



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors  
Atlanta Chapter 24  
April 2015

## APRIL MEETING

Don't forget!! Our April meeting will be on  
April 12, 2015, from 1:00pm—4:00pm.

The April program will be given by Chapter Vice-President Donald E. Jackson on "Collecting Antique Clocks". The word clock is derived from the Latin "glocke", meaning bell. In medieval times townspeople had just the bell's toll for timekeeping, for only the wealthy and royalty owned mechanical clocks or watches. Why do you collect clocks? Attend the April meeting, and hear the rest.

## NAWCC NATIONAL CONVENTION COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU

The NAWCC National Convention will be held in Chattanooga on June 17-20, 2015, and it's time to start making your plans. Russ Youngs was on hand at our December meeting to take convention registrations, allow those who wanted to rent a table and/or to select their table location, and to sign you up for the train excursion being held on Wednesday, June 17.

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## Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting on February 1, 2015

President Henry Newman called the meeting to order.

Henry welcomed three new members, Charles Carroll, Michael Linz, and Roger Priest.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published.

Dan Butt gave the Treasurer's report (see below).

Henry announced that the National organization currently has two on-line educational programs available on the topic of clock repair.

Because of the Easter holiday on April 5, the next chapter meeting will be moved to the second Sunday, which is April 12. There will also be a time change, with the meeting beginning at 1pm.

Chris Martin, general chair for the 2015 National Convention, reported that advance registrations are comparable to this stage in 2007. Attendance at the 2007 convention was excellent.

Glen Kitts is the exhibits chair for the 2015 National Convention, and his duties also include the pre-convention railroad excursion. There are already 163 (out of a total of 250) tickets sold. Since seating is limited, be sure to purchase your ticket soon. He also is asking for railroad heritage clocks plus rare or unusual artifacts related to the railroad theme for use in the exhibit. He already has a sufficient number of watches.

George Waterhouse is the co-chair for the crafts competition and provided applications for the competition.

George also gave the report on the State clocks. He currently has the Black Toll clock at his home for servicing and repair. He also reported that the PBS show, Georgia Traveler, is coming to the Capitol and Governor's Mansion to film an upcoming episode related to the clocks.



### Treasurer's Report

*By Dan Butt*

Fifty-six members, including three new members, attended the February meeting. We welcomed Charles Carroll, Michael Linz, and Roger Priest as the new members. Henry Newman was the lucky prize winner.



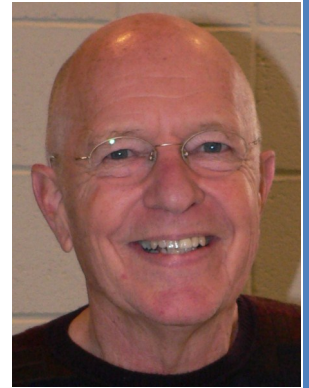
## FEBRUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### “Why Won’t My ATMOS Run” by Ed O’Brien

ATMOS clocks were invented in 1928 and were often used as “award clocks”. They were the first successful attempt at a “perpetual motion” clock. A bellows inside the clock contains a medical gas, ethyl chloride. As the temperature changes, even by  $2^{\circ}$ , the gas expands and contracts, winding the clock for 24-



48 hours. The power required by an ATMOS clock is very small, only one-tenth that needed by a wrist watch. Because of the sensitivity of ATMOS clocks, they need to be set on a very steady surface and carefully leveled. Slight movements or being out of level may cause a clock not to run. An ethyl chloride leak or bent fork are other common reasons for a clock to stop.



Thank you, Ed, for a very interesting program!

## THE GROANERS

Courtesy of George Waterhouse

It took me years to learn there is a fine line between a hobby and a mental illness. What do you get when you cross a timepiece and a false friend? A two-faced clock.

## LAST MONTH’S PUZZLER

An Honorable Mention and Big Congratulations to Randy Grunwell for answering last month’s puzzler. Not only did Randy find all of the times when the clock hands would align, he also found the times when the hands would point in opposite directions!

Solution: Notice that the hands will align eleven times every twelve hours. The next time after 12:00:00 that the hands align will be one-eleventh of twelve hours later, or at 1:05:27 and  $\frac{3}{11}$  of a second! (What could be simpler?!?)

## **MORE FEBRUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Randy had a Simplex time clock for which he was seeking a key to access the clock movement. Speaker Ed O'Brian was able to help him.

George Waterhouse had a Seth Thomas slant front clock that had been given to him by Jim Coulson. It is a 30-hour movement from 1875 and needs extensive case restoration. He will show it to the Chapter again after he completes the restoration.

### **CALLING ALL CLOCK ENTHUSIASTS**

Do you want to learn to maintain and repair mechanical clocks? Join a group of Chapter 24 members who meet every Tuesday evening (as long as the school is open) for hands-on learning with Chapter experts. It's free, and it's fun!

Berkmar High School, 405 Pleasant Hill Road, Lilburn, GA

Tuesdays, 6-8pm, year round except official school holidays

### **AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE SOUTH ATLANTA CLOCK CLUB**



A group of clock enthusiasts in the south metro area meet at 11:00 on the 4th Thursday of each month at Tim's Country Kitchen in Fayetteville. The topic of discussion at their last meeting was spring winders. Chapter 24 members are invited to attend and can get more information by calling Gene Baker (770-251-2588) or Billy Johnson (678-622-9970). The restaurant address is 175 Banks Crossing, Fayetteville GA 30214.

