National Association of
WATCH&CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.

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The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors is the largest organization of its kind in the world.

Founded in 1943, The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. (NAWCC) is a nonprofit organization that serves as an educational, cultural, and social resource for its members and the public at large.

Members include hobbyists, students, educators, casual collectors, and professionals in related retail and manufacturing trades. The one common bond (and main membership requirement) is a fascination with the art and science of timekeeping (horology).

Sharing the fascinating field of horology with everyone is part of the NAWCC's mission statement. NAWCC members have many diverse interests and extraordinary knowledge about their timepiece collections. Members are eager to encourage others who may be interested in pursuing horology as a hobby or a career. In Columbia, PA, community events at the National Watch & Clock Museum and access to the NAWCC Library & Research Center offer families and individuals opportunities to learn about timekeeping and to trace the history of personal timepieces.

Members share a number of tangible benefits, including yearly subscriptions to two high-quality bimonthly NAWCC publications; participation in Regional and National Conventions and trading marts; local Chapter activities; workshops and educational seminars held throughout the nation; and complimentary admission to the National Watch & Clock Museum in Columbia, PA, the Western Hemisphere's largest museum devoted to timepieces and timekeeping.

The NAWCC offers special benefits and services to members and educational opportunities, including hands-on learning, exhibitions, lectures, and much more, to the public.

History of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC)

In 1943 Certified Master Horologist L. D. Stallcup joined Philadelphia resident, Robert Franks, members of the Horological Society of New York (Henry B. Fried, Jack Fuchs, Professor Willis Milham, Jean Roehnch, and Dr. Karl Vogel, among others), and L. E. Coleman to create a Watch Collectors' Club prospectus. Fifty-two respondents joined the new organization, and collectible clocks were added to the official area of interest. The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors was born on November 8, 1943. National officers were elected, The Philadelphia Watchmakers' Guild was assimilated to

become Chapter 1, and the first annual meeting was held in Philadelphia on October 28, 1944. A draft of the Constitution and Bylaws was swiftly compiled to regulate the fledgling organization.

In the 70 years since its founding, this nonprofit organization has grown from 52 Charter Members to an international organization with over 12,000 members from 50 countries and 150 Chapters. The NAWCC publishes two bimonthly periodicals, the *Watch & Clock Bulletin* and the *Mart & Highlights*. As the NAWCC grew, employees were hired and office space was rented. In 1971, with membership nearing 12,000, a separate building was purchased in Columbia, PA, which became the business offices and campus. That same year the NAWCC formed a Museum Acquisitions Committee to solicit donations for what would one day be an 8,000 square foot museum and library gallery open to the public. In 1985 an addition doubled the existing exhibit and library space. In 1998 the Museum was again expanded to a multimillion dollar complex with an adjoining school and classroom space where advanced horological classes could be taught.

Our Regional Chapters

The NAWCC supports over 150 chapers worldwide, which provide camaraderie, learning opportunities, support for horological interests, and the opportunity to meet people eager to buy and sell collectible timepieces. Special Interest Chapters focus on a particular facet of horology and usually meet a few times a year at Regional or National NAWCC meetings, and provide members with fact-filled newsletters and individual support.

The Best Horological Museum and Library in the Country

The National Watch and Clock Museum was officially opened to the public in 1977 with fewer than 1,000 items. Since then, the collection has expanded to over 12,000 items. Today, the Museum is recognized as the largest and most comprehensive horological collection in North America.

The NAWCC Library and Research Center houses the country's largest horological reference collection of over 30,000 books, catalogs, periodicals, and other multimedia resources.

The *Watch & Clock Bulletin* and the *Mart & Highlights*

The *Watch & Clock Bulletin* is a peer-reviewed journal with illustrated articles on historic, artistic, and technical aspects of timekeeping; concise reviews of horological books; members' opinions and comments; and research findings and requests. The bimonthly journal's year begins with the January issue and ends with the November issue. Members receive a subscription to the *Watch & Clock Bulletin* as part of their membership and may view online archives of past issues.

The *Mart & Highlights* (included with every *Watch & Clock Bulletin*) is packed with chapter news and business information; advertisements; auction info; trade news and reviews; and classified ads intended to aid and inform our members in their horological pursuits.

Marketplaces and Meetings

A mart is an NAWCC-sponsored gathering where members have the opportunity to buy, sell, or trade horological items. Marts take place at regularly scheduled chapter meetings, larger regional meetings, or yearly national conventions.

Attendance at our Association-sponsored events enhances the NAWCC experience and is a fun and beneficial way of interacting with fellow horologists throughout the year.

Business Memberships

Our Business Membership program provides members who are also horological business owners with additional educational benefits, special advertising possibilities, and expanded resource opportunities and networking scenarios. By becoming a business member of the NAWCC, a horological enterprise ensures itself a place in our exclusive business directory, with the accompanying support and promotion of the NAWCC organization and membership.

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