



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

December 2013

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING

It's that time again. Time to make your favorite covered dish and enjoy the dishes brought by your local clock and watch enthusiasts. This year, we will not be assigning the type of food for each of you to bring. Just create your best and delicious item. However, we do ask for you to strongly consider bringing a salad or vegetable casserole, since these are the items that sometimes are insufficient. The chapter itself will be providing the meat, drinks, rolls, and condiments, so these are not needed. See you there.

## SPECIAL NOTE:

**DECEMBER 1 IS THE SUNDAY JUST AFTER THANKSGIVING.**

## DECEMBER SHOW AND TELL

As always, please bring your interesting horologic items and share their unique aspects with our membership.

Because of our annual holiday dinner, there will be no formal program.

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## Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting on October 6, 2013

- ◆ President Donna Kalinkiewicz called the meeting to order following the traditional auction led by Brooks Coleman.
- ◆ The minutes of the August meeting were approved as reported in the previous newsletter.
- ◆ Gary Walton gave the Treasurer's Report. His summary of that report is printed below.
- ◆ Donna welcomed all of our new visitors.
- ◆ Announcements
  - ◆ Donna directed the members to review the announcements posted on the easel at the back of the room.
  - ◆ Donna announced the illness and recent surgery of Chris Martin, who is now recovering.
  - ◆ Henry Newman reported that Fred Vonn has also been ill and is currently receiving treatment for his medical illness.
  - ◆ Donna also reported the death of Randy Thatcher of R&M Imports.
  - ◆ Donna read a letter of appreciation for the chapter's participation in the recent regional meeting. They also acknowledged the chapter's financial contribution and sent a certificate of appreciation.
  - ◆ Ken Hogwood reported that that attendance at the regional meeting was down about 5%, which has been the trend, and that table rentals were also down. However, there still was a \$2000 profit on the meeting. Renee Coulson also noted that there had been a great evaluation of the meeting by the national representative, who said that the exhibit had been the best he had ever seen.
  - ◆ Donna announced that the 2013 NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium is being held in California in November.
  - ◆ NAWCC 2014 calendars are available for purchase on the NAWCC web site for \$10.
  - ◆ A new NAWCC chapter has been formed. The Carriage Way chapter (#195) is an on-line chapter with no dues but a great newsletter. Ken Hogwood is a chapter director, but all other officers are in Australia. Contact Ken with your name, phone, email & snail mail addresses, and NAWCC member to arrange membership.
- ◆ State Clock report
  - ◆ George Waterhouse reported that all the Governor's Mansion clocks were running well. Brooks Coleman is currently working on the broken suspension spring on Mrs. Deal's kitchen clock. The Preservation Office will be moving sometime next year.



## Treasurer's Report

*By Gary Walton*

Fifty-one members attended the October, 2013 Chapter meeting. We also welcomed nine visitors: Cary Howard, George Vesely, Tom Merriam, Barbara Alexander, Christine Davis (guest of Donna), David Beasley, Barbara and Woody Wooten, and John Lyford. Barbara and Woody Wooten and John Lyford became new members.

Richard Boyle was the lucky prize winner.

We are appreciative of cash donations of \$65.00 from two members.

