



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

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MEETING AT The Crowne Plaza Hotel 33 Carlson Court Etobicoke – October 21

2018

## President's Message



Hi folks

Our meeting in September was quite successful and members and guests were able to enjoy a very active Mart. Hats off to Russ Smith for once again organizing a fine display of finials and elaborate decorations for clocks. Thanks, as well go to Ron Metcalfe and Joseph Zidanic for their contributions to our display. Our next meeting's display will be related to clocks and watches used to automate or control. Please bring along timers, weather recording instruments, bank vault timers or whatever you have that is a device that uses a clockwork mechanism for controlling something. Remember, every item you bring qualifies you for a chance to win a prize.



Gus Slodowski gave a fine presentation on how he creates wooden finials. He described how he customized his wood lathe to be more suitable to do this. In addition, he showed

us examples of the chisels and turning tools he made to use with the lathe and for carving. His talk would not have been complete had he not brought examples of his workmanship. These examples demonstrated that he is a first-class craftsman. Finally, Gus showed us some pictures that his daughter had taken of his lathe setup which is mounted on casters and can be used indoors or out. Thank you, Gus!



50/50 winner Willem Tjonasan

Our presentation at the October meeting will be by Dr. Michael Aubrey. Mike recently visited the Isle of Wight and discovered a lighthouse that has a unique clockwork mechanism that is essential to the operation of the lighthouse. He also discovered some interesting tower clock movements and I am really keen to see what he found. Please join us for what will be a most interesting presentation. It is great to have members take an interest in sharing their experiences with us. Please consider sharing your interest with us by offering to do a presentation. It doesn't have to be long and we'd like to hear what makes you tick.



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Our meeting room will be on the main floor of the Crowne Plaza hotel (as it was in September). We hope to have more tables set up so bring along your items for sale. There is no charge for the tables. At the last meeting it was felt that the display was not readily seen so we will try to move this to the alcove and tables just to the right of the doorway as you enter the room.

We'd like to see our Chapter grow and I am sure there are lots of people who are unaware of what we are about. Please share your interest with others you meet. Invite them to our meeting. Guests are always welcome.

The next meeting is on October 21 and I hope to see you there.

Ben.



## 2018 Chapter 33 Meeting dates

September 16<sup>th</sup>

October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Meetings begin at 8:00am

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33 Carlson Court, Etobicoke, ON 416-674-2222

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## The Chapter #33 October

### Meeting Agenda

**7:30** Dealer Setup

**8:00** Mart opens

Personalized Clinic "First Aid for Members"

- If you have something you need help with, or something you are looking for information on, be sure to bring it in to our First Aid Session. Put the knowledge of our Chapter members to use for you!

**10:30** Greeting and remarks

**10:40** Display Walk Through – **Control and automate**

- Members are encouraged to bring mechanisms designed to control or used to automate.

**11:00** 50/50 Draw for the Winning Ticket

**11:10** Presentation - Michael Aubrey – Lighthouse automation



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## Finials Display at our Sept 16 meeting





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## Gus Slodowski Making and repairing finials



We had the pleasure of a wonderful presentation by Gus Slodowski at our September meeting. Gus provided a very detailed account of how he repairs or crafts replacement wooden finials

A self-taught craftsman, Gus has spent the past 3 years learning and perfecting his skills. He brought some of the many of the tools he uses for turning finials. He has made a number of unique tools and chisels for his work and he described his methods of making them as well as where he sourced some of the materials used in making these custom tools.

Gus also provided a photographic presentation of his lathe and sharpening set up. He has devised a very practical system that accommodates lathe, grinders and saws in and integrated workshop on wheels.



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Gus brought several examples of finials showing how in some cases he repaired cracked or broken ones and in other cases manufactured completely new ones.

He demonstrated the design of larger finials that are crafted in sections and then assembled to give the impression of a single piece.

He described his preferred wood types to work with and stressed the need to always use the correct safety equipment when working.



