



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

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56 Neilson Drive in Etobicoke

## President's Message



Hi folks

I hope that you have had a healthy and happy holiday season in spite of the dramatic winter weather we've had. Moving on, it's time to have our first meeting of the year on January 25 at the Neilson Park Creative Centre.

Our meeting in November was very well attended, and everyone appreciated the presentation by Ryan Lynds on buying and selling vintage watches using the internet. It clearly was an important topic as we had a packed room with standing room only. Thank you, Ryan!

Thanks go out as well to those who brought in items for our display. It was a very fascinating group of objects, reflecting the various interests of our members. Russ Smith is to be congratulated for putting together such a wonderful poster display.

I remind you that our year runs from January to December so dues for this year are now payable. You can make payment at the registration desk at the meeting via cash or cheque or credit/debit card. Of course, you can mail your membership, or you can pay by e-transfer and details for these options are found elsewhere in the Tick Talk.

I am very pleased to say that member Nick Blacklock will be making our presentation at the January meeting on an heirloom English tall case clock. In conjunction with his presentation, we invite you to bring along an English timepiece or other aspect of English horology to the meeting for our display. If you would rather send along a picture of your timepiece, please

contact Russ Smith ([russ.smith2700@gmail.com](mailto:russ.smith2700@gmail.com)) and Russ will arrange to include your photo in the display.

In breaking news, I am very pleased to announce that our guest presenter for our Invitational meeting on May 3 will be Dave Richardson. Dave is an authority on French clocks and serves as Curator of the Hoffman horological museum in Newark, New York. Dave's presentation will be on French clocks and I am sure he will touch on the museums collection as well.

As you are aware, the May Invitational is our most popular meeting with the largest mart in Ontario. Mark the date so you don't miss it.

Remember, our silent auction table is available at the January meeting for one or two items you may wish to sell. Tables at regular meetings are always free and readily available if you have more items to offer.

You can keep up to date about our Chapter activities by visiting our website at (<https://torontochapter33.ca/>)

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on January 25 th

Cheers,  
Bob



**50/50 Winner Henry Halper**



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***FOR OUR JANUARY MEMBER DISPLAY PLEASE BRING AN ENGLISH  
WATCH, CLOCK TOOL OR ANY OTHER ENGLISH RELATED  
HOROLOGICAL ITEM***

## Meeting Agenda Sunday January 25

- 11:30** Dealer setup
- 12:00 NOON** Mart and Silent Auction opens
- 1:15** Silent Auction closes
- 1:20** 50/50 Draw / Member Display
- 1:30** An English tall case clock by Nick Blackclock
- 4:00** Meeting closes

## Upcoming Chapter 33 Meeting Dates

Sunday March 29, 2026

Sunday May 3, 2026

Sunday September 20, 2026

Sunday November 15, 2026



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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 of the 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/87474802762?pwd=Bfz56hUAGtJsVuglNs5XETisfaLYOZ.1>

## 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](mailto: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.

## CHAPTER 33 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't done so, we encourage members to renew their membership by paying your 2026 dues.

Membership dues cover a full calendar year January to December.

Payment options are:

- e-transfer by sending to [chapter33.nawcc@gmail.com](mailto: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: CHAPTER 33 Toronto







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## Buying and Selling Watches & creating an online presence by Ryan Lynds

### From a \$5 Start to a Global Timepiece Business: Mastering the World of Vintage Watches

Ryan Lynds, founder of **Little King Watches**, is living proof that passion, knowledge, and persistence can turn a small idea into a global business. What began with a single **\$5 investment** has grown into an active inventory of **over 100 vintage watches**, with **hundreds sold each year** to collectors around the world. In 2025 alone, Little King Watches shipped timepieces to **Singapore, Mexico, Alaska, Australia, India, South Africa, the UK, Italy**, and beyond, and Ryan was proudly featured as a vendor at the **2025 Toronto Timepiece Show**.

With a social media following in the thousands and **25,000–30,000 monthly views** driving traffic to his website, Ryan shared his insights on **buying, valuing, restoring, and selling vintage watches**—offering a practical roadmap for collectors and aspiring dealers alike.

### Buying Vintage Watches: Mastering the Art of Acquisition

Finding the right watch starts with knowing **where to look**. Platforms like **eBay** and **Chrono24** offer massive global selection and buyer protection, while **Facebook Marketplace** allows for local deals and in-person inspections. Communities such as **Reddit's r/WatchExchange** provide peer-to-peer sales alongside expert insight.



Facebook Marketplace



Ryan emphasized a key principle: **“Invest in the seller.”**

A reputable seller provides detailed photos, honest descriptions, prompt communication, and clear answers about service history, originality, and reason for sale. These factors often matter more than the listing itself.

