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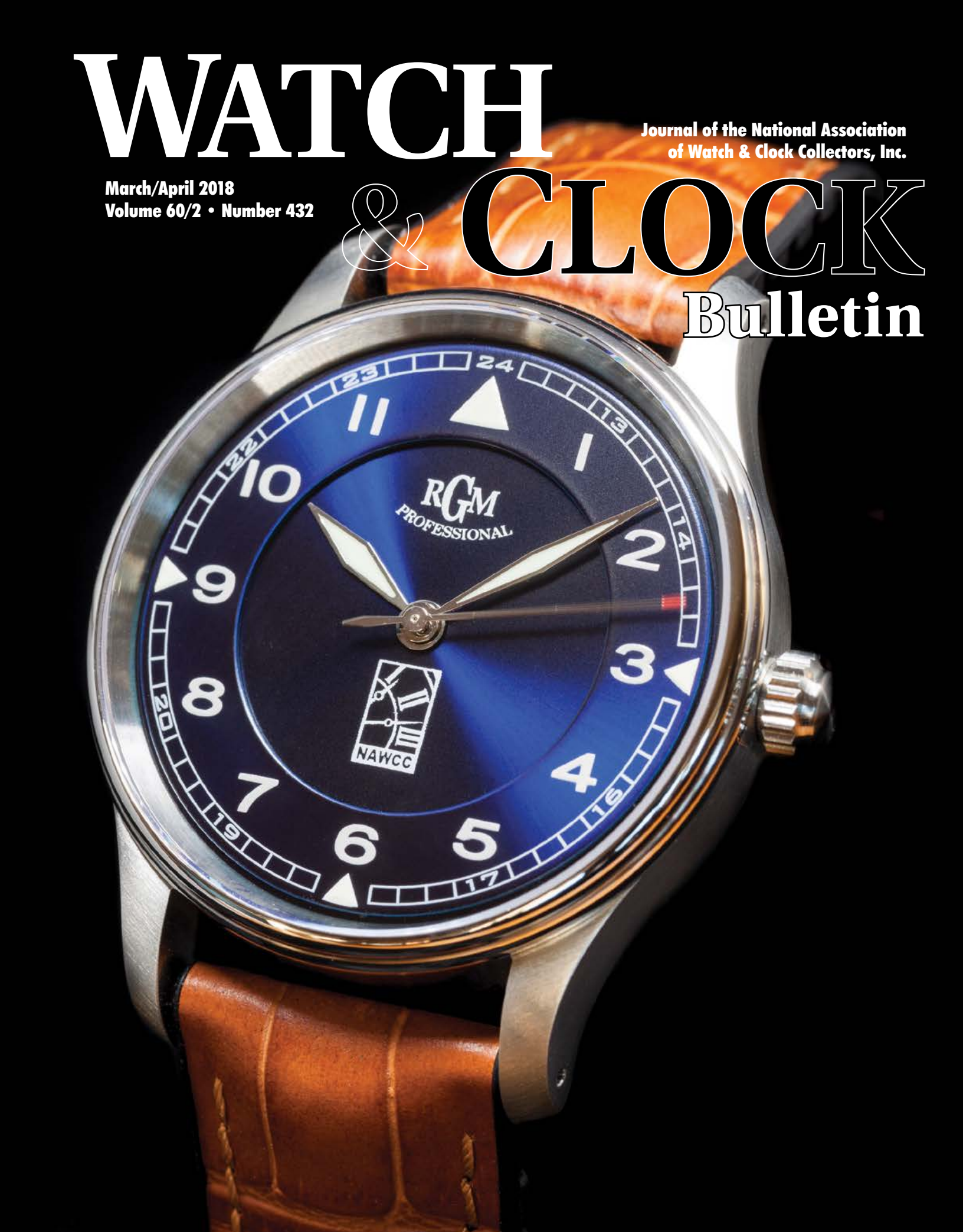

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Sun. noon–4 pm

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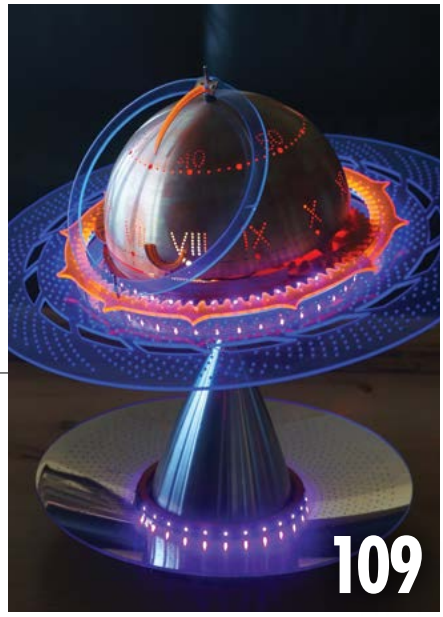

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Letter from the Editor–Christiane Odyniec

I don't Tweet and I don't follow anyone on Twitter, but I am intrigued by its challenge to communicate using only 280 characters. In case you didn't hear, the online news and social networking service Twitter raised its limit from 140 to 280 characters in late 2017. This means that those who choose to Tweet have up to 280 characters to get their point across. That's characters, not words. Spaces count.

