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### CHAPTERS SUPPORT NAWCC VIA "CHAPTER CHALLENGE"

Recent budgetary decisions to close the NAWCC School of Horology and increase dues have inspired some philanthropists among us!

On June 11th, **NAWCC Peace Pipe Chapter 83**, a relatively small chapter of 33 members (*though large and seasoned in spirit!*) stepped up to support the NAWCC, pledging \$500.00 to the association from their own chapter treasury and challenging other chapters to do the same. Soon after, **Chicagoland Chapter 3** answered the call, pledging double that amount (\$1000) in a similar gesture of support.

Near the end of July, a third chapter, **Ventura and Santa Barbara Chapter 190**, again took up the gauntlet by matching Chapter 83's pledge with one of their own (\$500).

We at the NAWCC cannot adequately express our appreciation for much-needed donations during these difficult financial times. But as long as we share this great organization with fine people such as those above, we shall continue to share our love of horology for many years to come.

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Dear NAWCC Member,

This month we enjoy more historical watches, meet a skydiving-watch spokesman, encounter a strange monumental "look-alike," and celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee by the renaming of a world famous horological landmark.

Enjoy!

### Bonnie & Clyde Pocket Watch Offered At Auction



Photo: RR Auction

On a quiet May morning in 1934, the most wanted bank-robbing gangster Clyde Barrow and his equally notorious accomplice Bonnie Parker fatally drove their car into an FBI ambush. The posse of lawmen fired over 130 bullets at the cornered couple, and when the smoke cleared, Bonnie and Clyde were dead.

Barrow was carrying his Elgin pocket watch when he met his violent end. That watch is being auctioned September 30 in New Hampshire and may bring between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The watch is an Elgin 17-jewel, ¾-plate, 16-size, open-face, 10K, gold-filled pocket watch, in its original Wadsworth screw-back and bezel case. It has stem winding and setting, with a railroad-style double-sunk dial, bold Arabic numerals, and bold blued-steel hands.

In the 1930s the criminal deeds of Bonnie and Clyde were celebrated in word and song. Their crime spree between 1931 and 1934 resulted in the robbery of over a dozen banks and numerous rural stores and gas stations in several states in the Midwest and the South. Thirteen killings have been blamed on the gang.

For more info on the auction, click [HERE](#)

**BIG BEN'S ICONIC CLOCK TOWER TO BE RENAMED**

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**NAWCC Member to appear on America's Lost Treasures**



This summer The National Geographic channel debuts a new show called America's Lost Treasures, a program similar to Antiques Roadshow. NAWCC member Greg Arey was one of 33 people recently chosen to share a historical "treasure" for the new series. The production company went to Kansas City's Union Station in mid-January, where Mr. Arey presented his Howard no. 89 wall clock-believed to have hung in Kansas City's Union Station from approximately 1902 through 1933. This segment is scheduled to air on August 15.

**MUSEUM EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED WITH SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD**



**Abby Krouse**, admission and gift shop manager at the Museum, recently received the Spirit of Service Award from the PA Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The



Photo: AP

The iconic Clock Tower of Britain's Parliament-home of the famous "Big Ben"-will officially be renamed in honor of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 315 ft.-high structure, one of Britain's most famous landmarks, will officially be titled "Elizabeth Tower." This is part of a recent effort by British lawmakers to celebrate the monarch's 60 years on the throne. A House of Commons Commission statement stated that official actions are being taken to ensure that the new tower name will be implemented in an appropriate manner in due course. Construction of the tower was completed in 1858; it houses a four-faced chiming clock and the famed 13-ton Big Ben bell.

British Prime Minister David Cameron recently announced that the new name was a "fitting tribute to the queen and the service she has given our country." It was generally agreed by those within British government that the honor was a fitting recognition of Queen Elizabeth's lifetime of dedication and tireless service.

**INTRODUCING THE AMAZING STEINLE CLOCK!**



Photo: Brian Price

You're not seeing double! This fantastic Monumental Clock, remarkably similar to the NAWCC's own Engle Clock, was built in the late 1800s by German immigrant and engineer Frank Steinle and is currently in residence at the Town Hall Museum of Cedar Point, Ohio, where it has been on display for almost half a century.

For more information about the history of this clock, click [here](#).