## THIS MONTH'S PUZZLER

### The Adventures of Shercllock Holmes - The Displaced Sundial

Consulting detective Shercllock Holmes was resting in his London apartment when his friend, Dr. John Watchson came in carrying a package. "Shercllock, I've brought you a present," said Watchson, "from my friend in the Kerguelen Islands. I've just returned from a visit." "Well, that's a coincidence," said Shercllock. "What's a coincidence?" asked Watchson. "Never mind, what's the present?" asked Shercllock. "It's a handmade sundial that my friend's been using for the past several years on the island. When I told him of your interest in time-keeping devices, he asked me to give it to you," said Watchson. "That was very kind of him, but I'm not sure it will work very well for me. Let's take a look," said Shercllock. Watchson unwrapped the package and handed the sundial to Shercllock. "Very fine workmanship," said Shercllock, "and I see that it will work just as well for me as it has for your friend." "Shercllock, I'm sure I don't understand," said Watchson.

What was the coincidence to which Shercllock referred, and what did he mean by his comments regarding the sundial. If you e-mail or leave a phone message for the Secretary with the correct answer, before the next newsletter goes out, you will get an Honorable Mention in the next newsletter! (courtesy of Jim Guinn)

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Chapter 24 membership is renewed annually, if you haven't already, don't forget to renew. Just fill out the form below and write a check. Dues are \$30 per year for single or family membership (\$35 if you opt out of electronic delivery).

### 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 Treasurer Dan Butt at 1255 Hickory Crest



## MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND SCENES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING



Charles Carroll  
New Member



Michael Linz  
New Member

I'm afraid Roger  
was camera shy!  
We'll try to catch  
him in April!

Roger Priest  
New Member



Ed O'Brien and family  
Special Guests



Ed - "I got my hair caught in  
there, and it was the last I ever  
saw of it!"

Chris - "I feel your pain!"

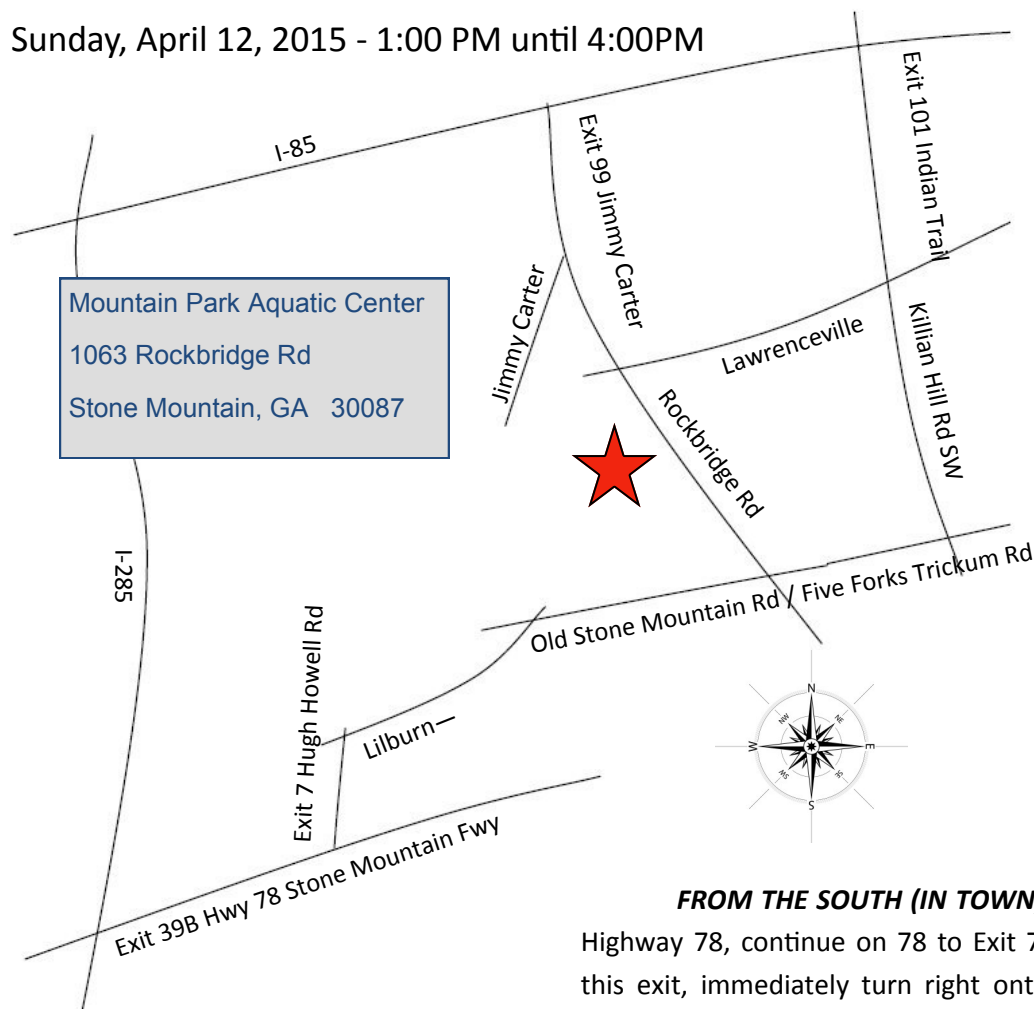


Please stop bellowing!

The Atlanta Chapter of the NAWCC meets the first Sunday of February, April (second Sunday in April this year), 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, April 12, 2015 - 1:00 PM until 4:00PM



**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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Membership paid through 2015.