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Chapter 50 Annual Auction

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**NAWCC Chapter 50
Annual Fall Auction
Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015**

*Edmonds Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave.
Edmonds, Washington*

You're invited! Come join us for the Chapter 50 Annual Auction, to be held on Sunday, October 11th, at the Edmonds Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave., Edmonds, WA. Hospitality time will start at 12:30 pm, followed at 1:30 pm by a short introduction and THE AUCTION!



Our Chapter 50 October meeting program will be a live auction of clocks, watches, tools, ephemera, or what have you, as long as it's horological.

Members of other Chapters are welcome to participate by placing items in the auctions and bidding. Items will be registered upon arrival and placed on display for members to examine prior to the start of the auction. Members wishing to bid will also register prior to the start, and pay \$2 for a numbered bidding paddle.

The Auction Rules follow. Please read them carefully as they will be followed to the "T" during the auction. There is a \$1 fee to enter an item or group into the auction. Items should be batched wherever possible. There will be no limit on the number of articles you may bring for sale, but if too many come forward it may be necessary to establish a cutoff point.

It is also requested that you look over all items thoroughly before the sale, especially those you may have an interest in bidding on. This may avoid disappointment if you purchase an item and later decide you're not satisfied with it. The purchase of any item is strictly between the buyer and the seller with no Chapter 50 involvement.

Bring lots of money, bid often, and above all, HAVE FUN!

AUCTION RULES

1. 1. Absolutely NO pre-auction sales on the premises.
2. All items must be registered as soon as possible. Items should be batched wherever possible. The listing fee will be \$1 per item or batch. Only horological related items will be accepted. Registration will start at 12:30 pm and end at 1:30 pm. Auction will start after opening remarks and chapter business.
3. A \$2 registration fee will be required to obtain a bidding paddle. All sellers must have a paddle to protect the price wanted for their item (s).
4. During the auction a member may bid up their own items until the required reserve is met. Please bid your reserve early to save time.
5. Chapter 50 auction terms of sale are as follows:
 - A) All sales are final.
 - B) No warranties or guarantees are expressed or implied.
 - C) All items are sold "as is" and "where is".
 - D) Full payment must be made on sale day (or as otherwise arranged by buyer and seller in advance). All monies being paid for auction transactions shall be strictly between the buyer and seller.
 - E) Chapter 50 assumes no responsibilities for lost, misplaced or stolen items.
 - F) ABSOLUTELY no pre-auction sales on the premises.



Chapter 50—Upcoming Meetings

**October 11th — Regular meeting — Edmonds Senior Center
Annual Auction Meeting**

**November 8th — Regular meeting — Edmonds Senior Center
— Elections —**

**December 6th — Joint Chapter 135 / 50 Christmas Party
Tacoma—La Quinta Inn. Ch. 135 hosting.**

Puyallup Fair

By now, the 2015 Puyallup Fair— aka The Washington State Fair, is over for another year. Yesterday was “take-down” day (which I missed because I was out of town), so I don’t have any final direct information, but I thought I’d make a few personal observations about the “Fair Experience”.

I am hopeful that the final open slots got filled before the last minute. The last report I saw was that there were 2 open slots going into the last week. I want to personally thank all those who volunteered for fair duty, and for the set-up and take-down folks. It is a huge effort to get this all organized, and to watch over the booth staffing schedule, and a great big THANK YOU goes to Stan & Julia Muller, and everyone that assisted, for once again doing this!! Just keep in mind that it makes that job a bit easier IF we get volunteers to sign up early.....

I had the pleasure of helping staff the booth with a couple of great people again this year. It reminded me that the Fair duty not only gives us the opportunity to talk to the visitors about our Horological Hobby, but it is often an opportunity to get to know others within our Chapters is little better. I am constantly reminded of how much knowledge and experience (in many diverse areas) that we have within our Chapters! We should all make an effort to find out more about the people who make up our Chapters and their background and experience. I think you will find some amazing stories.

I expect that by next Newsletter, we will have a more complete report on the Fair, but until then a final BIG THANK YOU to all who helped this year!

Dick

So that none of you miss the fact that our meeting on November 8th is the election of officers for Chapter 50, I am going to re-run this article from last month. The elections are now only a little more than a month away, so we all need to be thinking about what you will do to keep Chapter 50 going!

Chapter 50 Elections

I hope that by now, the fact the Chapter 50 will be having elections — is not a surprise to you! **November 8th** is our election meeting. In order to have elections, we must first have candidates for the offices.

Most of the current officers have served for 4 years, and will not be available for re-election. This means that there is an “opportunity” for you to step up and serve your favorite Chapter.

What would you like to do? The general duties of the **President** are to run the business

meetings and do some behind-the-scenes organizational and planning duties. The **Vice President** is involved with the planning and coordination of the programs for our meetings. The **Secretary** takes minutes of the business meetings, and keeps the communications open— mainly within the Chapter but also some minimal outside communication. Our **Treasurer** collects and deposits our funds and reports the financial status to the members. The Treasurer also handles some reporting duties to the State and the IRS. None of these jobs

take a large amount of time to accomplish.

Now is the time to give some serious thought to what position you would be willing to take.

When you have decided which office you would be willing to fill, please contact one of the current officers so that we will know of your intentions.

Remember — if we don’t have any officers, we won’t have a Chapter. I don’t think you want to see that happen.

Vacheron Constantin Unveils the Most Complicated Watch Ever Made

We have a new horological king. Vacheron Constantin recently announced that they have produced the Vacheron Constantin Reference 57260 pocket watch, that is the most complicated mechanical watch ever made. By their count, the Ref. 57260 has 57 distinct complications. As a reminder, a complication is any watch function that goes beyond showing the hours, minutes, and seconds.

You may remember, we did a article on the Graves Supercomplication Patek Philippe watch which sold last year for the new record as the most expensive watch ever sold — at \$24 million. The Graves watch had a record (at the time) 24 complications. That was surpassed in 1989 by the Patek Philippe Calibre 89 which featured 33 complications. Now Vacheron has moved the bar much higher with their 57 complication monster.



The Ref. 57260 is said to have been commissioned by an American private collector, and is not available for sale. At the request of the client, Vacheron Constantin is not disclosing the exact price, but estimates based on prices of other complicated watches range from \$ 5—10+ million dollars.

The Ref. 57260 may look like a pocket watch, but it isn't likely to fit in your pocket. It is 3.8 inches in diameter, 2 inches thick, and weighs 2.1 lbs! It has a solid 18k white gold case, with 2,826 components, 242 jewels, 31 hands and dials on both sides. It took a team of 3 watchmakers more than 8 years to design and create the watch.



I will not attempt to list all the complications, but will give a summary of those functions:

- Time measurement (6 functions)
- Perpetual calendar (7 functions)
- Hebrew calendar (8 functions)
- Lunar calendar (1 function)
- Religious calendar (1 function)
- 3-column wheel chronograph (4 functions)
- Alarm (7 functions)
- Astronomical calendar (9 functions)
- Westminster carillon striking (8 functions)
- Others (6 functions)

For more information on the Ref. 57260, check this link:
<http://reference57260.vacheron-constantin.com/en2/the-worlds-most-complicated-watch>