



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

February 2014

FEBRUARY MEETING PROGRAM

THE WILLARD LIGHTHOUSE CLOCK: THE MOST FAMOUS AMERICAN CLOCK BECAUSE IT DID NOT WORK

Bernie Tekippe will discuss the making of Willard Lighthouse clock reproductions by several Chapter 24 members. He will also describe the changes made in the original movement that he and others made several years ago to create a functional timepiece.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR CHAPTER 24 MEMBERSHIP.

See page 5 for more information. Also please see Treasurer Gary Walton's comments on membership in his report on page 2. The chapter officers welcome your input.

SHOW AND TELL, REPAIR TIPS, AND REPAIR/RESTORATION PRODUCTS

Vice-President Henry Newman reminds everyone to bring examples of any of these items to share with the membership. We have many experts in our chapter, and we all enjoy seeing parts of their collections and learning their handy horologic hints.

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting on December 1, 2013

President Donna Kalinkiewicz called the meeting to order following the traditional auction led by Brooks Coleman.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published.

Donna welcomed all of our guests, including John McWilliams who is also a new Chapter 24 member.

Announcements

The Atlanta School of Horology has been fully dissolved. After all expenses were paid, the remaining balance of \$845.98 has been transferred to the Chapter 24 treasury. ASH President Tom Noesges sends his appreciation to all Chapter members for their support over the years.

Field Suitcase Workshop 301 is still scheduled for January 23, 2014, in Chattanooga. However, there are only 5 registrants so far, and 7 persons are needed to hold the course. Please check the NAWCC web site if interested in attending.

Bernie reported that Sam Ledbetter is doing well but still recovering from his recent hospitalization.

A Director position on the Chapter 24 Board needs to be filled, as Tom Noesges has completed his term of office. The Board has nominated Jae Martin. Donna asked for nominations from the floor. With no further nominations, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect Jae as Director.

George Waterhouse reminded the group about the Tuesday night group that meets at Berkmar High School in Lilburn to work on clocks. Several members are teaching others about clock repair. The group meets from 6pm to 8pm on any Tuesday evening that Gwinnett County schools are open.

State Clock report: George reported that there had been no request from the Governor's Mansion to move clocks in preparation for the holiday decoration. He also announced that the Mansion will be open for public tours during the holiday season from December 9 through December 20. See the state web site for the specific schedule.

Brooks Coleman gave an inspirational reading and devotional prior to the Holiday Dinner.



Treasurer's Report

By Gary Walton

Thirty members attended the December Chapter meeting—a little more than one half the normal Chapter attendance, probably due to the meeting being held on the weekend following Thanksgiving. But we were thankful that three visitors joined us—Barbara Alexander, David Beasley, and John McWilliams. Welcome John as a new member. Barbara and David were second time visitors.

Donna Kalinkiewicz was the lucky prize winner.

As we look forward to 2014, it is worth looking back at 2013. At the end of 2013, we had slightly less cash (a few hundred dollars) than at the end of 2012. And that was in spite of over \$1,000 in donations to the Chapter, the largest being from the liquidation of the Atlanta School of Horology. We are unlikely to have such large donation in the future. Plus, the Atlanta Chapter will not be the regional or national host chapter in 2014, other potential avenues for increased income.

At the end of 2013, we had 101 paid memberships (for this purpose I am counting member and spouse as one membership). During 2013, we added 11 new members. One member died. But we had 23 memberships who were members at the end of 2012 but did not renew by June, 2013 and per the ByLaws were dropped from the membership role. Three later rejoined after a period of inactivity and one rejoined after a few years of inactivity. So net-net that means we dropped paid memberships from 110 at the end of 2012 to 101 at the end of 2013, an 8.2% decrease. That is a concern and a trend that we do not want to continue.

Attendance at Chapter meetings during 2013 averaged 52 plus 6 visitors. (Attendance counts husband and wife separately if both attended.)

Membership is the life blood of the Chapter. So I ask you:

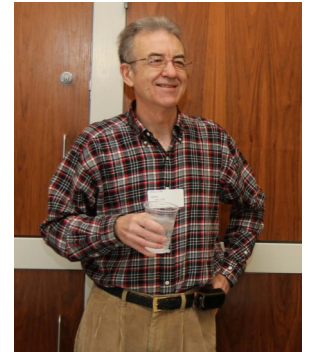
Why are we decreasing in membership? (Age, health, perceived value of Chapter?)

How can we reach and obtain more members? (We currently run ads in community newspapers and send emails to new NAWCC members in our territory.)

If perceived value is an issue, how can membership be enhanced? How can Chapter meetings be improved? How can programs/presentations be improved?

