and Gone Tomorrow by Pat Holloway

American Watch Co. Grade: 40 Years of Excellence by Tom McIntyre

"A Tale of Two Clocks" by Steve Nelson

The Remarkable Clocks of Andrew V. Strait by Russ Oechsle

UPCOMING NAWCC MUSEUM EVENTS:

Bulova: A History of Modern

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2015

Come enjoy an NAWCC Members-Only Preview of our latest exhibit!

The Witching Hour Halloween Ball

WHEN: Saturday, October 31, 2015, 7-10 p.m.

Celebrate the end of DST among the spooky denizens of Halloween!

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