



*Keep the NAWCC ticking and continuing to educate and inspire. Click to join!*



## NEWSLETTER

**February 2025**

The rebuilding and modernization of the inner workings of the NAWCC is going well. February will be a critical month, and there will be some visible changes to the membership access points online. The current log-ins to member services will be replaced with a new portal (the log-ins to the Forums will remain the same). Announcements regarding any website disruption will be made on the home page of [nawcc.org](http://nawcc.org). This disruption will, of course, be a temporary situation while we make changes to the back end. Please rest assured that all of your records are preserved and that there will be no change to any of the privileges granted by your NAWCC membership.

The membership renewal and sign-up process is easier than ever: you can simply [sign up here](#) and our fantastic member services team will confirm your membership by mail and email as usual.

Over the coming months, there will be various changes to [nawcc.org](http://nawcc.org) that will make it easier to navigate. As ever, we remain at your service during office hours by telephone and email during this time of website modernization. Once the new member portal is ready, members will receive instructions via email for accessing their accounts.

There is also major work going on at HQ with the long-awaited and much-needed updating of the HVAC systems. We have necessarily had to relocate some of our archival material and clear a few small areas on the Museum floor that are going to be affected by the installation and repair work. This is a wonderful opportunity for the collection. Horological pieces and ephemera require carefully controlled humidity, and this project will go a long way toward creating the ideal environment for preserving these diverse and wonderful collections for many years to come.

The School of Horology is also experiencing a major overhaul. We are close to opening our doors to students wishing to learn watch servicing. The classroom is being built to modern industry standards, and we are excited to revive this important element of the NAWCC's educational aims. Watch for updates and classes on the calendar soon.

As ever, I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and that you will share your news and views with us.

—Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

## 2025 National Convention

### Live Auction

Enjoy the thrill of the bid at the auction on Friday, June 20 at the York Expo Center in York, PA.

*Auction Item Drop-off: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Preview & Bidder Registration: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Live Auction: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.*



### June 19-22

Workshops, Tailgate Event,  
Crafts Competition,  
Lectures, Buy/Sell/Trade  
Mart, Luncheon, Banquet

Convention registration and  
event details are available  
at [natcon.nawcc.org](http://natcon.nawcc.org).



## This Month in Horological History

with Thomas Stocker, Librarian & Archivist

February 14, 1865

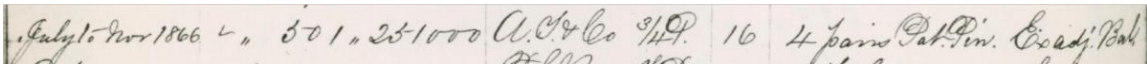
On this day, Charles W. Fogg received US patent no. 46343 for an improvement in pocket watch safety pinions. Fogg was a watchmaker and jeweler at Waltham and became the superintendent of the Nashua department of the company.



Later, he was a director of the Waltham Watch Co. and invented his patented safety pinion.

Fogg's invention allowed the continued use of the going barrel but included a threaded arbor to attach a pinion to the barrel. The safety pinion would remain out of the way during the normal function of the watch, but should the mainspring break, this pinion would rise on the arbor and prevent the massive explosion of force from damaging the rest of the gear wheels. Fogg's safety pinion was simpler and less costly than other safety pinions on the market at the time. The immediate availability of Fogg's pinion for acclimation into Waltham production made it the premier safety pinion in the industry.

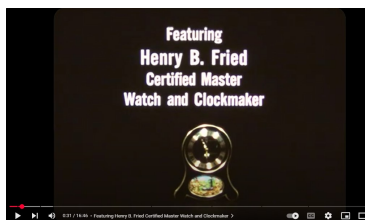
From the Museum's collection, a ca. 1865 Waltham Watch Co. pocket watch that uses Fogg's safety pinion. Catalog no. 82.99.101.



From the Waltham Ledger Books, showing the first run that had the safety pinion of patent no. 46343. Courtesy of the Fortunat Mueller-Maerki Library & Research Center.

## On Time ~ Online

You never know what oldie-but-goodie tips you might find on the NAWCC Forums! In a thread under Horological Education > Watches > Watch Repair on [mb.nawcc.org](http://mb.nawcc.org), we enjoyed this gem of a video with the legendary Henry B. Fried, NAWCC member no. 26. Click on any of the images below to watch the YouTube video *Hair Spring Straightening*, a film produced by the Bureau of Audio Visual Instruction and the Office of Career Education of the Board of Education, City of New York in 1974. In this film, Mr. Fried provides a master class in fixing damaged hairsprings.



## Bulletin Buzz

Coming your way soon, the March/April issue of the [Watch & Clock Bulletin](#) is a bountiful garden of horological fruits sure to inspire your



springtime endeavors!

