

NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
June 2012

April 2012 Program

American Carriage Clocks: Trash or Treasure

Presented by Ken Hogwood



Ken presented a detailed synopsis of the history of Carriage Clock production in America. He pointed out that, in general, American production focused on quantity rather than quality. However, very high quality time pieces were made by Charles Fasoldt and by Joseph Henry Eastman. The most prolific production period was the 1880s to the 1920s, when hundreds of thousands of clocks were made.

See page 4 for more information from Ken.

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JUNE 2012 PROGRAM: Videos from the NAWCC library

Finishing Clock Cases and *Making of a Banjo Clock*

Both are presentations by Foster Campos at the 1990 Florida Regional

Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting: April 1, 2012

- ◆ President George Waterhouse called the meeting to order following another great auction led by Brooks Coleman.
- ◆ George announced the resignation of Secretary Tom Noesges and Director Robert Collum. Chapter bylaws permit the Board to nominate candidates to the membership to fill vacated positions. The Board nominated Mary Jones as Secretary and Tom Noesges as Director. The members in attendance voted unanimously for these candidates.
- ◆ Mary Jones read the minutes of the February 5, 2011, meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as read.
- ◆ Donna Kalinkiewicz gave the Treasurer's Report, with a description of the rationale for the recent dues increase.
- ◆ Announcements
 - ◆ George directed attention to the easel at the back of the room with announcements and notices posted. He pointed out the thank you letter from National for the Chapter's donation.
 - ◆ The Mid-South Regional will now have a public day each year on Saturdays.
 - ◆ George discussed the email from Ruth Overton regarding plans to close the School of Horology. It is anticipated that the Field Suitcase Workshops will continue.
- ◆ Old Business
 - ◆ Pete Schreiner gave a report on the clocks at the Governor's Mansion and State Capitol. Several Chapter members provide volunteer service to maintain these clocks.
 - ◆ Chris Martin is chair of the 2015 National Convention to be held in Chattanooga. He reported that contracts for the facility have been signed locally and are being reviewed by National. He still needs several committee chairs for the convention.
- ◆ New Business
 - ◆ Ken Hogwood is the exhibit chair for the next Mid-South. Ken announced plans for an exhibit of "The Great Antique Clocks of the 1800s". Applications to participate in the exhibit were distributed. Ken currently has 30 applications, and a total of 50 are needed.
- ◆ Program + Show & Tell
 - ◆ Warren Brooks gave a PowerPoint review of several Tower Clocks in Georgia.
 - ◆ Ken Hogwood presented a history of the American Carriage Clock production.
 - ◆ Fred Von showed three clocks on which he had done extensive restorative woodworking.



Treasurer's Report

By Donna Kalinkiewicz

Fifty-two members attend our April meeting. Out guests were Tanner Bennett, grandson of Jim and Renee Coulson, as well as David and Lea Jordan of Decatur. Other guests, who joined Chapter 24 at this meeting, were Michael Klevickis of Snellville, Billy NeSmith of Macon, and Jim Lonberg and Loretta Dunn of Canton. Jim and Loretta will not be with us at the June meeting as they will be on their honeymoon.

Our chapter dues are now \$30 annually. I will continue to send reminders to all who need to renew. For those who were not at the December meeting when the membership voted to raise the dues, let me explain why. For years the chapter relied on the proceeds from hosting the Mid-South regional to carry the costs of the chapter. After the last regional, we realized that we cannot rely on that anymore, even though we did realize a profit. We have approximately 100 paying members; remember that spouses are included. Our room rent is \$1300, liability insurance is \$350, and corporation renewal is \$50. That starts our year. Refreshments usually run about \$75 and the newsletter about \$80 for each meeting. We also donate funds to National as well as the American Clock and Watch Museum, and to the annual National Convention and the Mid-South Regional when we are not hosting it.

Funds collected at the February meeting were \$69 from our raffle and \$270 for membership renewal. Victor Coleman won the raffle.