We want to thank Gus for his great presentation. We appreciate the time and effort that our members put into sharing their experience and learnings with other chapter members



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## In Memorium



**Jim Connel**

The NAWCC has lost a long time, stalwart member in the passing of Jim Connell at 93 years of age. Jim was a past member of the Board of Directors and a long serving member of Chapter 33 in Toronto where he held many executive positions. His penchant for Canadian clocks resulted in he and his wife, Marilyn, having a premier collection. Jim's depth of knowledge of Canadian clocks made him a recognized expert and he was a co-author of several books on Canadian clocks. Quite often his advice would be sought with respect to Canadian or early North American clocks and he would provide this with grace and good humor. Along with other Toronto Chapter members, Jim organized the NAWCC Symposium when it was held in Toronto, some years ago. He was awarded the distinction of being a Star Fellow of the NAWCC.

Near the end of WWII Jim trained with the RCAF as a pilot. Jim was a chemical engineer and developed the original formula for flavouring salt and vinegar potato chips - still enjoyed by millions of people worldwide today. He retired in the 1980s. This allowed him several years to enjoy his many pastimes and passions. He and Marilyn travelled extensively, visiting all seven continents. He was a keen archivist of his family's history and the history of Bruce County where he was born. He loved spending time at his family's log home in Pinkerton, Ontario. He was a creative and talented woodworker and produced many beautiful bowls and tables. He could fix anything. Jim had a magnificent sense of humor. More than anything, he enjoyed a good pun and quick repartee. He could quote "Pogo" and recite many pieces in their entirety. And, he mixed an excellent martini.

Our sympathies extend to Marilyn and all their relations. Jim will be missed.



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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](mailto: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](http://www.TorontoChapter33.ca)

### Service Your Watch or Clock

John Rocha - Cambridge ON

[joaorocha73@yahoo.com](mailto:joaorocha73@yahoo.com)

519-620-3723

Rob Poolman – Hamilton/Grimsby

[robsantiqueclocks@bell.net](mailto:robsantiqueclocks@bell.net) 905-407-0360

### Glass Tablet Restoration/Reproduction

Dennis Burgin - Oakville ON [dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca](mailto:dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca)

### Glass Cutting/Bevelled Glass

Ben Orszulak - Grimsby ON [ben.orszulak@sympatico.ca](mailto:ben.orszulak@sympatico.ca)

### Roman Dial Restoration/Repainting

Dennis Burgin - Oakville ON [dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca](mailto:dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca)

### Gear Cutting and Precision Machining

Ben Orszulak - Grimsby ON [ben.orszulak@sympatico.ca](mailto:ben.orszulak@sympatico.ca)

### Clock repair instruction

Ron Metcalfe - Brampton ON [METCALFE1048@ROGERS.COM](mailto:METCALFE1048@ROGERS.COM)

905-793-1048

## Classifieds

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

**Buying:** Watches and Clock Collections. Large electric master clocks and parts wanted. Watchmakers tools. Harold Steurer 905 450 6211 or [haroldsteurer@rogers.com](mailto:haroldsteurer@rogers.com)

**Something to add? Contact us at [Chapter33@rogers.com](mailto:Chapter33@rogers.com)**

## First Aid Mentoring Clinic for Members – Resource for All!

### Now running concurrently with the Mart!!

Chapter #33 will continue to run this part of the program in the Mart room during the same hours as the Mart. Each meeting we tend to have three or four “projects” show up that fellow members can inspect and discuss. The idea of this segment is to provide members with even more opportunities to learn and to get specific help geared directly to your needs. If you have something that you'd like to learn more about, or perhaps something you need a little help with, be sure to bring it along and benefit from the experience of your fellow members.





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## 2018 – 2019 Membership Renewal

The next Toronto Chapter 33 Meeting will be Sunday October 21st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Travelodge is still under construction... so we will be having our first 3 meetings of the new year at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel at [33 Carlson Court Etobicoke](#) (Where the May Invitational was in the Spring!!)

Dues for 2018 – 2019 are \$35.00.

You can pay at the door or send your cheque to:

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