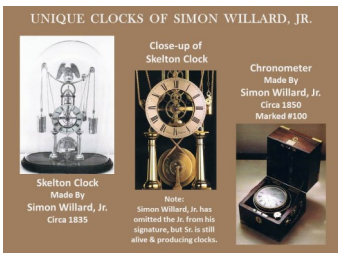
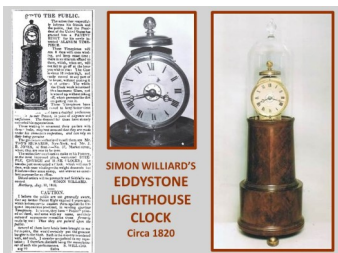
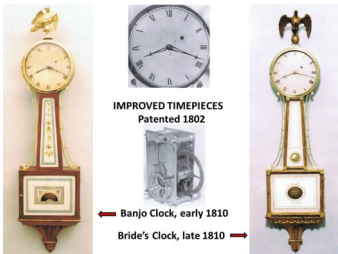
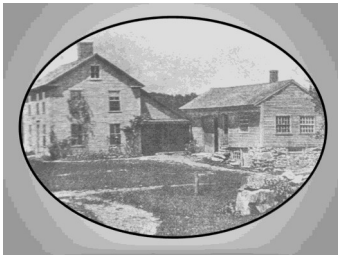
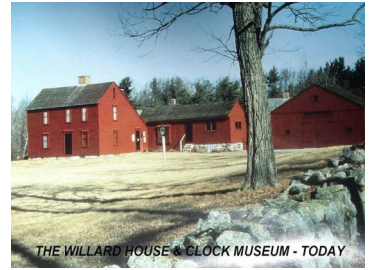
Membership is the lifeblood of the Chapter. So I encourage you to maintain your membership in 2014 and to spread the word to others who have interest in horology and might become new members.



## A VISIT WITH THE WILLARD FAMILY

### Presented by Ken Hogwood

Ken took the membership on a virtual tour of the Willard House and Clock Museum while discussing the history of the family and the three generations of Willard men clock makers.



The Willard clock making dynasty began in 1766 with Benjamin Willard in Grafton, MA. Second son Simon (1753-1848) was apprenticed in clock making at the age of 12, becoming a master clock maker at the age of 18. He ultimately held 3 patents, including his Banjo and Lighthouse clocks, seen to the right. His clocks were in great demand and could be found in Boston's Old South Church, the West Wing of the White House, and the Old Supreme Court Building. The fourth brother, Aaron, made only movements but was the most financially successful of the brothers.

In the next generation, Simon's sons Simon Jr and Benjamin Franklin as well as Aaron's sons Aaron Jr and Henry joined the family heritage of clock making. Each man made many contributions to the collection of fine historical clocks. Aaron Jr's first job was dial and reverse painting. Simon Jr and Benjamin Franklin each made astronomical clocks that are now housed at Harvard, as seen to the right. For the most part, the Willard family never had mass production, continuing the tradition of a cottage industry.

The third and last generation of the Willard family to engage in clock making was Zabdiel, who was not prolific but who made watches, chronometers, and nautical clocks.

In addition to these family members, the Willard family dynasty trained many apprentices over a 104 year span who became well-known makers themselves.

Many thanks to Ken for his well researched presentation and his willingness to share his slide presentation in our newsletter.



## SHOW AND TELL



George Waterhouse brought a wood movement, Terry-type clock from the 1830s that he purchased at the MidWinter Regional meeting. It was made by Lucious Brown Bradley, who was active in horology from 1823-1832. T.M.Roberts made the wood movement. The clock is all original except for the reverse painting by Rick Mangum. George used Murphy's Oil Soap to clean the wooden case, followed by Minwax paste wax. A similar clock recently sold at auction for \$60,900.

## NAWCC FIELD SUITCASE WORKSHOP

Glen Kitts is the class coordinator for F-301, "Basic Pocket Watch Repair-The American Pocket Watch" to be held in Chattanooga on January 23-25, 2014. More information is posted on the NAWCC web site at <http://www.nawcc.org/index.php/workshops/nawcc-workshop-schedule>. For additional information, contact Glen at [gkitts@comcast.net](mailto:gkitts@comcast.net) or via phone at 423-875-8706 (H) or 423-316-7565 (C).

### THE GROANER

Sardar's wife was expecting and the baby was due any day. Sardar was very confident it would be a boy and was looking forward to the delivery day. As fate would have it, he was transferred to another city and had to go immediately. Before going he asked his father-in-law to send a telegram confirming the birth of his son. But in order to avoid giving a party to his office colleagues, he asks his father-in-law to write the 'clock has arrived' and he will understand his son is born. The D-day arrived. His wife delivered a cute little baby girl. Now Sardar's father-in-law didn't know what to do. If he writes, "the clock has arrived" Sardar will think he has a son. If he writes, "the clock has not arrived" Sardar will get worried that something serious has happened. But being a very intelligent person, he finds a solution and sends the telegram. Sardar eagerly opened it and read, "the clock has arrived, but the pendulum is missing."