**BREMONT'S "WINGMAN" SKYDIVES AS QUEEN ELIZABETH FOR OLYMPIC OPENING**

Museum was honored to have a member of our staff selected and it demonstrates our ongoing efforts to be a more relevant and visible entity in a crowded tourism market. Thank you to Abby for all of her hard work in assisting us (and being recognized for doing so) in this endeavor," says Museum Director Noel Poirier.

### NAWCC Board Of Directors Opens Electronic Meetings To Interested Members

In the spirit of transparency and to encourage more involvement by NAWCC members, the NAWCC Board of Directors has voted to move their Monthly Electronic Meeting Venue to the NAWCC Message Board. The Board Motion Discussions are now available there and can be viewed by NAWCC Members. There is also a Member Input forum where members can express their opinions and discuss business currently under discussion by the Board in the Motions Discussion Forum.

### Rental Services



**NAWCC** recently concluded new negotiations with Avis and Budget rental cars to provide benefits to members. If you are renting from either of these, you can get up to 25% off by using the NAWCC rental codes (for **Avis** use **AWD U195070** and for **Budget** use **BCD U175812**). Besides getting great rates, the NAWCC also receives rewards for member rentals!



Stunt man Gary Connery skydives from helicopter in Queen Elizabeth costume during Olympic's Opening Ceremony (Photo: Getty)

Watchmaker Bremont spokesman "Wingman" Gary Connery took on a new role during the opening ceremony of the London Olympics, humorously portraying Queen Elizabeth II while diving from a helicopter over the stadium. Connery was dressed in a peach-colored dress and tiara when he made the daring leap, part of a comedic sketch during the ceremony. Connery (playing the Queen) jumped from the helicopter along with fellow aerial stuntman Mark Sutton (portraying fictional superspy James Bond).



Gary Connery models his famous Bremont "wing suit." (Photo: Bremont)

Last March Connery was the first man ever to jump from a helicopter wearing only a wingsuit and successfully landing (without parachute assistance). Bremont has long sponsored the stuntman, who "continues to be an avid friend of the brand." Bremont Watch Company was formed by aviation heirs Nick and Giles Bremont in 2002 and produces high-end mechanical watches.

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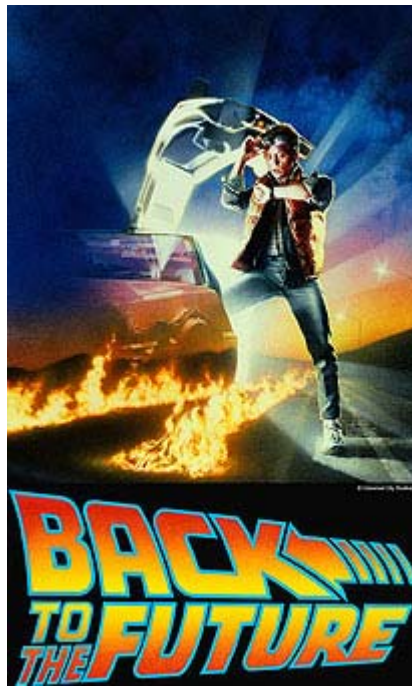
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(Photo: Universal Studios)

### ECENTRIC TIME TRAVELERS BEAT THE CLOCK IN A THRILLING ADVENTURE THROUGH PAST AND PRESENT

The **Back to the Future** trilogy is a comedy science fiction film series written by Bob Gale and Robert Zemeckis and directed by Zemeckis for Universal Pictures. Beginning with *Back to the Future*, the three films follow the adventures of high school student Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) and eccentric scientist Dr. Emmett L. Brown (Christopher Lloyd) as they use a DeLorean-based time machine to time travel to different periods in the history of Hill Valley, California. The films were nominated for five Academy Awards and won Best Sound Editing.



Because the subject is time travel and Dr. Brown is a fanatical horologist, there are almost too many horological references in this trilogy to count. One recurrent theme is the history and fate of an iconic tower clock located in the center of the Hill Valley town square. Digital wristwatch enthusiasts may have fun noting the vintage 1980s Casio CA-50 worn by Fox's character, Marty, and the equally quaint Seiko A826 worn by actor Christopher Lloyd as Dr. Emmett Brown.

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