



Tick Talk - Chapter #33 N.A.W.C.C.

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TORONTO CHAPTER OF NAWCC

MEETINGS ARE AT The Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Park Drive in Etobicoke

President's Message



Hi folks

As I write this, the summer is rapidly coming to an end at that means we can look forward to our Chapter meetings resuming. I hope that the summer has been good for you and that you are anticipating a great fall and winter of horological activities.

Our May meeting was a resounding success in our new location of the Neilson Park Creative Centre. The mart had a large number of vendors, and the attendance was great. Only positive comments were made.

Thanks go to Emil Cocirla who looked after the registration desk along with Doug Thomson, Alex Kung and others. Thanks as well to Dina Farnan and Russ Smith for a wonderful presentation on Black Forest Clocks and organizing the fine display of these timepieces. Of special note were the monetary contributions by Lorne Shields and Harold Steurer. Thank you.

I regret to report the passing of Janet Oechsle after a very brief illness. Janet, the wife of Russ Oechsle was a NAWCC Star Fellow in her own right and was largely responsible for the smooth running of the Eastern States Regional for many, many years. She was a special friend of Chapter 33 and we will miss her.

Our fall season begins on September 17. You will note that we have returned to Sunday meetings. With the success of the Neilson Park venue, we will be holding all our meetings there this season.

A map of the location can be found elsewhere in the Tick Talk. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE AFTERNOON.** Vendor set up will be at 11:30 a.m. and the doors will open at 12 Noon.

Our first meeting will feature a presentation by Barry Armstrong on the Canada Clock Company, and he will explain the who what where why and when of this early Clock Company and its timepieces.

Russ Smith has volunteered to organize our display and if you have clocks or ephemera relating to the Canada Clock Company please contact Russ at russ.smith2700@gmail.com.

Once again, we will have a silent auction table so bring along your items to participate. Tables in the Mart are free so if you have a few items, help yourself to a table and set up your wares.

I am sure that Emil can use some help at the registration table so please consider giving up a few minutes of your time to man the desk so that Emil can have an opportunity to participate in the show.

There will be a schedule of our future meetings elsewhere in the Tick Talk and also on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 17.

Cheers,

Bob



50/50 Winner Harold Steurer



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Meeting Agenda Sunday September 17

11:30 Dealer Setup

12:00 NOON Mart opens

2:15 50/50 draw

2:30 Member display and presentation

Canada and Hamilton Clocks by Barry Armstrong

4:00 Meeting closes

Upcoming Chapter 33 Meeting Dates

Sunday Sept 17, 2023

Sunday Nov 26, 202

Sunday Jan 21, 2024

Sunday Mar 17, 2024

Sunday April 27, 2024

CHAPTER 33 E-TRANSFER NOW AVAILABLE

Chapter 33 members are now able to pay membership dues through the convenience of e-transfer.

This is a payment method many members have asked for and we are happy to announce that you can now pay your membership dues by sending payment to chapter33.nawcc@gmail.com.

We want to thank Bill Keel for working to set this up and hope you can take advantage of this when renewing your membership. Details of membership renewal and payment options are found elsewhere in this Tick Talk.





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A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM OTTAWA CHAPTER 111

The **Ottawa** Valley Watch and Clock Collectors Club, Chapter 111 cordially invites you to attend.

"Coffee Clutch " with some of the Ottawa chapter folks. This is a meeting by Zoom with members from other clubs chatting, discussing, and sharing ideas and your success or frustration with work on clocks or watches. It's conducted in a friendly format and people find it very satisfying and helpful. It was initiated by Ottawa executives a while back and it's showing to be very popular.

The meetings are coordinated by Paul Sonnichsen who serves as Secretary Ottawa chapter.

It starts at noon every Tuesday and is only for one hour. Please give it a try. You may actually enjoy it and learn a thing or two.

If you would like to join the Zoom Meeting, here are the coordinates:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4306460415?pwd=S0did3JVb1h6bUZyN2VOVTQ4d3JOQT09>

CHAPTER 33 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are now accepting 2024 membership dues for Chapter 33.

Membership dues cover a full calendar year January to December.

