



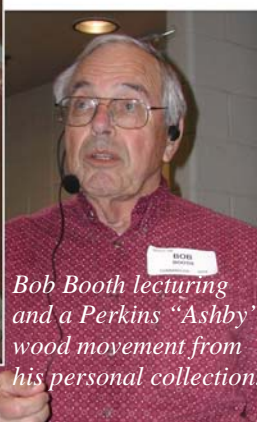
NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
June, 2009

Seeking Ashby Clocks

A pervasive collector of wooden works tall clocks, Bob Booth gave our Atlanta Chapter membership a guided tour through Massachusetts. Bob made this trip during 2007 in his quest to identify and visit Ashby clockmakers.

In addition to many great photos of rare American Ashby tall clocks, Bob presented the following listing (from Phillip Morris' book) of known clockmakers in Ashby:



Bob Booth lecturing and a Perkins "Ashby" wood movement from his personal collection.

- Bartholomew Ballard, Ashby, MA
- Barker & Taylor, Worcester, MA
- Jonathan Barker, Worcester, MA
- Jonathan Billings, Acton, MA
- Sherebiah Cowdery, Ashby, MA
- Abel Eaton, Limerick, ME
- A & C Edwards, Ashby, MA
- Abraham Edwards, Ashby, MA
- Calvin Edwards, Ashby, MA
- John Edwards, Ashby, MA
- Samuel Edwards, Ashby, MA
- Jonas Fitch, b 1741, d 1808, Pepperell, MA
- Abijah Gould, b 1777, Hollis, NH
- Jonas Hildreth, Ashby, - Salisbury, VT
- Robinson Perkins, Jaffrey, NH
- John Perkins, Fitzwilliam, NH
- Whittier Perkins, Wendel, NH
- Taylor & Edwards, Worcester, MA
- S. Robinson, Greenfield, MA
- Daniel Stewart, Salem, MA
- Alexander Tarbell Willard, Ashby, MA
- Philander Jacob Willard, Ashby, MA
- Able & Zenas Wood, Leominster, MA

If you know of other makers of Ashby clocks, Bob has asked that you contact him.

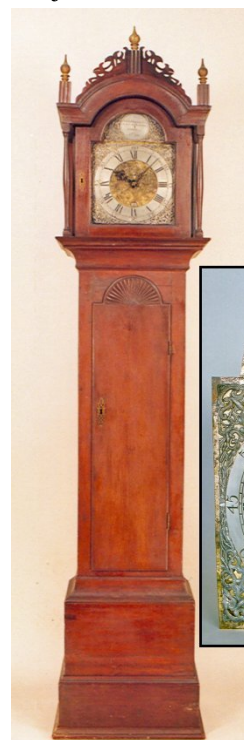
The similarities among these clocks, and the fact that in 2006 George Bruno told Bob, "Jonas Fitch was the itinerant clockmaker who traveled New England teaching people to build Wood Movement Clocks," suggests the possibility of a single teacher. The book *Proceedings – Fitchburg Historical Society and Papers relating to the*

History of the Town – Volume V 1914 makes mention of Jonas Fitch and his horological activities during the Revolution.

Of the many clock photos Bob showed the chapter during his "Ashby Guided Tour" PowerPoint presentation was an AC Edwards Number 190 circa 1795. The photo shows an enlarged dial which displays a wonderful signature of its maker just above the chapter ring on the dial.

According to Bob, Ashby can be defined as (A) a town in Massachusetts, (B) a Cog Counters term used to identify wooden works tall clock movements and/or (C) a specific group of clock makers who, perhaps, had the same teacher.

One of the purposes of this journey was to locate and visit the clock shop of Abraham and Calvin Edwards, makers of Ashby clocks. Bob found the Clock Shop at 676 Main Street, Ashby, MA. The shop, built in 1792, still contained original doors and flooring even though modifications by the new owner (Wright) were evident. The shop's staircase to the loft area and the clock shop area were cluttered with junk.