Please keep us informed of address, phone, and email changes. If we don't have your correct information, you just might miss something. You can send changes to dmktimes2@att.net or call 770-321-1057.



Classified Section

This area is dedicated to advertising for Chapter 24 members. Of course, it's free

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⌚ One of the clocks from the Lapham-Patterson house in Thomasville needs a two vial mercury pendulum (not faux) for a French H&H (Japy Freres) movement. If you have this pendulum or even possibly know where one can be acquired, please contact Pete Schreiner PGS3@Mindspring.com or call (404) 633-4772.

⌚ Two matching brass weights 4" long, 1.75" diameter, 3 to 3.25 lbs each for a Gustav Becker Vienna Regulator. Contact Warren Brook at 678-777-3333.

FOR SALE

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⌚ Howard figure 8's 6 thru 10 S.T.#11 D.D. wall all real beauties. William Byrd bbyrd1243@bellsouth.net

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⌚ Woodcarvings - new or replace to match - Classic carvings - rare woods - Contact Fred Von - fredvon@windstream.net or fredvon59@yahoo.com - Also view web-site: www.fredvonstudiosllc.com



The April Fool's Day GROANER

George Waterhouse



A proctologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork, and he was burned out. Hoping to try another career, where skillful hands and a sharp mind would be beneficial, he decided to become a clock repairman. He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time of the practical exam approached, the proctologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had earned a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the Master Clockmaker, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding grade, but I wonder if there is an error?" The Master Clockmaker said, "During the exam, you took the clock apart perfectly, which accounted for 20% of the final grade. You then reassembled and set-up the clock perfectly, which accounted for the remaining portion, 80% of the final grade." After a pause, the Master Clockmaker added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through a winding arbor hole, which I've never seen done in my entire career."



AMERICAN CARRIAGE CLOCKS: TRASH OR TREASURE

Our speaker for the April program was Ken Hogwood, who discussed the history of American Carriage Clocks. While Ken noted that



French carriage clocks are renowned for their quality, those made in America varied in quality. Several well-known clock manufacturers made large volumes of clocks, but two makers were known for high quality productions. Ken gave many examples of American clocks by the most common makers. A few of his examples are described here.

Ansonia made 40 models from 1883 to 1914. Their *Midge*, produced in 1901, was their smallest and lowest cost clock at \$2.00. The *Bonanza*, in 1904, was the most expensive at \$2.75.

New Haven made 36 models of above average quality from 1880-1920. In 1886, the *Adela* sold for \$20 (equal to \$400-\$500 in today's dollars); it was an 8 day clock in an elaborate case and was actually better than most French clocks.

Seth Thomas produced carriage clocks from 1884-1906, ranging in cost from \$3.10 to \$40.00. As expected, the more expensive versions compared favorably to French clocks.



Waterbury was the most prolific of the American makers, producing 52 models of varying quality during the years 1883-1915. Their *Sage*, an 8-day clock, was very French in style; it cost \$6.50 for time only, \$10.00 for time/strike, or \$11.00 for the alarm version.

Charles Fasoldt, a German who immigrated here in 1848, was known for high quality carriage clocks. A 12-inch clock recently sold at Sothby's for \$20,000.

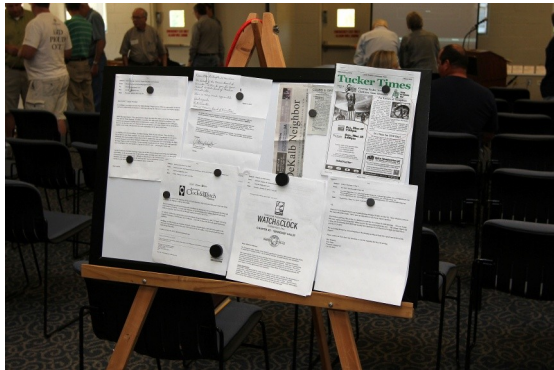
Joseph Henry Eastman was the other maker of high quality carriage clocks from 1880-1924. Although authorities are uncertain, it is thought that he trained with the Willard family. Eastman owned a series of seven clock companies, most of which were producers of carriage clocks. His *Cyprus* sold for \$37.50 in 1890.