Payment options are:

- e-transfer by sending to chapter33.nawcc@gmail.com .Please include your name, email address and phone number in the comments section of the e-transfer.
- In person at a Chapter 33 meeting
- Mail a cheque payable to Chapter 33 Toronto

For payment by mail,
please send your payment for \$35.00 (Canadian dollars) to:

EMIL COCIRLA
3253 FOLKWAY DR.
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO
L5L 2A1

Please make cheques payable to:

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May Mart





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Clocks of the Black Forest

Presented by Dina Farnan and

Russ Smith



Our May meeting featured an impressive display of Black Forest clocks with a number of exceptional pieces from the Farnan collection and the personal collection of Russ Smith.

It was a rare opportunity to see so many high-quality examples outside a museum.

Dina Farnan led off the presentation with a description of a stunning example of an early shield clock and a show stopping trumpeter.

Dina shared personal comments regarding the years of travel and collection of the clocks that she enjoyed with her late husband John, Chapter 33 pioneer over the past years.

Russ began a far-ranging discussion about the Black Forest area, the history of its clock making tradition and development from cottage industry to a recognized powerhouse of clock production.

The area called the Black Forest encompasses a mountainous region in the far south of Germany bordering France to the east and Switzerland to the south.



The clock making roots can be traced back to the humble beginnings as a cottage industry to supplement income of rural families and was mostly carried out through the winter months when farming activities had ended for the season.

Carving became a proud tradition and as the items produced began to be recognized and admired more broadly, families encouraged the development of carving and clockmaking skills. The area became famous for the novel designs and high quality of the items produced. Clocks soon began to be recognized abroad and attracted visitors to the area.

The predominant use of readily available local materials helped expand the participation of the local population and the superior wood carving skills plus the liberal use of animation became trademarks of the clocks.

Marketing drove the development and expansion because it created awareness and therefore demand for the novel clocks of the region.



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The clocks of the Black Forest stood out from those of other strong clockmaking areas such as France the UK, and USA, due to the unique designs and natural materials.

As demand for these clocks grew, the manufacture of clocks evolved to mass production methods and the clocks became common fixtures in homes throughout the world. The Black Forest became a well-recognized centre of clock production.

Russ provided detailed descriptions of the many styles of clocks on display interspersed with observations and personal recollections of his tour of the area 2015.



Beha fusee table top cuckoo clock



Typical black forest carved "Vienna" Lenzkirch



Highly carved example of a non hunter style cuckoo clock



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Very early Beha cuckoo, wood plate for domestic and export markets



Postman's clock, wooden plates for export market



This clock was entirely of metal constructed by hand. Brass plated fusee movement.



Porcelain Jockele circa 1850. Often see in miniature form



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Lenzkirch cast gilded bronze. The result of the ongoing development of clock making as an industry that got its start with handmade and hand carved wooden clocks.



Early shield clock
Wood plates and wheel works





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Classifieds

For Sale: Dutch Clock Parts. Stoel and Staarklok parts available.
Contact Jerrit Vanderzwan 1 844 252 0177.

WANTED: Pequegnat clocks , both large and small Beaver, Regina, #1 Regulator, Moncton and Toronto. Also, large American weight driven regulators and an Eureka clock

Contact: John Burke at 416 319 9974 or email john.burke@rogers.com

WANTED: Watchmakers tools: lathes, watch cleaning machines, Jeweling sets, staking sets etc. Also looking for Clock repair tools
Contact: Rudy Bonilla 905-348-1621
jrbonilla@sympatico.ca

