



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

March 2026

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56 Neilson Drive in Etobicoke

## President's Message



Hi folks

It has been quite the winter.

Our January meeting had 20 members, and 3 guests brave an impossible snowstorm to attend. Many thanks are due to Nick Blacklock who not only braved the storm but brought along his family's heirloom tall case clock for our presentation.

Some of the guests at this meeting came specifically for the mart, which due to the weather, was sparse. Nonetheless, there is growing interest in our Chapter, and I urge you to bring along your timepieces to the meetings to include in the mart. I remind you that tables at the March meeting are free as is the silent auction.

Our upcoming meeting is on March 29.

Longtime member Lothar Lauer will be giving a presentation on Pocket Watch to Wristwatch Conversions. Lothar is one of our highly respected watch authorities and I am certain you will find his discussion of re-casing old timepieces to be informative. In conjunction with Lothar's talk, we invite you to bring along clocks or watches that have been re-cased (marriages, if you will) or cases that you have made to house movements for our display. If you cannot bring in the actual object, please take a photo and send it along to Russ Smith to be included in our display.

Keep in mind that if you haven't already paid your dues for the year, you may do so at the registration table by cash, cheque or credit/debit card. If you wish to pay by e-transfer you may do so and information about this can be found elsewhere in the Tick Talk.

Coming up, on May 3, is our annual "Invitational" meeting where we have many folks from other

chapters in attendance. Information about registration and table rental can be found elsewhere in this Tick Talk.

There will also be a silent auction table where you can sell individual articles at a cost of \$2 each. You can make arrangements for the meeting at the registration desk at the meeting in March and if you would like one or more tables please talk to Ben Orszulak.

You will want to attend this meeting as we always have a great turnout and the bargains are plentiful.

In addition, this year, our speaker will be Dave Richardson an authority on French clocks. Dave wears many hats and is the curator of the Horological Museum in Newark, New York as well as Chair of the Eastern States Regional of the NAWCC which is to be held in August this year in Cortland, N.Y.

We intend to have a display of French timepieces at the May meeting and would appreciate you contributing to the display.

As part of the Chapter's outreach, Ryan Lynds is looking after our presence on social media. This is important to our chapter so we can show that there are people in the community who have a real interest in horology and are willing to share their passion with others. It should be mentioned that Ryan has a link on his own webpage to our site. People have expressed interest in our Chapter to Ryan, and we are very grateful to him for promoting the Chapter. Look for more on this in the next Tick Talk.

I close by welcoming all new members to the Chapter and thanking those in the Chapter who so ably assist with our meetings and communication activities. I certainly hope that the weather breaks soon and the meeting on the 29th is our best one yet.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup>

Cheers  
Bob



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**FOR OUR MARCH MEMBER DISPLAY PLEASE BRING AN EXAMPLE  
OF A CONVERSION OR MARIAGE OF A CLOCK OR TIMEPIECE**

## Meeting Agenda Sunday March 29

- 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** Pocket watch to wristwatch conversion by  
Lothar Lauer
- 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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## TORONTO CHAPTER #33 INVITATIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday May 3rd 2026

2026 Toronto Chapter #33 May Invitational  
Neilson Park Creative Centre  
56 Neilson Drive in Etobicoke Ontario, M9C 1V7  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Names:

Mart Admission	Quantity	Price
Registration		\$25.00
Mart Table		\$30.00
	GRAND TOTAL	

Make Cheque Payable to: NAWCC Chapter 33

Mail to: Ben Orszulak 88 Dorchester Dr. Grimsby, ON L3M 1A8

Phone: 905-309-3255 Cell: 647-381-2246 email: ben.orszulak@gmail.com

*Silent auction \$2 per item – Limit 3 items per person Payable at the auction table.*

Mart tables are available through pre-registration at \$30 per table. Please send your form with payment before the cut-off date of April 20 to Ben Orzulak

You can also contact Ben directly, contact details on the registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [Chapter33toronto@gmail.com](mailto:Chapter33toronto@gmail.com)



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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=Bfz56hUAGtJsVuqINs5XETisfaLYOZ.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.

