



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
October, 2007

Talent and Guts

Chapter 24 is collectively, very talented. Last month you read about the awards our chapter and it's members earned at the National Convention. But wait, there's more. Four lectures at the convention were given by Chapter 24 members.

Precision timekeeping has been a focus of horologists since the beginning of time. Bernie Tekippe presented "The Precision Clock: Design, Construction and Discussion".

By 1880, there were over 100,000 miles of railroad track in the U. S. Standard Railroad Time had be put into effect by 1884. This brought about the development of railroad time service inspection. Kent Singer and Ed Ueberall presented "Railroad Time Service, Southern Style".

Painted and decorated in a variety of colors and designs, tall case clock dials are one of the most artistic focal points of a timepiece, telling much about the time and origin of the maker. Kathi Edwards lectured on the "Design of Tall Case Clock Dials".

A clock or watch made or sold by J.P. Stevens of Atlanta, Georgia is a rare item. Katherine Kittle gave her first NAWCC presentation about "J.P. Stevens: Atlanta Watchmaker, Inventor, Clockmaker" and his impact on southern horology. It took guts to give her first presentation at the National Convention.

Brookfield West Estate Sale September 27,28,29,30.

**Clocks! Clock! Clocks!
This is the estate of a major clock collector in Roswell.
There are clocks and clock parts galore!**

This is how the description of the estate starts. The auction was brought to my attention a few weeks ago. I was looking at the site and realized that I recognized the home. This is Jim Thorsen's estate. Jim told me that he wanted to be there when his collection was auctioned. I'm sure his spirit will be.

Preview at:
<http://alphaauction.com/alphaeventx.php>

SONORA'S SHOW OFF

From 1909 to 1923, Seth Thomas made Sonora Chime clocks. These clocks are different because they utilize 2 separate movements. The front movement is the common S T #89, then, it was modified to activate a second movement at the quarter hour. The melodies are played on a set of nested bells. The bells are housed in the resonating box that Seth Thomas patented on Feb. 18, 1908. The tones from these clocks is incomparable. Come see why these clocks are so special, and bring yours.



These two Seth Thomas Sonora Chime clocks were at the August meeting.



MINUTES OF NAWCC MEETING, AUGUST 2007

After the always exciting and larger than usual auction, the meeting was called to order by President, Carol Tekippe. Our guests and new members were introduced.

Bob Booth gave the Treasurer's report. We don't print our balances in the newsletter but we can boast that the National Convention brought a record \$88,000.00. National receives $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ is divided between the 5 chapters that co-host the Southeast Regional, that means Chapter 24 will deposit about \$4400.00.

The clock that Bernie Tekippe made was sold at the Friday night auction for \$2,400.00 and he donated it back to NAWCC.

Our very own Brooks Coleman organized that Friday night auction. He, along with a few guest auctioneers, auctioned 110 clocks. 80% of them were sold, that's 84 if you don't want to do the math. If you were there, you know how exciting it was.

George Waterhouse spoke about the convention. Bernie's clock was on display at the front entrance of the Mart. The Howard from the Governor's office was exhibited in the competition room. He talked about the awards, already mentioned in the August newsletter.

Bernie Tekippe thanked all who helped with the craft contest, especially Rick Mangum and Pete Schreiner, who took all the pictures. Then Chris Martin thanked all of his volunteers. Brenda Wiggins stood and recognized Donald Jackson. We try to remember everyone who helps, sometimes, someone will get left out. All volunteers are so greatly appreciated. The conventions can never be the successes that they are without you.

Ed Ueberall and Kent Singer took charge of all the watch displays.

We need to decide what to do with the material we have for the clocks restored by our chapter. Brooks Coleman suggested that the information be where the respective clocks are. The Governor's office should have the info on the Howard. The information for the mansion clocks should be at the mansion. Since the rest of the clocks are scattered throughout the state the information should be with the State archives where it will be protected but also accessible to us.

Pete Schreiner talked about the clocks at the Historic sites in GA and the need to come up with sets of instructions. As he visited some of the sites, gathering information the craft contest, he found that some of the clocks were already in need of attention. This was mostly due to the lack of knowledge of the people maintaining the clocks. There is no continuity of care, as staff changes, the instruction gets watered down, so to speak, and eventually lost.

Chris Brown introduced our speaker, Joe Glass.



Photo Caption: Joe Glass as he spoke at the August 2007 meeting about the E. Howard Company.

General Information on Gents C7 Master Clocks

These clocks were originally driven by a bank of accumulators. Officially called a C7 transmitter, the case is a very elegant but unadorned hardwood box with a glass front, about 1.3m tall, 30cm wide and 20 deep reminiscent of laboratory instruments. Most examples have a square deco style white face with a simple straight minute hand and ring hour hand. This is mounted in the door at the top above the glass. Opening the door will reveal a nearly free swinging pendulum adjusted to 1 second per half cycle.