Although it is not enough to draw me into the Twitter universe, the idea of such strict self-editing strikes a chord in my editor heart. As I begin work on the July/August issue of the *Watch & Clock Bulletin*, it also gives me an idea.

The July/August issue will celebrate the NAWCC's 75th anniversary by taking a look both backward and forward. The issue will look at how we got where we are and where we see ourselves heading in the future. I'd like all NAWCC members to have the chance to contribute to the publication. Here's what you can do.

I invite all members to send me no more than 280 characters that you believe describe the NAWCC: its past, present, or future. Your 280 characters can be sentences, fragments, adjectives, poetry, anything at all. Be creative! The best submissions will be included in the *Bulletin*.

As a reference, the previous paragraph contains 280 characters.

Please send your 280 characters in the body of an email—no attachments! Include your full name and your state (or country). Anonymous submissions will not be accepted, and your email address does not count as an identifier. Send the email to editor@nawcc.org with 280 in the subject line. The deadline is May 1, 2018. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

About the Front Cover

Our front cover shows RGM Watch Co.'s one-of-a-kind watch, which was donated to the National Watch & Clock Museum in honor of the Museum's 40th anniversary. It was auctioned on eBay. Read more about it and the auction results in WatchNews (page 134). Photo courtesy of RGM Watch Co.

About the Back Cover

On November 29, 2017, the National Watch & Clock Museum celebrated its 40th anniversary. *Top:* Museum Director Noel Poirier (far right) addresses the group gathered that evening. *Middle:* Christa Eckert, Membership Administrative Assistant, and Stacey Strayer, Member Services Clerk, were both available that evening to assist members. Roland Murphy, CEO of RGM Watch Co.; Bryan Gembusia, Owner and CEO of YoYo Computer Services; and Pierre Halimi Lacharlotte, General Manager of Montres Journe America, were three of the evening's sponsors. *Bottom:* NAWCC Board of Directors Chair Rich Newman spoke about the Association. Kevin Osbourne, Director of Information Services; Quyen Do former Education intern; and Minh Do joined in the celebration. NAWCC Executive Director Tom Wilcox thanks the evening's sponsors and attendees. Bottom Center: A bottle of red, a bottle of white. I wonder if Billy Joel is a watch or clock guy? Photos courtesy of Keith Lehman.

Errata

The following errors have been noted in the January/February 2018 issue. The *Watch & Clock Bulletin* regrets these errors, which were corrected in the online version.

On page 39, the captions for Figures 5 and 6 are switched. Figure 5 is the escapement parts, and Figure 6 is the Fletcher parts.

Message from the Board Chair

April 1 marks the beginning of our fiscal year; therefore, a good deal of focus for the past several months has been on our financial position and budget for the upcoming year. As always, we strive for a balanced budget and we anticipate finishing the year as planned. (The final numbers won't be known until late April, after this issue of the *Watch & Clock Bulletin* has been published.) Last year, we finished with a budget surplus of approximately $22,000. Our reserves are also at the highest point they have been in the past decade. These results demonstrate the success of our ongoing fundraising, revenue generation, and cost reduction initiatives. Please be aware that all our financials, including tax returns and audited financial statements, are posted on nawcc.org each year.

Last fall, Executive Director Tom Wilcox and I announced five strategic initiatives to continue to strengthen our financial position, address opportunities to increase membership, and generally improve the quality and availability of the educational services that we provide to members all over the world. During our recent winter in-person Board meeting in Columbia, PA, we received updates and presentations on these initiatives from each respective team leader. I think we have made a very good start analyzing and prioritizing our near-term opportunities. In my capacity as Board Chair, I have had the pleasure to spend more time than ever before with our staff and I am thoroughly impressed. We often recognize achievements and contributions of members; however, we are also very fortunate to have a capable and dedicated staff of professionals operating our Association. I want to thank our project team leaders whose leadership in implementing the strategic plan is essential to our continued success:

Chuck Auman: Efficiency Team Lead (maximize financial discipline, stability, and sustainability)

Rebecca Hickey: Expansion Team Lead (increase membership from anywhere in the world)

Kim Jovinelli: Excellence Team Lead (improve quality and consistency of member interaction)

Christiane Odyniec: Evolution Team Lead (establish positive and inclusive brand recognition)

Gillian Radel: Engagement Team Lead (increase Chapter support, engagement, and partnering)

Our next in-person Board meeting will take place at NAWCC Headquarters on July 18–19, at the beginning of the week of activities celebrating our 75th Anniversary and 2018 NAWCC National Convention (http://75thanniversary.nawcc.org/). Board meetings are open to all members, and we welcome your attendance.