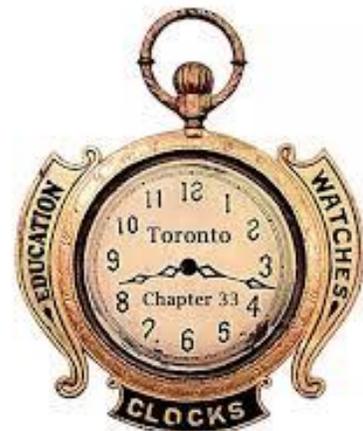
Payment options are:

- 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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Getting to our January meeting was quite a challenge.  
The snow kept getting deeper as the afternoon wore on.





## An English tall case clock by Nick Blacklock

To the delight of those in attendance at our January meeting, Nick Blacklock presented us with a closeup look at his family's tall case clock.

Nick graciously brought the entire clock giving members an opportunity to examine it first-hand.

He provided the provenance of the clock which traced to an auction that included the clock and a unique mirror.

Nick included photographs of some of the features of the clock in his presentation and asked members to confirm his observations or offer alternatives.

The hood of the clock exhibited 2 holes on the upper surface of the raised top which members agreed were evidence that the clock originally had a caddy top that was now missing which is quite common with these clocks.

More than one member in the group also provided opinion that the finials are correct for the period and the clock and are most likely original.



Detail of top of hood showing holes for caddy top and original painted wooden finials

The hood is fitted with a "lock out" which is used to prevent anyone from tampering with the hands and preventing access to the dial without the trunk key. The hood lock is set and released by reaching up through the trunk door.



Hood door lock out to prevent access to the dial

With the hood removed, it was clear that there was some packing between the seat board and the cheek of the trunk it rests on. This condition is sometimes seen in clocks of this age and the packing is to securely support the movement when shrinking and age have resulted in a gap between the two parts.



Packing under seat board



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Full view of clock



Detail of dial signed "Upjohn"

We want to extend our enourmas thanks to Nick for his effort to bring his familly's heirloom to the meeting during a challenging snow storm and share his clock and it's story with out members





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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, Jeweling sets, staking sets etc. Also looking for Clock repair tools

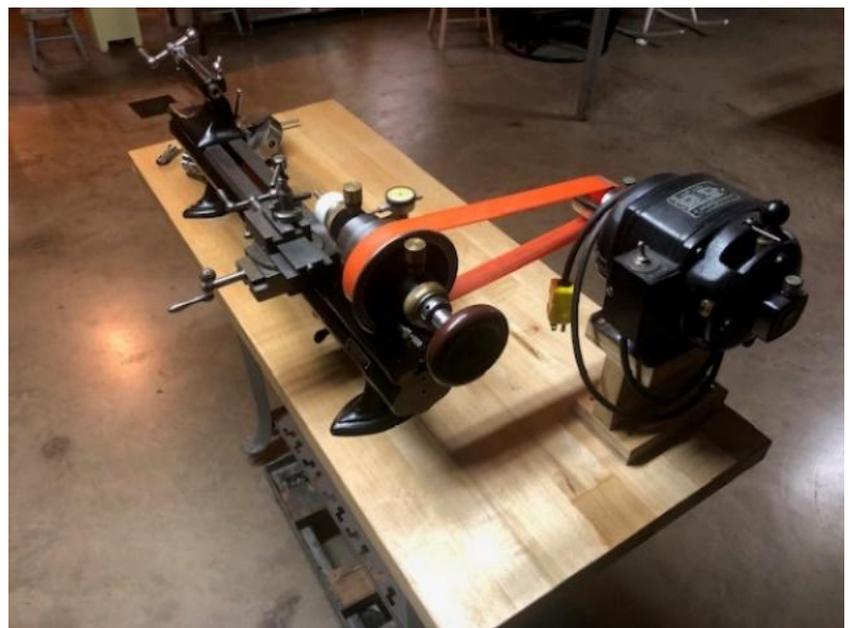
Contact: Rudy Bonilla 905-348-1621  
[rbonilla@sympatico.ca](mailto:rbonilla@sympatico.ca)

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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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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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## THE SUNDAY ANTIQUE MARKET

(Formerly at St. Lawrence Market)

**Next Show: Sun. March 15, 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**

April 19, 2026 | November 1, 2026