Come learn more at the October meeting. Donald Jackson will be presenting our program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We had 46 Members and spouses attending the August Meeting to hear Joe Glass talk about the Man behind the Howard Clock Company. It was most interesting. We had one New Member join, **Tom Noesges of Woodstock**, (Pronounced - Ness Kiss), and an old friend who has recently moved to Big Canoe, **Duane Sichveland**, Returned.

Those of us attending the NAWCC National Convention in Chattanooga realized it was one of the Very Best events ever attended. Under the watchful eyes of our Jim and Renee Coulson and supported by many members of all our Southern Chapters Group, Our Chapter 24 participated in all areas including; Display and Crafts with many Winners, Registration and Mart, as well as Speakers among the 18 Lecturers. The Most amazing accomplishment is to have generated some \$88,000 in Profits (unaudited), the Highest Ever recorded for a National Convention. NAWCC will receive 75%, and the Five Southern Chapters share the balance. Your Treasurer is looking forward to depositing some \$4,400 in Our Bank Account!!

See you All on Sunday, October 7th.
Bob Booth, Treasurer



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NEWSLETTER MART

William Smart--wsmart2@windstream.net or 706-782-1939 is looking to purchase parts, or complete clocks made by the Pequenat clock company of Canada.

If you are looking for something, whole clocks, watches, parts or ideas, this is the place. It's for members only. Send email to: dmktimes2@comcast.net or snail mail at the address on the back of your newsletter and it will appear in the next issue, space permitting. The cut off for the next printing is Nov. 6, 2007.

Don't want to wait for the mail? Check out the newest information through the national NAWCC web site at www.nawcc.org. Go to Chapter Links and to Chapter 24 to see our local chapter site.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, send an email to me at dmktimes2@comcast.net. It will save the chapter money, in copies and postage. Also, the pictures will be in color. The newsletter will come as an attached PDF file.

Roster Changes

New address and phone for Lindsay Rasberry, 10515 Summer Creek Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022; phone # is 770-410-9195

New email for Lloyd Foster, lloydfooster7@comcast.net

New address for Lebo Centanni, Jr. is 87 Roswell Rd., Rossville, GA 30741-7025.

Danny Lambert's new phone # is 770-466-9534.

New address for Donald Goodchild is 201 Wilbon Rd., Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

The Atlanta Chapter of the NAWCC typically meets the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December. As part of the Mid-South group, it also sponsors the regional meeting in Chattanooga on Labor Day weekend each year, in rotation with the Alabama and Tennessee chapters.

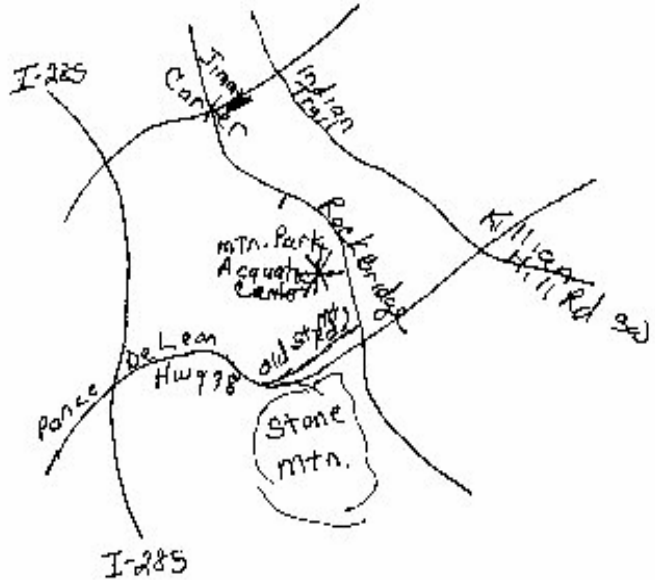
NEXT MEETING OF CHAPTER 24

When: Sunday, October 7, 2007
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Mountain Park Aquatic Center
Activities Building
1063 Rockbridge Rd.
Lilburn, GA 30087
770-564-4650

From in town: Take Ponce De Leon/78 past I-285 about 6 miles; exit on Hugh Howell Rd. At Chevron station, turn right on the Lilburn-Stone Mtn. Rd. After 0.2 mile, turn right on Old Stone Mtn. Rd. At the Rockbridge intersection, turn left and the Aquatic Center is 2 Blocks N. of intersection on left hand side. You'll see Gregg's Nursery across the street.

From the northwest: Take I-85 east at I-285 Exit to your right at Hwy. 140, Jimmy Carter Blvd. Go 1.3 miles to Rockbridge & turn left. 2 blocks before you get to Five Forks Trickum, the Aquatic Center will be on your right.



From Cumming or Hall County: Exit off I-85 at Indian Trail, turn left. At Hwy 29, Indian Trail becomes Killian Hill Rd. At Five Forks-Trickum Rd. turn right and follow past the Depot to Rockbridge Rd and turn right. The Aquatic Center is 2 blocks N. on left.

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