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## President's Message



Hi everyone

First, I want to thank everyone who braved the elements and attended our January meeting. In spite of the weather, we had 13 new guests attend and many indicated a desire to come back and/or join the chapter.

Thanks are also extended to Russ Smith who organized a wonderful display on Automaton and musical clocks. In addition, the clocks that members brought in for the display were neat to see.



Our MART was active with much interaction. Members and guests enjoyed a lively session and there were many items that changed hands.



Bob Pritzker gave a fine presentation on James Cox and he included some fine pictures and videos of an assortment of this man's elaborate and very expensive clocks. Every one attending really enjoyed. Thanks, Bob for another superb seminar.



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50/50 Winner Ron Metcalfe

Our next meeting is on March 24, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (33 Carlson Court) near the airport. Ron Metcalfe has agreed to do a presentation on Railroad watches. As many of you know, Ron has been collecting these watches for many years and will be bringing some of his wonderful collection. He is a well-recognized authority and it will be a tremendous opportunity to learn about the special nature and history of these timepieces. In support of Ron's talk, we hope that you will bring in examples of Railway timepieces (Clocks as well as Watches) for our display at the March meeting.

On an administrative note, the Chapter has been faced with a 25% increase in the room rental fees charged by the Crowne Plaza. Naturally, this is an untenable situation and we have been negotiating with the hotel for several months to reduce the cost. We are actively looking for an alternative site and will provide more information to you when we have resolved the situation. We will continue to use the Crowne Plaza for our meetings for March and May as our contract demands.

We are looking forward to our May meeting on May 5 as we will, once again, have a large Mart area with at least 50 tables. There will be no increase in cost to table holders this year and tables will be available for \$15 for the meeting. In addition, the admission fee will remain unchanged at \$10 for advanced registration and \$12 at the door.

## May Invitational Double Header

This year we will have two presentations at the May meeting.

One will be given by Gord Gibbons, whom many of you know. Gord will be giving a talk entitled: "A Tribute to Jim Connell, Friend and mentor: How a rare Canadian Clock Collection was Built". Our chapter and the NAWCC as a larger body were enriched by the knowledge and wisdom as well as the wit and kindness of Jim Connell and this talk is one that I am sure you will want to hear.

The Chapter has invited Bill Ellison to make the other presentation. Bill was the owner of the Horolovar Company which was established by Charles Terwilliger to provide parts for 400 day and other torsion clocks. Bill purchased the company from the Terwilliger estate and his story of building the business in the absence of Original Manufacturer support while trying to maintain customer relations and family responsibilities is a tale that has elements of drama, comedy and history.

Almost all of us have an anniversary clock or more than one. That we are able to keep them running is due to Bill's commitment and acumen. It is a presentation that has never been made before so you owe it to yourself to hear it. Our display at the May meeting will be on torsion clocks. You have one or more so bring them along. You might even win a prize.



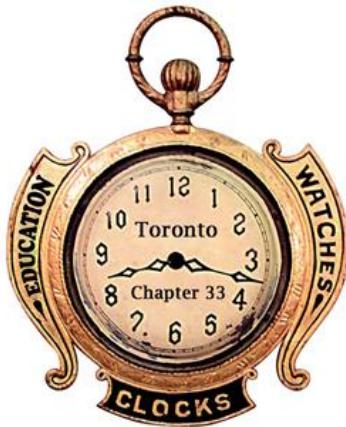
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## MAY INVITATIONAL

### THE LARGEST HOROLOGICAL EVENT IN CANADA



If you wish to stay near the meeting this year, we were able to make arrangements at the Best Western Premier Toronto Airport Carlingview Hotel 135 Carlingview Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 5E7.

Rooms are available at a special rate of \$129 per night including free parking and free hot breakfast.

\*\*Note that this rate will be available for all NAWCC members at any time during the year.

To take advantage of this special rate you must call the hotel's events director, Kadar, directly at 416 554-9806. Finally, we are inviting attendees to join us on May 4 at the restaurant in the Best Western Hotel. They will prepare a buffet supper for our group but we need to know the number attending. Let me know if you would like to attend by April 20. The cost of the buffet will be \$24.95 plus tax and tip.

Please see the registration form in this issue of the Tick Talk.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in March.

Until then,

Ben

#### Meeting Agenda

##### Chapter #33 March 24

**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: Railroad Timepieces

- Please bring items that have a railroad association

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

**11:10** Presentation: Ron Metcalfe **Railroad Watches**



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## 2019 Chapter 33 Meeting dates

January 27th  
March 24th  
May 5th

Meetings begin at 8:00am

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL,

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

Contact Us at: [Chapter33toronto@gmail.com](mailto:Chapter33toronto@gmail.com)

## Automaton Clocks

### Our January Members Display

It is great to have members who generously share their knowledge and items from their collections for the displays at our meetings.