## MEET OUR NEW VISITORS AND MEMBERS



Barbara and Woody  
Wooten (new members)



Tom Merriam



John Lyford  
(new member)



Cary Howard and George Vesely



Barbara Alexander

Christine Davis (not pictured)



David Beasley

## THE POP QUIZ

Where can you add 2 to 11 and get 1?

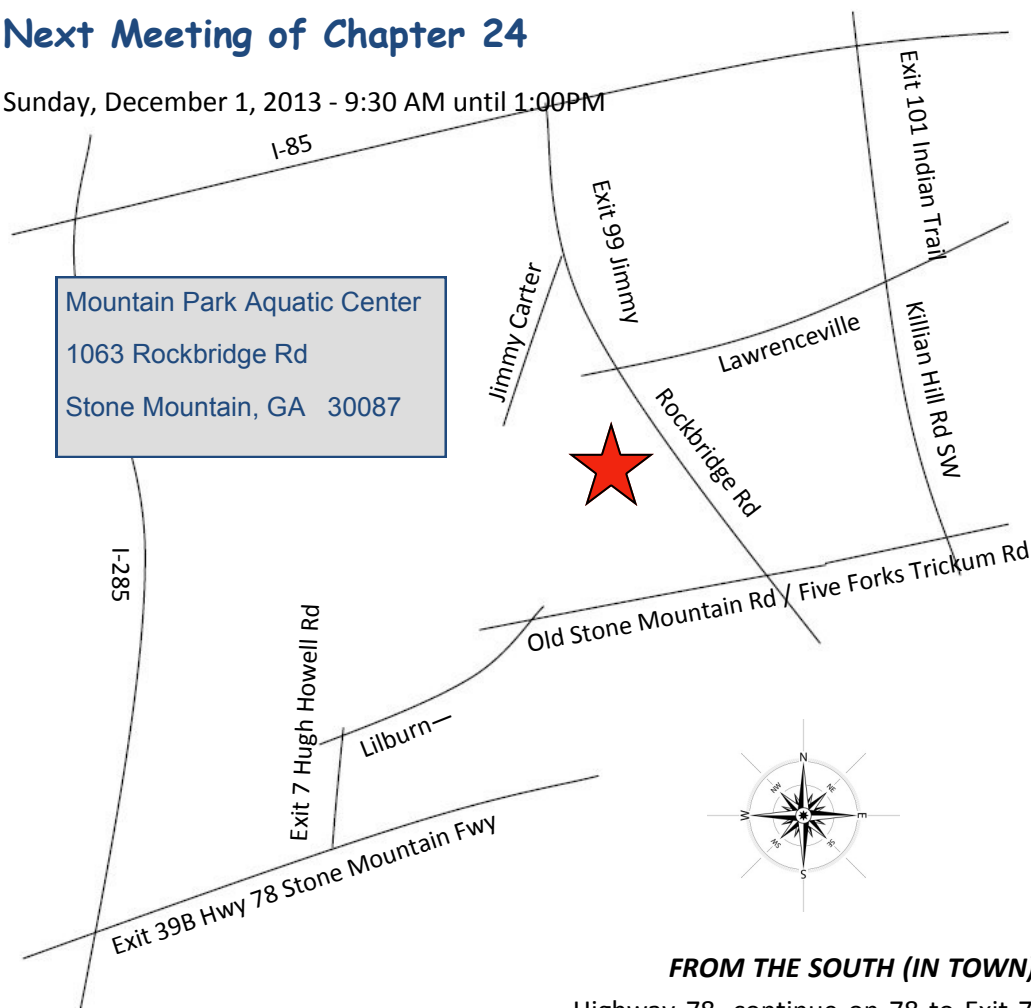
On a clock

Many thanks to our new chapter photographer, Randy Grunwell,  
who provided the pictures for your newsletter.

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, December 1, 2013 - 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

**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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Membership paid through...