



The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

Philadelphia Chapter One

Chartered November 1, 1943

The next Chapter One Meeting will be held on:

March 26, 2017

At the: **Rodeway Inn**

969 Bethlehem Pike, Montgomeryville, Pa. 18936, 215 699 5113

Speakers for March Meeting:

The Luncheon Speaker: Wayne Lanning. His topic will be:

“A Bracket Clock Restoration”

Workshop Presenter: Dave Gorrell. His topic will be: ” **Ball bearing Bushing, a method that is new, controversial and yet effective”**

Silent Auction: Bring in those items you really don't need and convert them into cash. This can be done very easily and cheaply on our Silent Auction Table or on our one or Two Item Sales Table.

One Day Class for March 25th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The One Day Class will be on “**Repairing problems with Clock Mainspring Barrels**”. The class will involve replacing a broken, bend or missing tooth; replacing a Mainspring Barrel stud; and bushing a Mainspring Barrel and cap. Participants should bring the following tools: Large vice, course file, fine file, set of needle files, hammer, gloves, safety glasses, and any other tools they think necessary. For participants who don't have those items, they will be provided by the instructor.

The New Venue: The February 26th Meeting went very well, far better than we expected considering the hardships and inconveniences we had to work with. As you may know the Rodeway Inn is undergoing a major renovation, hence all of the construction material and unfinished rooms. The kitchen, for example,



was supposed to be open and functional at the time of our Meeting, it was not. The overhaul was complete but the final inspection had not been enacted, thus preventing its being used for our luncheon. The food had to be prepared in another restaurant and trucked to our site which, in turn, necessitated a slower serving line.

The tables for the Mart Room, which were said to be in storage by the previous owner, were not the ones requested and therefore substitutions had to be provided.

The overflowing toilet in the men's room did not help one bit. However, the staff cleaned up the mess immediately and the inconvenience to our male members was minimized.

The management at the Rodeway Inn was extremely apologetic and did their best to overcome these problems. They promised us that these problems would be solved by our next Meeting and we should experience a facility with accommodations more in line with what we are used to. Let's give Credit where it is due, which is primarily to our members who seemed to take the adversities in stride and made the Meeting the success it turned out to be. We are hoping that the March 26th Meeting will be an improvement and with the help of the Rodeway Inn staff it will be.

Table Holders: As we saw at the last meeting, it was a bit of a squeeze. Space is limited; So please consider ordering your tables as soon as possible. The Rodeway staff is going to see if they can provide more room for us in the future, however, that may take some time. Unfortunately, Walk Ins might be at a disadvantage when they try to get tables at the last minute.

If table holders have not filled their tables by 9:30 or 10:00 o'clock their tables might be resold to someone else. Late comers and Walk Ins may find themselves relegated to the Lobby where only 6 foot tables will be provided.

If you haven't paid your dues for this year you will no longer receive the Newsletter nor will you be able to advance register for Meetings or reserve Mart tables.

Please Note: PRICES FOR TABLES AND EARLY BIRDS IS BACK TO NORMAL

Registration for the Meeting: March 26, 2017

Advanced Registration (All participants must pay these entrance fees to the MART)

NAWCC Member/ Spouse / Guest \$18.00 per person # _____ @ \$18.00 \$ _____

Member's Child (Age 5 - 17) \$9.00 per child # _____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

I WILL STAY FOR LUNCH _____ I WILL NOT STAY FOR LUNCH _____

MART TABLE: \$20.00 EACH # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD (This fee is in addition to the \$18.00 /person entrance fee)

1 or 2 Members only + Spouse or Children \$15.00 # _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Names for the Badges (Please Print Clearly)

1) _____ NAWCC # _____

2) _____ NAWCC # _____

"One Day Class" Sign up \$15.00/person # _____ \$ _____

Chapter One Membership Dues:

9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017 \$10.00 per year \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Phone # () _____

Mail to: David Gorrell 1179 Dicus Mill Rd. Millersville, Md. 21108

By filling out this form the payee/s agree to adhere to all Chapter One NAWCC, Inc., Mart Room Rules and By Laws.