The theme for the display at our January meeting was "Automaton" and some of the items brought for the display are on this page.





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## James Cox and his horological fantasies

Presented by Bob Pritzker



Bob Pritzker provided a very interesting presentation of a little known horological figure who left an incredible legacy of tremendously lavish and complicated clocks and automated works of art.

**James Cox** (c. 1723–1800) was a British jeweller, goldsmith and entrepreneur and the proprietor of Cox's Museum. He is now best known for creating ingenious automata and mechanical clocks, including Cox's timepiece, powered by atmospheric pressure, the Peacock Clock and the Silver Swan.



The Peacock Clock



Peacock Clock Detail

Cox's career as a jeweler began as early as 1751, and his automatons were designed by artists like Joseph Nollekens and Johann Zoffany. In the 1760s John Joseph Merlin became his apprentice. Though he proclaimed himself a goldsmith, he employed a number of jewelers and manufacturers who may have done much of the work that he was never a member of the goldsmith's guild further substantiates the claim that he subcontracted his work.



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Silver Swan Automation



Silver Swan Detail

Cox specialized in intricate clockwork curios encrusted with gold, silver, and jewels, referred to as "sing-songs. His primary market was the Far East, especially India and China, and the Chinese Qianlong Emperor possessed one of his automata, in the shape of a chariot. Cox's popularity was important to British trade: the tea trade ensured that British imports far outweighed their exports to China, and

Cox helped redress the imbalance. His sing-songs initially reduced British trade deficit, but in the early 1770s Cox was stuck with a large inventory and a flooded eastern market. He liquidated some of his stock at Christie's in 1772, and used the remaining inventory to start his museum.



Perpetual Motion Clock

In the 1770s Cox managed a private museum in the Great Room at Spring Gardens, London. He had been exhibiting his wares since at least 1769, though the official museum opened only in February, 1772. The site is near the Admiralty Arch, and would be among the most popular exhibition halls in London for the next half-century. Cox's Museum was so memorable that it was customary to refer to the room as "formerly Cox's Museum, and during the museum's run from 1772 to 1776 Cox's display eclipsed all other exhibits. His skill at advertising no doubt played a role in building the museum's popularity. Cox produced several catalogues and a collection of verses praising his museum, which had first been published in various London newspapers (some were probably planted by Cox).



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Cox's Museum was among the most expensive exhibitions in London, and the price was purportedly to limit the number of patrons for security reasons. The museum was popular among London's upper classes and literati: James Boswell visited in 1772, at the recommendation of Samuel Johnson, and Frances Burney stages a debate about the uses of art at Cox's, in her novel Evelina.

Playwright Richard Sheridan pays tribute to Cox's Museum in The Rivals. As proprietor of the museum Cox may have purchased Oliver Cromwell's head as a curiosity.



Creations were often produced as matching pairs

Though he hoped for royal patronage, and displayed, as was common, royal portraits in the museum. Cox never achieved his goal. In 1773 a special Act of Parliament authorised Cox to break up his collection and sell pieces by lottery. The museum was removed from Spring Gardens in 1775, and after being briefly displayed at Mansion House by the Lord Mayor, was dissolved and sold by lottery in May 1775.



Nécessaire



Pagoda Clock

We want to thank Bob for an informative and entertaining tour of the treasures and insights into this most remarkable craftsman.



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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)

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

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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.

## 2018 – 2019 Membership Renewal

The next Toronto Chapter 33 Meeting will be Sunday March 24th 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:

David Ornelas

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# TORONTO CHAPTER #33 MAY INVITATIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday May 5th 2019



2019 Toronto Chapter #33 May Invitational  
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL 33 Carlson Court., Etobicoke  
416-675-1234  
Registration Form

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Spouse/Guest Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mart Admission	Quantity	Price	Total
Pre-Registration		\$10.00	
Mart Table		\$15.00	
		Grand Total ->	
Attending Saturday Evening Dinner (May 4th)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number Attending	

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@sympatico.ca

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Why Not Join Us for Dinner?

Saturday Evening Dinner: We will get together on the Saturday evening at the Best Western Premier Toronto Airport Carlinview hotel for dinner and fellowship. This year we have arranged a buffet @ \$24.95 plus tax per person. Please help us to plan for numbers by contacting Ben Orszulak by April 20 if you would like to join us on Saturday night for dinner. We'd love to enjoy your company.