AC Edwards No 190 c. 1795



Ashby Clock Shop of Abraham & Calvin Edwards

Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting: April 5, 2009

- President Chris Brown called the meeting to order following a lively auction led by Brooks Coleman.
- Chris Brown asked for introductions of new attendees. Guests Barry Brown and Roger Kellogg introduced themselves.
- Chris Brown introduced the Watch Focus Group. Ed Ueberall gave a brief overview of purposes and Forum contents.
- Tom Noesges read the Minutes of the February 9th meeting. Chris Brown called for approval of the Minutes. Rich Guemmer motioned to approve the Minutes. Carol Tekippe seconded the motion and the Minutes were unanimously approved as read.
- Donna Kalinkiewicz gave the Treasurer's Report including our accounts beginning balance, receipts, expenses paid and ending balance. She announced that the club had made donations to the American Watch and Clock Museum and to NAWCC Headquarters as approved during our last General Membership Meeting.
- Donna Kalinkiewicz announced that she had received an email from Jeff Hamilton, Chairperson for the Florida Regional, asking for comments and suggestions that may improve future conventions. Anyone interested in making a comment can see Donna for a form.
- Old Business
 - ◆ Tom Noesges, reporting on Field Suitcase Workshop status, stated that two seats are still open for the May 16th F103 Introduction to Chime Clocks. He also announced the availability of F200 Lathe Preparation and F201 Beginning Lathe in September and December 2009 respectively.
 - ◆ George Waterhouse named volunteers for the Historic Sites Committee and asked for additional volunteers. Rich Guemmer, heading the committee, stated the goals are to ensure the clocks are working and teach the State of Georgia employees how to wind and set the clocks. A point was made by Chris Martin that we must work through the State Historian to gain access to the clocks.
- New Business - none.
- Program
 - ◆ Billy Johnson showed the members his Goat and Goat Herder clocks and shared their history. (below)
 - ◆ George Waterhouse shared news related to the authenticity of the Lincoln Watch.
 - ◆ George Waterhouse introduced Bob Booth who gave a presentation on his search for Ashby clocks. (see article in this publication)



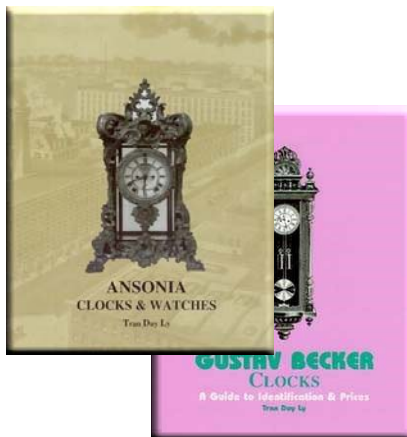
Show and Tell - Billy's Goat Clock



Billy Johnson displayed his Goat Clock circa 1930. The clock is cast metal and contains a Gilbert movement. Billy explained the clock had been purchased for his mother by his family and now rests in his private collection.

FREE STUFF

During our Board of Directors meeting April 5, 2009, it was decided that the club will have a drawing at each regular meeting for a Door Prize. At our June 7th meeting each member and guest will have a chance to win a Tran Duy Ly book.



Watch Focus Forum

Ed Ueberall displayed and described a few of the watches he had brought for the Focus Forum.

- (1) Railroad Non-magnetic Watch Company of Geneva. 20 jewel made by Husson & Retor Hunter
- (2) Joslynd Park - Manufactured by Agassiz - 20 jewel Hunter
- (3) JR Mercer - Kansas City, MO - Manufactured by Jules Monard - 20 jewel Hunter All 1885 to 1895 period.



Treasurer's Report

By Donna Kalinkiewicz, Treasurer, Chapter 24

Sixty-three members attended our April meeting, along with two guests, Barry Brown and Roger Kellogg. Six members renewed and Jason Maddox of Perry, GA joined Chapter 24. Remember, if your newsletter label says 2008, it's time to renew. If you are not sure, call Donna Kalinkiewicz at 770-321-1057.

Our donation to the American Clock & Watch Museum entitles our Chapter to adopt a clock that will bear our chapter's name for the entire year. At our April board meeting, we decided to keep our name on a Timothy Barnes Paper Dial Tall Clock, which had been donated to the museum by Ward and Mary Francillon.