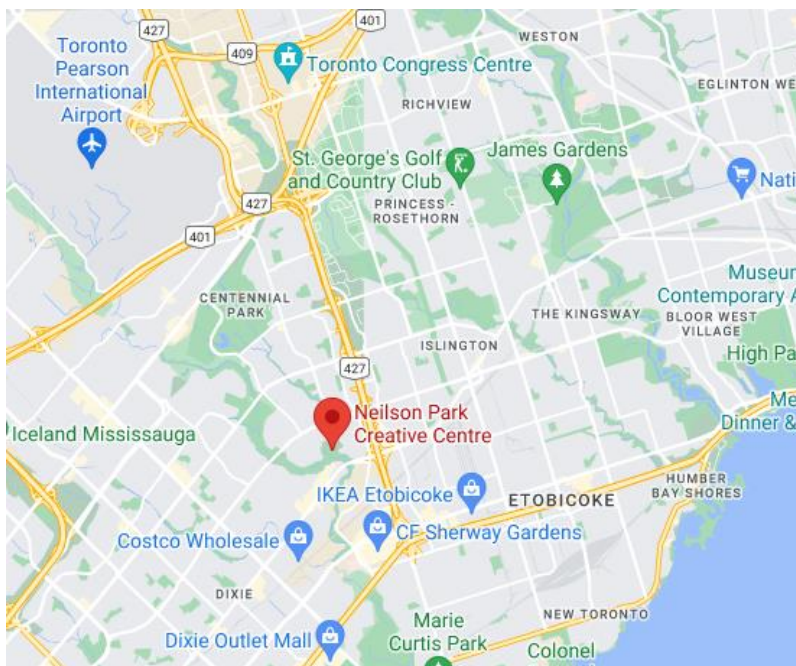
Buying: Watches and Clock Collections. Large electric master clocks and parts wanted. Watchmakers tools.
Contact: Harold Steurer 905 450 6211
haroldsteurer@rogers.com

Something to add? Contact us at:
Chapter33toronto@gmail.com

Our meeting location has changed to the Nelson Park Creative Centre.

The meeting will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM

The Centre is located at 56 Neilson Park Drive in Etobicoke close to HWY 427 & the Gardiner Expressway QEW





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Member Services

We are often approached by folks looking for someone who can help them fix a watch or a clock they have. At Chapter 33, we have a lot of talented folks who may be able to help you out.

Do you provide a service? Buy or Sell? Drop us a note at Chapter33toronto@gmail.com and tell us about it. We'll feature your ad in the Newsletter as well as our club Internet site: www.TorontoChapter33.ca

Service Your Watch or Clock

John Rocha - Cambridge ON

joaorocha73@yahoo.com

519-620-3723

Rob Poolman – Hamilton/Grimsby

robsantiqueclocks@bell.net 905-407-0360

Clock repair instuction

Ron Metcalfe - Brampton ON

rmetcalfe1048@rogers.com

Halmo Jewelers

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140 Queensway E. Simcoe ON N3Y 4Y7

PH: 519-426-3948 FAX: 519-426-2582

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www.halmojewellers.com

Glass Tablet Restoration/Reproduction

Dennis Burgin - Oakville ON

dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca

Glass Cutting/Bevelled Glass

Ben Orszulak - Grimsby ON

ben.orszulak@gmail.com

Roman Dial Restoration/Repainting

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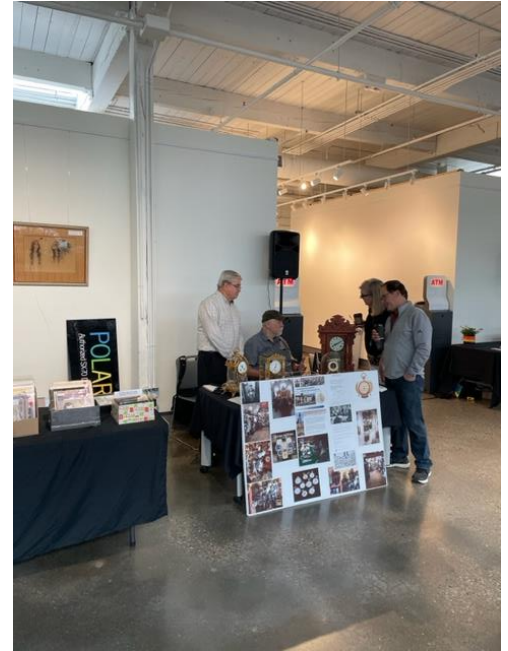
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We have set up a booth at the last 2 shows of the SUNDAY ANTIQUE MARKET at its new location in Mississauga.

It is a well attended event and we have met many clock and watch enthusiasts who have been very interested in our Chapter.

Watch your email for a notification of the next time we will be at the market and consider coming out to this great show!



 416 410-1310  info@sundayantiquemarket.com

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THE SUNDAY ANTIQUE MARKET
(Formerly at St. Lawrence Market)

Next Show
SATURDAY September 9, 2023

9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

November 5, 2023 | November 19, 2023 | December 3, 2023