- ~ "Terry, George, and a Rare Pillar and Scroll Clock" by George Goolsby
- ~ "A Shortt Story: Revitalization of Shortt-Synchronome Clock No. 23" by G. Price Russ, Anthony Misch, John S. Koepke, Craig Chivatero
- ~ "The Adventurous Yema Bipole Duopoly" by Tyler St. Gelais
- ~ "The Farmyard Watch Cock and John Callcott of Cotton" by Vincent Cherico
- ~ "An Astronomical Clock with Wooden Wheels and an Orrery" by David R. Bailey
- ~ "A New Ratchet Wheel for a Well-Used Clock" by David Katonak
- ~ Museum and Library Spotlights
- ~ 2024 NAWCC Award Recipients

~ Plus Chapter Highlights, puzzles, and more!

Don't miss any issues of the NAWCC's official journal!  
Join or renew to receive your copies of the *Bulletin*.

Membership

## On the Clock at the NAWCC

Congratulations to these staff members who are celebrating their work anniversaries this month. Thank you for all you do!



**Rory McEvoy**  
Executive Director  
3 Years



**David Ganse**  
Admissions & Museum  
Store Manager  
1 Year

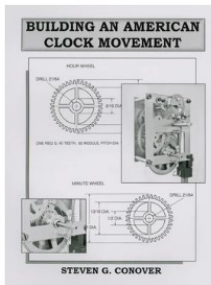


*And to catch up on January  
congratulations:*

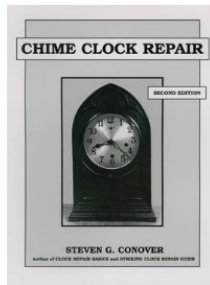
**Janelle Soash**  
Collections Assistant  
3 Years

## New Year, New Repairs

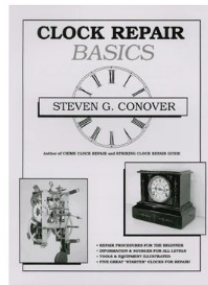
Steven Conover's excellent series on clock repair is now available at our online Museum Store ([shop.nawcc.org](http://shop.nawcc.org)). These books cover everything from basic repair skills and tools, to building movements, to working on different types of clocks. NAWCC members receive a discount of 10% off the retail price!



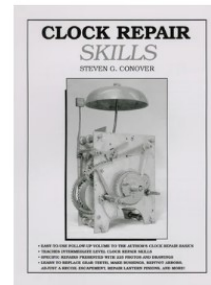
Building an American Clock Movement  
\$21.95 USD



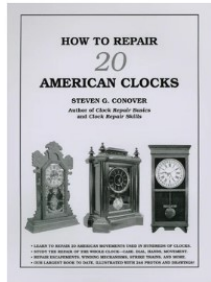
Chime Clock Repair, Second Edition  
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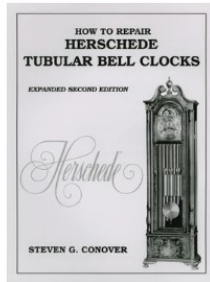
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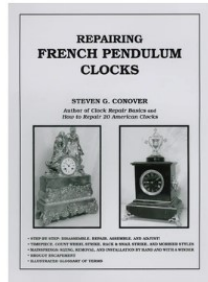
Clock Repair Skills  
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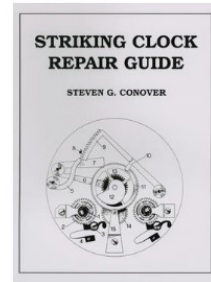
How to Repair 20 American Clocks  
\$29.95 USD



How to Repair Herschede Tubular Bell Clocks  
\$28.50 USD



Repairing French Pendulum Clocks  
\$24.95 USD



Striking Clock Repair Guide  
\$22.95 USD

## Time to Learn

[Register online](#) for an NAWCC workshop:

**School of Horology (Columbia, PA)**  
*February 7-9, 2025: American-Style Time/Strike Movement Workshop*

*March 14-16, 2025: Rack-and-Snail Striking and an Introduction to the Tall Case Clock*

*March 22-23, 2025: WS-117 Using the Micro-Lathe for the Beginner*

*April 4-6, 2025: Introduction to the Anniversary, or 400-Day, Clock*

*April 28-May 2, 2025: Watchmaker Master Class with Philippe Narbel*

*May 2-4, 2025: Foundational Repair Skills I*

*May 17-18, 2025: Introduction to Gilding on Clock Tablets*

*June 18-19, 2025: Introduction to Antique Clocks*

*June 28-29, 2025: WS-120 Using a Micro Mill for the Beginner*





*These workshop participants enjoyed their Introduction to Antique Clocks on January 25-26 at the School of Horology: (standing, l to r) Anthony Balcom, Samantha Gradel (School Coordinator), Scott Becker, Kaai McEvoy, Thomas Ferguson, Thomas Ulmer; (sitting l to r) William Pulg and Thomas Divilio.*

Each month, you will receive more updates and the inside scoop on the latest events, exhibits, classes, and more.

Warmly,

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

Help us share time with everyone.

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