A nice brown and black pen was left on the table by the guest sign-in sheet. Donna will have it at the next meeting. If you think it's yours and won't be at the meeting, call Donna.

During the April meeting, Gene Baker told Donna that his wife, Phyllis, had passed away. The members express sorrow for this loss and will remember the Baker Family in prayer. The Tekippe family will be remembered in prayer for the loss of Bernie's mother, Margaret, as well.

Up-Coming Programs & Presentations

JUNE

Cleaning Your Clock - Part II - Our June 7, 2009 meeting will feature a demonstration on clock cleaning by Donald Jackson. Donald will provide detailed information on the processes and supplies needed to perform a comprehensive and safe cleaning of clocks. This demonstration will be Part II of Donald's clock cleaning expertise. Part I included cleaning solution formulations and a display of some unusual cleaning machines.

Show & Tell - Napoleon Clock - Frank Lindauer will share the significance of his Napoleon clock purchased in 1961. Frank has been told the clock is too big for a watch and too small for a clock. The clock's figurine depicts Napoleon reclining with a foot on the globe and an inscription "Dream of Wagram." Contrary to Napoleon's Battle of Wagram, on 6 July, 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte's French forces defeated Archduke Charles's Austrian army. Frank's dream of a working clock may never come true.

AUGUST

Precision Simple Regulator - Bernie Tekippe presents his precision 'Simple Regulator.' You can count on Bernie to keep making refinements in his design to reach for the ultimate mechanical timekeeper.

OCTOBER

Glass Painting - Rick Mangum, Blue ribbon winner of two consecutive Nationals for reverse painting and a blue ribbon winner for stenciling, will show some of his beautiful work and how he puts it all down on glass!

New Members & Guests

This past April, our club was honored by the presence of guests: Barry Brown and Roger Kellogg. Please make these folks feel welcome and find out just how you can be of help to them.

Field Suitcase Workshop Schedule

On May 19th, the club completed the F103 Introduction to Chime Clocks class in Duluth, GA under the tutelage of Mike Dempsey. Mike (our own PhD of Horology) gave the students their money's worth. Even with only five students in the class, there was barely time to complete the assembly and testing of their chiming clocks. Mike Dempsey demanded understanding of the roots of the chime mechanism and perfected pivot polishing and bushing techniques, which he said are absolutely necessary for the correct functioning of this complex clock. The days were long and hard, but all left with the skills needed to repair this type of clock.



From Left: John Wagner, Loron Williams III, Christian Brown, Mike Rosenberg, Bill Knaak and Tom Noesges. Front: Mike Dempsey

The following classes still have room. We can accommodate a maximum of 14 students for our F200 class. If you are interested in these classes, email Thomas@Noesges.com or call Tom at (770) 262-0883.

CLASS DESCRIPTION	DATE
F200 – Fundamental Skills for Clock Repair & Lathe Preparation Course Instructor: Joel Dunipace	Sep 11 - Sep 14
F201 – Lathe I Skills for Clock Repair Course Instructor: Joel Dunipace	Dec 4 - Dec 7

Tom Noesges will be polling our membership to determine interest in conducting another F101 (Introduction to Basic Time & Strike...The American Kitchen Clock) and F501 (Repair & Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement).

