

**New England Chapter 8  
The National Association  
Of Watch and Clock Collectors**

**WILBRAHAM PICNIC - FREE TO CHAPTER 8 MEMBERS!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 AT 9:00 AM**

*TAILGATE MART (Indoor space in case of rain, some shaded area in case of high heat)*

**BARBEQUE PICNIC – HOROLOGICAL DOOR PRIZES – INFORMAL SHOW AND TELL**

**PLEASE NOTE** - If you plan to sell, bring a plastic tarp, blanket, or table to display your items. If you are tailgate selling, park in front of the main building. As needed, the tailgate mart may overflow onto the adjacent gym hall parking lot. So, bring a sun umbrella, if you have one, and sunscreen. For all others, definitely park in this large gym hall parking lot. Because the barbeque is catered by the Academy, we are asking for the registration to be mailed in as we normally do for meetings. The registration cutoff date for the picnic is Friday, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Fall Educational Symposium – September 25<sup>th</sup>**

The bi-annual fall Educational Symposium will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Old Sturbridge Village. The topic this year will be, "Why Waltham?" Of all the cities in which watch and clock manufacturing took place in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, none became as important as Waltham. The reasons for its success were many, but none more significant than the conditions that will be discussed by our presenters.

So successful was this city, that its business models were copied all over the world. We have four distinguished speakers who will discuss the following topics:

- Robert Cheney, *New England Horology from a Craft to an Industry*
- Andrew Dervan, *The Waltham Horological Hall of Fame*
- George Collord, *Inventors, Machines, Standards, and Industrial Innovation*
- Albert Arena, *Waltham Then and Now, Why the Industrial Revolution Began in Waltham*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Time for the Chapter 8 picnic and held once again in the bucolic surroundings of Wilbraham & Monson Academy in beautiful western Massachusetts. There will be an active tailgate mart in the parking lot, and good food for lunch. If you have unwanted clocks, watches, or parts, this is an excellent event at which to sell them, particularly because the picnic is FREE this year!

**All that is required of you is to be a paid-up Chapter 8 member, AND pre-register using the Picnic Registration form on the following page.** If you are not a Chapter 8 member, a spouse or guest, the picnic pre-registration cost is \$20 per person. If you don't pre-register, your cost is \$5. If you don't pre-register and bring a spouse or guest, then the usual cost of \$25 for each of those persons will apply.

There will be no formal presentations, but we will again have a show and tell session. **NOVELTY CLOCKS** will be our theme for this year's picnic meeting. If you have a special clock, bring it along and tell us what makes it of interest. All clocks will be displayed prior to the show and tell session.

*Peter Nunes*

**EVENTS OF THE DAY:**

9:00. Tailgate Mart (indoors in case of rain).

10:45. Show & Tell – unusual or special novelty clocks. If you have such a piece, just bring it along for a short presentation. Make it informal, brief and fun.

11:45. Horological door prizes.

12:15. Barbeque Picnic Lunch.

After the picnic, clock tower tour. Jeff Wood will conduct tours for those interested. A sign-up sheet will be available at the check-in table. Wear rubber-soled shoes.

**DIRECTIONS TO REACH THE WILBRAHAM & MONSON ACADEMY, 423 MAIN ST.**

From the North:

Route I-91 South to Mass Pike East. Mass Pike to Ludlow exit 7, then turn left on to Route 21 (Center St). Cross the Ludlow Bridge over the Chicopee River. At the end of the bridge turn left, just after which you will enter Wilbraham. Bear right at the fork, which puts you on Stony Hill Rd. After a few blocks, the road will curve sharply to the left. Immediately after the curve, turn right to remain on Stony Hill Rd. Go under the railroad overpass, stay in the right lane, and go straight through the lights at Route 20 (Boston Rd.). Remain on Stony Hill Rd approx 2+ miles to the next set of lights where Springfield St crosses Stony Hill Rd. Turn left onto Springfield St. and past the Wilbraham Town Hall on the right. Shortly after (at the top of the hill), turn left onto Faculty St. The campus is a short distance beyond on the right.

From the West:

Follow the directions from the Mass Pike to exit 7, as shown above –from the North

From the South

Route I-91 North from New Haven-Hartford to exit 2, Rte 83 (Forest Park), which is the first exit after crossing into Mass. from CT. Turn left at the first set of lights and at the next set of lights turn right onto Sumner Ave. Note that at the first major intersection after turning, Route 83 branches off to the right, but you want to continue straight ahead on the same road (name changes from Sumner Ave to Allen St to Bicentennial Highway) for about 3-4 miles until you come to the end of the road. Turn left at the lights onto Cooley St. (changes to Parker St.) and continue until you reach the first major four-way intersection. Bank of America and Pride gas station on the right corners. Turn right onto Wilbraham Rd for about 3 miles (changes to Springfield St. upon entering Wilbraham). Continue straight through the next set of lights, crossing Stony Hill Rd, past the Wilbraham Town Hall on the right. Shortly after (at the top of the hill), turn left onto Faculty St. The campus is a short distance beyond on the right.

From the East:

Mass Pike west to Palmer (exit 8), turn right onto Route 32, which joins Route 20 and at the second set of lights turn onto Route 20 West. Continue on Route 20 for about 4.5 miles. You will pass a river on your right and then go under a railroad overpass. Go past two gas stations and the Wilbraham Fire Dept will be on your right. Diagonally opposite the fire station is Main St. Turn left onto Main St, go straight through the stop sign, and continue for two miles to the campus, then right onto Faculty St. for parking.