NO REFUNDS AFTER 12 NOON the SATURDAY one week PRIOR TO THE MEETING,
March 18, 2017

Meeting Schedule:

Saturday March 25^h “One Day Class -” Repairing Clock Mainspring Barrels

Starts at 10:30 ends at 4:00PM

Sunday March 26th General Meeting

7:30 A.M. Registration Opens –

7:30 to 8:30 A.M. -- Mart Room set up (Table Holders and Early Birds Only)

8:30 A.M. -- Mart Room opens to all other registered participants

10:30 – Workshop ” Ball Bearing Bushing ”

12:00 – Mart Room Closes. No Security, the Mart Room must be cleared

1:45 Luncheon Speaker: Wayne Lanning “ A Bracket Clock Restoration”

Future Chapter One events:

The next Chapter One Meeting will be on **Sunday May 7th** at the Rodeway Inn. The Council has not decided on whether to have a **Summer Picnic** this year. Input from the membership in favor of having that event should make their feelings known to Ken Garrett our President. Merritt’s Antiques, as yet, has not made any mention of their intentions on that matter. Chapter One, as you may know will be hosting the **2017 Mid Eastern Regional** on Saturday **October 14th** and Sunday **October 15th** at the York Expo Center.

Best in Show Contest 2/26/2017

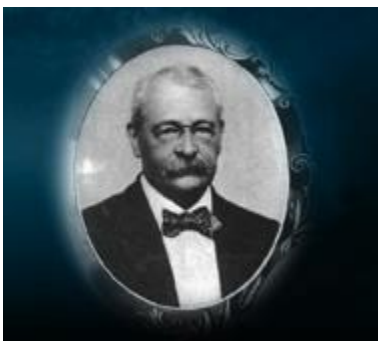
The **BISContest** had an unusually high number of challengers this meeting. There were 4 entries in the clock category and one in the ‘Other’ category. There was a very rare 30 day, striking Atkins London model mantel clock

brought in by Bruce Quinn. Unfortunately he had to leave early so the clock was pulled from the contest. Another Atkins clock was also submitted. It was in an unusually light rosewood case and had a Joseph Ives wagon spring power system. The third clock to be entered was a miniature grandfather style, time only French clock. This delightfully colored porcelain cased clock was Faience and is seldom found in cases of this style.

The fourth clock entered was a brass and glass battery operated mantel clock. This very interesting and unusual clock was unsigned and completely unmarked. Its impulse system was unique in that it gave the torsion pendulum a small push every 10 to fifteen seconds. Ron Hoppes, who submitted this entry, was at a loss as to the identify or vintage of this extraordinary clock. Despite the mystery surrounding this clock it won the Clock category contest.

The Other category entrant stood unopposed. It was a Bushing system for refurbishing wooden works clocks. This system manufactured by the Vantage Machine Works of Cutterbackville, N.Y. in 1970, used a plug with a center hole that was inserted into the oil sink on the front of the clock plate over the worn pivot hole. Through the back of the plate a cutter with a guide pin in it was inserted in the hole in the plug. The cutter, while still in the plug was then attached to a drill and spun creating a shallow hole in the back of the plate. Once the hole was drilled the plug and the cutter were removed and a flat brass bushing was inserted, hammered down tight and flush and the job was complete. The new bushing was invisible from the front of the clock.

Both winners, the battery-operated mantel clock and the wooden works bushing system, received their \$50.00 prizes in Mart Scrip. It is hoped that more interesting and unusual items will be submitted in the future. As is often said about clocks, watches, and horological tools and devises “you will never see it all”



A Philadelphia Jeweler and Clock Retailer:

The **Bailey Banks & Biddle** story begins on September 10, 1832. On that day, Joseph Trowbridge Bailey and his original partner, Andrew Kitchen, opened their first Store on Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. The first changes in management

occurred in 1846 when, Joseph Bailey's original partner, Andrew Kitchen retired. Mr. Kitchen was in failing health and passed away, four years later, in 1850. From the start, Mr. Bailey was committed to finest quality merchandise of the most exquisite design. For example, he was the first jeweler to introduce the British Sterling Silver standard in America. American silversmiths, at that time, worked in what is called Coin Silver, of 90% purity. Mr. Bailey raised his standard to 92.5% so that his silver would compete with the finest imports. On March 12, 1854, the founder, Joseph T. Bailey, died in Cuba. He had traveled there, for the mild climate, because of his own failing health from around the world.