Understanding watch terminology is equally critical. From **automatic, manual, and quartz movements** to complications like **chronographs, moonphases, and GMTs**, knowledge protects buyers from costly mistakes. Condition grading—such as **NOS (New Old Stock)**, excellent, or good—helps set realistic expectations and fair pricing.

### Spotting Value and Avoiding Red Flags

Not every great watch looks perfect at first glance. Ryan highlighted how **poor-quality photos** can sometimes hide undervalued gems. Scratched crystals, muddy colors caused by bad lighting, or awkward angles can all exaggerate flaws that are inexpensive to fix.



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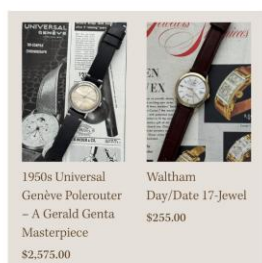
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Experienced buyers learn to mentally “restore” a watch and see its potential.

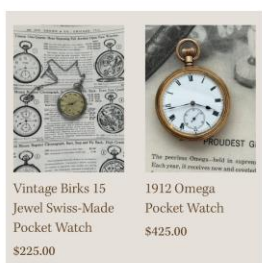
At the same time, caution is essential. **Mismatched parts, refinished dials, and suspiciously low prices** are common red flags. Researching comparable sales across platforms—and even using tools like ChatGPT to stay up to date—helps buyers determine fair market value.



1950s Universal  
Genève Polorouter  
– A Gerald Genta  
Masterpiece  
\$2,575.00

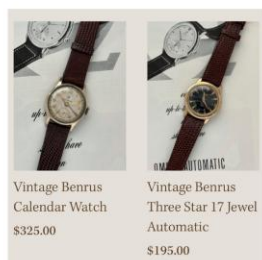


Waltham  
Day/Date 17-Jewel  
\$255.00



Vintage Birks 15  
Jewel Swiss-Made  
Pocket Watch  
\$225.00

1912 Omega  
Pocket Watch  
\$425.00



Vintage Benrus  
Calendar Watch  
\$325.00

Vintage Benrus  
Three Star 17 Jewel  
Automatic  
\$195.00



Vintage 1950s  
Caravelle Watch-  
Serviced  
\$210.00

Vintage 1973  
Omega Genève – A  
Watch with  
Hamilton History  
\$725.00



Vintage 1950s  
Longines Mystery  
Dial  
\$1,055.00

Vintage Lord Elgin  
Manual Wind  
Watch – 1940s  
Elegance  
\$255.00



Vintage Jules  
Jurgensen 17 Jewel  
Automatic with  
Date  
\$195.00

Vintage Longines  
Automatic – Art  
Deco Meets  
Postmodern  
Minimalism  
\$475.00

## Negotiation, Authenticity, and Smart Strategy

Successful negotiation is respectful and informed. Ryan recommends backing offers with market research, explaining reasoning clearly, and always being prepared to walk away.

Authenticity checks are non-negotiable. Serial numbers, movement inspection, case back engravings, and dial details often reveal whether a watch is genuine. A simple magnification loupe can expose inconsistencies invisible to the naked eye.

## Selling Vintage Watches: Reaching the Right Audience

Choosing the right selling platform is just as important as choosing the watch.

- **eBay** offers reach, but high competition.
- **Chrono24** attracts serious luxury buyers with strict standards.
- **Facebook Marketplace** and **Instagram** enable direct, trust-based sales.
- A **dedicated website** offers full branding control but requires traffic-building.

Ryan also explored the decision between selling a watch “as-is” or **fully serviced**. High-value or complex watches often justify servicing, while lower-value pieces may sell better without added costs. Understanding the target buyer is key.

## Restoration, Safety, and Presentation

Preserving originality is crucial in vintage watches. Light patina often enhances collectability, while over-polishing can reduce value. Ryan stressed the importance of using **experienced vintage watchmakers**, requesting detailed service documentation, and preserving period-correct parts.

Online safety is another major concern. Common scams—fake payments, overpayment requests, chargebacks, and return fraud—can be avoided by watching for red flags, sticking to platform-approved payments, and never shipping before funds clear.

High-quality photography and secure shipping complete the process. Clear images, honest representation, careful packaging, full insurance, and signature-required delivery all build buyer confidence.