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Message from the Executive Director

"… the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of."—C. S. Lewis

This quote reminds me of the impact made by the many common, simple acts contributed by our members and friends toward the overall benefit of the NAWCC. When added up over a cumulative period, these small actions produce unimaginable long-term stability and health for our institution and a promise of a strong, successful future.

As a 501(c)(3) charity, the NAWCC depends on the generous decisions made by its supporters. While we are reluctant to *continually* ask for money, we are compelled—because we **are** a **charity**—to ask for and seek out grants and financial support.

Our proud offering of horological programs and services costs money to provide to the public and our members: the world's largest museum and research library dedicated to clocks, watches, time, and timekeeping; a strong education program; a 13,000 international membership; a 500,000 visits per year website; an Internet-based public forum with an 854,000 unique users participation rate of 1.5 million entries per year; 150 chapters, 18 regional meetings, and an annual, international convention; a world-class publishing house; an academically renowned symposium on time-related topics; the largest affiliation of volunteer subject matter experts on time and timekeeping; and leadership in influencing the global, horological community. Our supporters' contributions produce a successful return of value, which continues to grow. We depend on that support to keep us going!

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary over this coming year, we look forward to our special evening event on July 18, 2018, where we will, among other things, recognize our Campaign supporters and announce the results of the *For All Time* Endowment and Capital Campaign. All contributors to the *For All Time* Campaign will be invited to this special reception. It is an invitation-only event.

However, we want EVERYONE to be invited! You may be thinking that you don't have hundreds or thousands of dollars in your bank account to contribute to the Campaign, but that is not necessary to be invited! We would like to not only reach the Campaign's quantitative goal of $7,500,000, but would also like to reach a qualitative goal of 100 percent member participation. That way we *all* join in the celebration and recognition of achieving our goals!

Even if you contribute $100, you will be invited to our July 18 celebration event! If 12,000 members all pledge $200, then we could raise $2.4 million and instantly reach our $7.5 million goal!

Here is the important part: you don't have to give it all up front! Some members have pledged to contribute a certain amount each year for 10 years. You could contribute $20 for 10 years and still count your overall pledge as $200. Or you could pledge $50 each year for 10 years and contribute $500 overall! There are many ways to do the math, contribute to the Campaign, and be invited to the July 18 event. You could also delay the actual financial outlay by making a pledge of an amount in your will, designating the NAWCC. I invite you to contribute to the Campaign in the way that works best for you. Pledge forms are available in the Mart or by clicking the Giving tab on nawcc.org.

We want to see all members participate in the *For All Time* Campaign and be invited to the July 18, 2018 Celebration! All contributions of $100 or more will be recognized in *The Bulletin*, promotional materials, and with a pin and certificate. Every contributor is crucial to reaching our $7.5 million *For All Time* campaign goal.

Tom Wilcox
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WRINKLED KISSES

I am easy as daylight

But my style was never yours

Nor jealous

Originality

And those of you who gathered trends

(Poets will)

Have skipped my name

But nothing

Nothing matters

Except sun

That glimmers through clouds

Like a sorry

Vintage Hamilton

Approximate but well

And kisses

As wrinkled as birth

This is a poem about the eternal themes of disappointment and growing older. The author uses a comparison of a vintage Hamilton watch to help make his point. Ray Comeau is a former associate dean in Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education and a current lecturer on literature and management there. He is a member of two Chapters: 8 and 87, located in Massachusetts. His email is comeau@fas.harvard.edu.

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For information about Regionals, the National, and the Symposium, visit nawcc.org.

March 2018

March 2-3 | Lone Star
March 9-10 | Arizona Sunshine*

April 2018

April 12-14 | Southern Ohio
April 20-21 | River Cities*

May 2018

May 17-19 | Pacific Northwest*
May 18-19 | North Coast*

July 2018

July 19-22 | NAWCC National Convention

August 2018

August 3-4 | Eastern States*
August 23-25 | All Texas Chapters
August 31-September 2—Mid-South*

September 2018

September 20-22 | NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium
September 28-29—Mid America

October 2018

October 5-6—Rocky Mountain*
October 11-13 | Southwest California
October 19-21 | Mid-Eastern

November 2018

November 10-11 | Southern

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