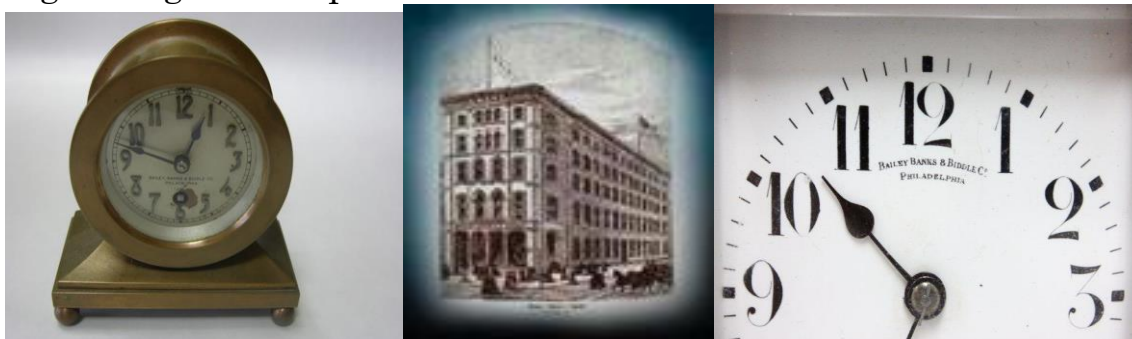
Bailey & Co. as it was known at that time, not only produced fine silverware and jewelry but they designed and produce coinage, presentation swords, and commemorative medals of all sorts. For example, in 1860 the company was commissioned to design and strike "one cent" pieces for the newly formed Confederate States of America. Designer and engraver, Robert Lovett, designed a coin which showed a woman's head in profile on the obverse, or front side, and the principle products of the South on the reverse side... cotton, tobacco, corn & rice. Mr. Lovett struck 12 specimens as samples, but by then, the Civil War had escalated. He feared the consequences of the discovery of his work by the Union authorities. Instead of delivering them, he hid the 12 samples in his cellar. That was the end of the Bailey & Co. Confederate one-cent piece. Many years later, one of the pennies showed up in a coin show. The Confederate penny was extremely worn. It turned out that Mr. Lovett had carried it as a lucky charm. Nine of the coins survived and one was auctioned in 1984 for \$11,500.

Bailey & Co. was not an anti-Union firm. They were commissioned to produce important presentation swords for Union Civil War notables, including General Meade and General Ulysses S. Grant. Some of these Bailey Co. swords are displayed in the Smithsonian, including one presented to General George McClellan by the City of Philadelphia.

On Good Friday, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. After lying in state at the White House, President Lincoln's body traveled a slow funeral procession through the major cities enroute to Springfield, Illinois. Bailey & Co. created the mortuary medal for the occasion. The obverse shows a profile of Lincoln with his name and the year, 1865. On the reverse is a broken column with a shield and

tablet inscribed A.L. Two flags are also draped on each side of the column, and an inscription reads, "He is in Glory and the Nation is in tears."

After the Civil War, Joseph T. Bailey II began to travel abroad in search of rare and beautiful objects for our Store. Mr. Bailey personally purchased all imported merchandise until he was well into his 60's. He crossed the Atlantic 140 times, by steamship, on buying trips. The Company had for some time sold clocks and watches produced in the United States by Seth Thomas and other American manufacturers. But it was during this period that the firm imported a great many French and German clocks. These clocks were often the higher end pieces produced by the best of the European companies. The logo of the Bailey Banks and Biddle on the dial of any clock tends to indicate a quality piece and thus a higher regard and price for that item.



The firm continued to design and produce prestige items and medals for the military and civilian use. For example, in 1904 the Great Seal of the United States, found on all one dollar bills, was updated by the company and its design became the official seal of this country. In 1905 the company crafted the modern version of the Congressional Medal of Honor. One of the most sacred treasures that Bailey Banks & Biddle has designed was the Purple Heart. It is a medal given to all U.S. military personnel wounded in battle while serving their country.

In 1904 Bailey Banks & Biddle moved to a modern new building further north on Chestnut Street. The Store was a state of the art showplace for our exquisite merchandise. Charles Weaver Bailey, the son of Joseph T. Bailey II, was the last Bailey to head our firm. He became President after his father's death in 1918. Born in 1861, Charles served as a Major in World War I. One of his daughters became a baroness. Charles Bailey died in 1922.

Bailey Banks & Biddle became part of Zale Corporation on October 2, 1961. There were three locations at the time, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr, near King of Prussia and the Cherry Hill Mall, which is still in operation in its original location. Today, Bailey Banks & Biddle continues the traditions begun by Joseph T. Bailey in 1832.

Some interesting watches now on the market:



The Skull Watch



The Geek Watch



The No Face Watch

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