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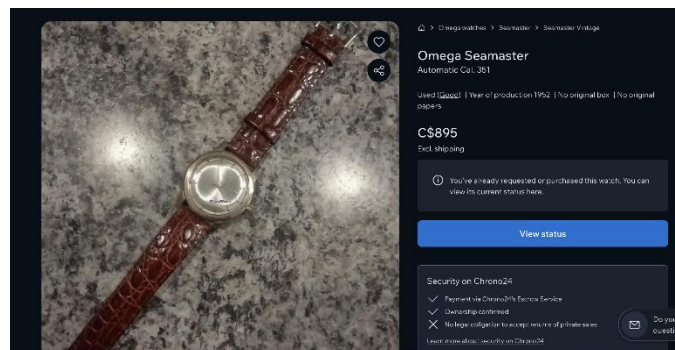
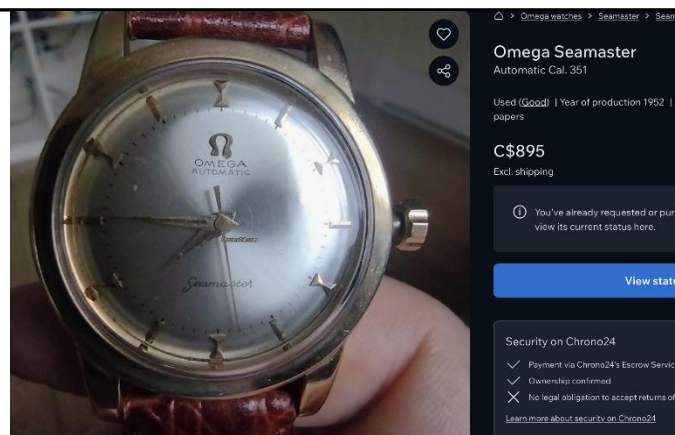
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## Pricing, Storytelling, and the Final Sale

Ultimately, a **watch is worth what someone is willing to pay**. Market trends, rarity, condition, and timing all influence price. Sometimes watches sell above average, sometimes below—but compelling storytelling can make a difference.

Highlighting a watch's **history, unique features, restoration journey, and era** transforms it from an object into a story. Combined with meticulous shipping and transparent communication, that story builds trust—and trust drives value.

Ryan Lynds' journey with Little King Watches shows that success in the vintage watch world is not about luck, but about **knowledge, patience, and integrity**. Whether buying, selling, or collecting, mastering these principles can turn timepieces into lasting value.







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## Classifieds

**WANTED:** Pequegnat 15-Day Double Spring Time Only movement with cast iron bracket, to fit Moncton or Regina wall clocks. Will buy with or without pendulum, hands, etc.

Contact: Jeff Crouch Text or call 705-888-5597 or email [jcrouch@rogers.com](mailto:jcrouch@rogers.com)

**For Sale:** Stark lathe made for Waltham clock and watch factory.

Included with the lathe are a three jaw chuck, ten collets, a drill chuck on the tall stock, and a dial inductor. The compound motor is variable speed with reverse speed. Mounted on a 2in hard wood table. (Photos below) Asking \$1400.00

For info, please call Joe Romano at 905 736 4525

Email [trespade@hotmail.com](mailto:trespade@hotmail.com)

**Buying:** Watches and Clock Collections. Large electric master clocks and parts wanted. Watchmakers tools.

Contact: Harold Steurer 905 450 6211  
[haroldsteurer@rogers.com](mailto:haroldsteurer@rogers.com)

**WANTED:** Watchmakers tools: lathes, watch cleaning machines, Jewelers sets, staking sets etc. Also looking for Clock repair tools

Contact: Rudy Bonilla 905-348-1621  
[rbonilla@sympatico.ca](mailto:rbonilla@sympatico.ca)

**Buying and Selling:** Affordable vintage watches and pocket watches.

Ryan Lynds- Georgetown

[littlekingwatches.com](http://littlekingwatches.com) 905-515-8612

Something to add? Contact us at:  
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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

### Clock repair instruction

Ron Metcalfe - Brampton ON

[rmetcalfe1048@rogers.com](mailto:rmetcalfe1048@rogers.com)

### Halmo Jewelers

Mark & Cheryl Halmo –

Watchmakers/Gemologists

140 Queensway E. Simcoe ON N3Y 4Y7

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

Mechanical and quartz watch repair with many vintage parts in stock. Clock parts including Hermle and some cuckoo clock parts.

[www.halmojewellers.com](http://www.halmojewellers.com)

### 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@gmail.com](mailto:ben.orszulak@gmail.com)

### Roman Dial Restoration/Repainting

Dennis Burgin - Oakville ON

[dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca](mailto:dennis.burgin@sympatico.ca)

### Gear Cutting and Precision Machining

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Our meeting location is now at the Nelson Park Creative Centre.

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

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





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NAWCC TORONTO CHAPTER 33

IS PLEASED TO BE AT THE SUNDAY  
ANTIQUE MARKET

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HOME ABOUT US NEW LOCATION WHAT YOU CAN FIND CONTACT & VENDOR INQUIRIES STAY IN TOUCH!

## THE SUNDAY ANTIQUE MARKET

(Formerly at St. Lawrence Market)

### Next Show: Sun. February 1, 2026

At the SMALL ARMS INSPECTION BUILDING  
1352 Lakeshore Rd E, Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9  
SHOW HOURS: 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
FREE Admission and Parking!

UPCOMING SHOWS 2026

At the SMALL ARMS INSPECTION BUILDING:

9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

March 15, 2026 | April 19, 2026