If you have input to any of the above questions, I urge you to contact one of your Officers or Board Members.

And speaking of membership, 2014 membership dues are payable now.



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MEET OUR NEW VISITORS AND MEMBERS



David Beasley: returning guest

John McWilliams: national NAWCC member and now Chapter 24 new member. John is from Pittsburgh.

Not pictured: Barbara Alexander



THE GROANER

Three men wearing watches were at the top of a hill.

The first man threw his watch down the hill, and it broke.

The second man threw his watch down the hill, and it broke.

The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it.

The other two men were incredulous. "How in the world did you do that?" one asked.

The third man said, "Easy. My watch is 5 minutes slow."

JANUARY 2014 IS RENEWAL TIME

Chapter 24 membership is renewed annually, and renewal is easy. Just fill out the form below and write a check. Dues are \$30 per year for single or family membership.

CHAPTER 24 NAWCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Fax _____

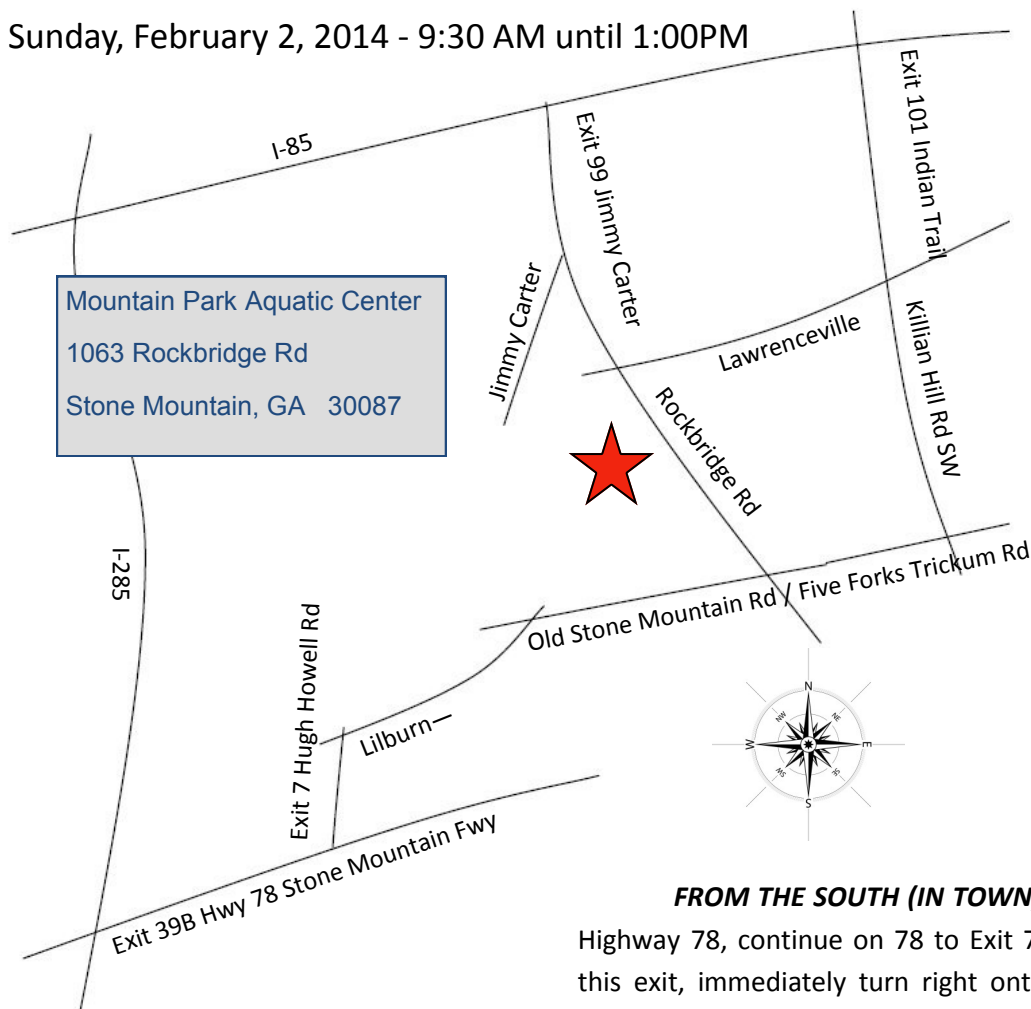
Special interests _____

Please send with form (checks payable to **Chapter 24, NAWCC**) to Gary Walton at 4348 Allenhurst Dr, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 or bring your renewal to the February meeting.

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, February 2, 2014 - 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...