STREET SCENES AT CHAPTER 24



Auctioneer
Brooks
Coleman



Bulletin Board



Tanner Bennett and Brooks Coleman



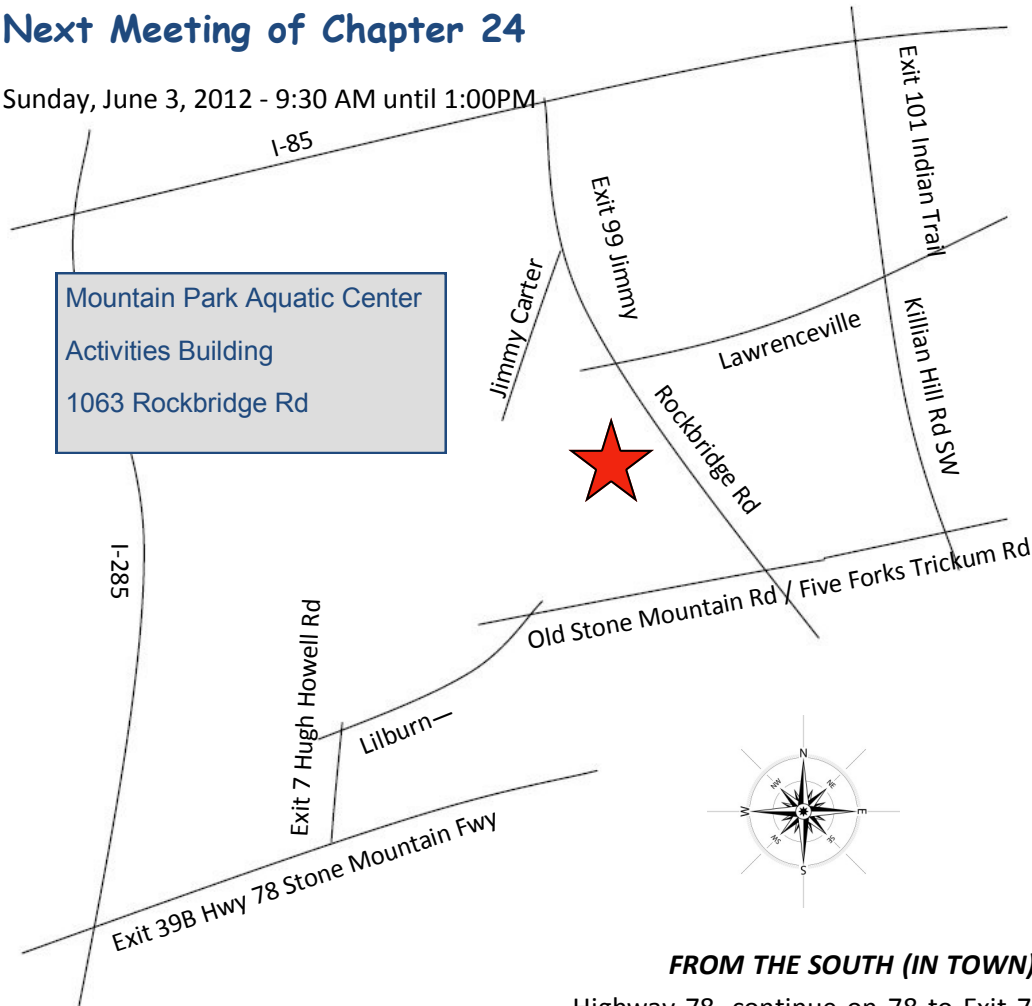
New attendees:
Michael Klevickis
(left) and David and
Lea Jordan (right)



The Atlanta Chapter of the NAWCC 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

Sunday, June 3, 2012 - 9:30 AM until 1:00PM



FROM THE NORTHWEST: 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.

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 onto 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.

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