Regional Events

National Convention - Grand Rapids, MI - 6/10-6/13/09

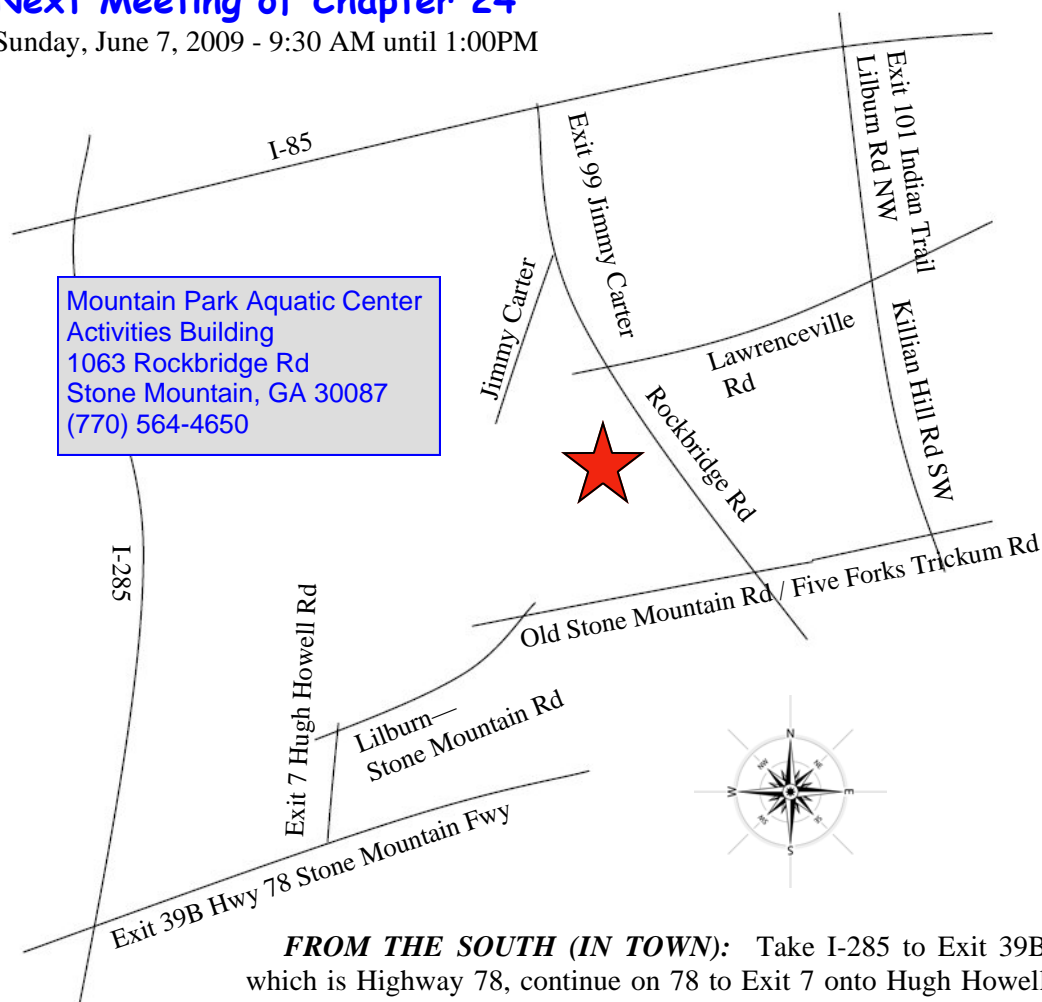
Information: Anita or Ed Bikowitz (606) 791-7437

Mid - South Regional - Chattanooga, TN - 9/4-9/6/09

Information: Richard Wright (205) 884-7664

Next Meeting of Chapter 24

Sunday, June 7, 2009 - 9:30 AM until 1:00PM



FROM THE SOUTH (IN TOWN): Take I-285 to Exit 39B which is Highway 78, continue on 78 to Exit 7 onto Hugh Howell Road. After this exit, immediately turn right on to Lilburn-Stone Mountain Road. After 0.2 mile, turn right onto Old Stone Mountain Road. Continue to the intersection of Rockbridge and Five Forks Trickum. Turn left on Rockbridge Rd. The Aquatic Center is two blocks north on left.

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.

FROM THE NORTH-WEST: Take the I-85 east exit from I-285. Exit 99 and turn right on Jimmy Carter (Hwy 140). Continue and bear left onto Rockbridge Rd. Aquatic Center will be on right—two blocks before Five Forks Trickum Rd.

FROM CUMMING / HALL COUNTY: Take Exit 101 Indian Trail / Lilburn Rd NW off southbound I-85. As you cross Hwy 29 Lawrenceville Rd, Indian Trail becomes Killian Hill Rd. Turn right onto Five Forks Trickum Rd. Turn right onto Rockbridge Rd. Aquatic Center is two blocks north on left.

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