



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

October 2015

OCTOBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be on

October 4, 2015, from 9:30am—1:00pm.

The October program, hosted by Chapter Vice-President Donald E. Jackson and new member Denise Townsend, will be the first trial run of the Chapter's new game "What Say You." This will be a horologically-oriented quiz show and we'll start working on the details in October. Will individuals compete, or teams? Will help be available for the competitors, or not? Do you have any perfect questions in mind? There's only one thing for sure, a great "Time" will be had by all!

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting on August 2, 2015

President Henry Newman called the meeting to order.

Henry welcomed one new member, Ed Adkins, and one guest Bill Milligan.

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

It was announced that a Chapter Award was received for the Lighthouse Clock demonstration that was worked on by George Waterhouse.

Chris Martin, General Chair for the 2015 National Convention, gave a report on the National Meeting which was a resounding success. There were 1500 attendees with 40 new members, 700 tables were sold, 200 attended the banquet, and about 80 items in the auction. It was the best National Meeting since 2010 with excellent volunteer turnout.

A letter from Nancy Dowdle, Sam Ledbetter's daughter, was received. While Sam enjoyed his time in Chapter 24, he was now unable to read his newsletters due to his health, and Nancy asked to have his name removed from the mailing list.

It was announced that Fred Vaughn is now cancer-free and is catching up on clock repairs.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

Brooks Coleman led the auction.



Treasurer's Report

By Dan Butt

We started out this period with \$5374.10 , with an income of \$394.00 , \$335.00 from dues and the rest from the 50/50. We had expenses of \$103.12, leaving us with a balance of \$5664.98 . Brooks Coleman was the winner of the 50/50.



THE GROANER

Courtesy of George Waterhouse

The definition of a consultant - someone who takes the watch off of your wrist to tell you what time it is.

AUGUST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

“Chapter 24 Clock and Watch Show” by Donald Jackson

The winners of the August Clock and Watch Show were Most Authentic - Jae Martin - for an almost mint-condition Southern California Clock Co. Fashion Clock from 1800, that was purchased from a woman downsizing. It had the original key, pendulum, and finials.

Barn Find - Douglas Brown - for a Cottage Clock given to him by a member.

Watch - Denise Townsend - for a Hamilton Doctor's Watch that was marketed to professional doctors and nurses. She would love some more information about it.



Denise Townsend gave a report on “What Say You?”, the Chapter quiz game on timekeeping, clocks, and watches. We'll have a field test at the next meeting and we'll survey some game possibilities.

Randy Grunwell gave a tip on making an inexpensive pivot locator by putting a T-type (?) in an X-acto knife handle.

George Waterhouse gave a report on the Mansion clocks. He and Chris Brown were there on Monday (July 27) and met a new person, Ken-ny, who will help with the clocks. They went over each clock's do's and don't's. One of the clocks had stopped, which they oiled and adjusted the beat and it started running again. They had to remove one clock for more work.

Henry Newman reported on a house call he made on a Tribbenessee German Grandfather clock. He also passed around some photographs of clocks he has worked on.

Bernie Tekippe reported on an article from the Scientific Reporter on the interaction between clock pendula.

AUGUST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

A 10+ Minute Course on Finishing Furniture - Michael Klevickis

Choices include -

What lumber - Honduran mahogany for its stability, not badly affected by changes in moisture and temperature, and using a single plank will match the grain.

What glue - yellow carpenter's glue, with high strength which keeps over time, moves with the wood, dries clear, and is sandable. Don't use hide glue which typically has many additives and becomes brittle. It is useful for things which will need to be separated in the future. To apply the glue, brush on both pieces into wood pores, rub the pieces together to form a small bead, wait 30 minutes and peel off extra with a metal scraper, or scrape after 10 minutes and clean with a wet toothbrush. Wait at least 24 hours to dry. Sand with 120, 180, 240, and 320 grade sandpaper. Each one takes out the scratches from the previous. Higher sanding burnishes, or forces down the wood fibers, and affects the finish absorption. With the 320 grade, dampen the wood slightly, sand at 5-degrees to the grain to shear off the fibers.

Dye - UV resistant, non-water-based. Don't buy a combination product, e.g. stain and finish. Pigment stains cover up the wood.

Fill - choose a color one or two shades darker than the dye. Rub into grain, fills pores but not on surface, smooths and brightens wood, solvents coming through the surface will leave a pitted surface. Let dry 24 hours.

Translucent stain - Sanding sealer for boundary between stain and finish. Sand to 320 grade.

Final finish - polybuterin lacquer, clear, does not modify stain. Mist coat it with 90% solvent, 10% lacquer, this helps the lacquer droplets spread out. Let dry, wet sand 600 grade or a little higher with water and a small amount of dish detergent. Polish with pumice, mineral oil, felt pad, then pumice, rotten stone, felt pad.

LAST MONTH'S PUZZLER

Solution: A very important part of The First Postulate of Relativity, as stated by Shercllock, is that physics is the same for everyone as long as they don't accelerate, that is, as long as they don't change their velocity. If Watchson was traveling away from Shercllock in his rocket, to get back to Shercllock he would have to turn around and fly the other way. That is a change in Watchson's velocity which Shercllock does not have, and it is during that acceleration that the physics changes for Watchson, so that he would be younger than Shercllock when he gets back home, and not the other way around. If you are interested in this sort of thing, I would suggest you read "Was Einstein Right?" by Clifford M. Will, which goes into details about the experiment verification of Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Time is just not the same for everyone!

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLER

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes - The Shooting Star

Upon returning from a week-long trip, Consulting Time Expert Sherlock Holmes entered their London apartment and noticed Dr. John Watchson observing out the living room window with a new telescope. "Well, Watchson," said Sherlock, "I'm glad to see you've taken up a new hobby. Astrology, is it?" "Very funny Sherlock," said Watchson, "you know very well it's astronomy, and, by the way, the jokes on you. I have scientific proof that your mantel piece clock runs slow by about four minutes a day! So there!" "Oh, really," said Sherlock, "and I suppose you also think Big Ben is slow, since they have been synchronized for the past year with barely an adjustment." "Well," said Watchson, "I don't know about that. But, while you've been gone, I have been tracking the motion of a bright star. I left my new telescope pointing in exactly the same direction and I've noticed that the star passes through the center of my telescopic field of view just about four minutes earlier every day according to your mantel clock. Since I imagine that even you know that the stars appear to move because of the rotation of the Earth on its axis, a star should take one day to 'go around' the Earth, not 23 hours and 56 minutes, as it does according to your clock. So, there!" "Well, Watchson, I'm afraid you'll be disappointed to hear that I will not be running out to buy a new clock, nor will I be adjusting my old one any more than usual," said Sherlock, "and you might consider asking Copernicus to solve this dilemma for you."

What is causing the discrepancy between the motion of the star and the clock's time? If you can answer this astronomical puzzle, email the answer to the Chapter Secretary before the next newsletter goes out, you will receive an Honorable Mention in the December Newsletter.

(courtesy of Jim Guinn)



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!

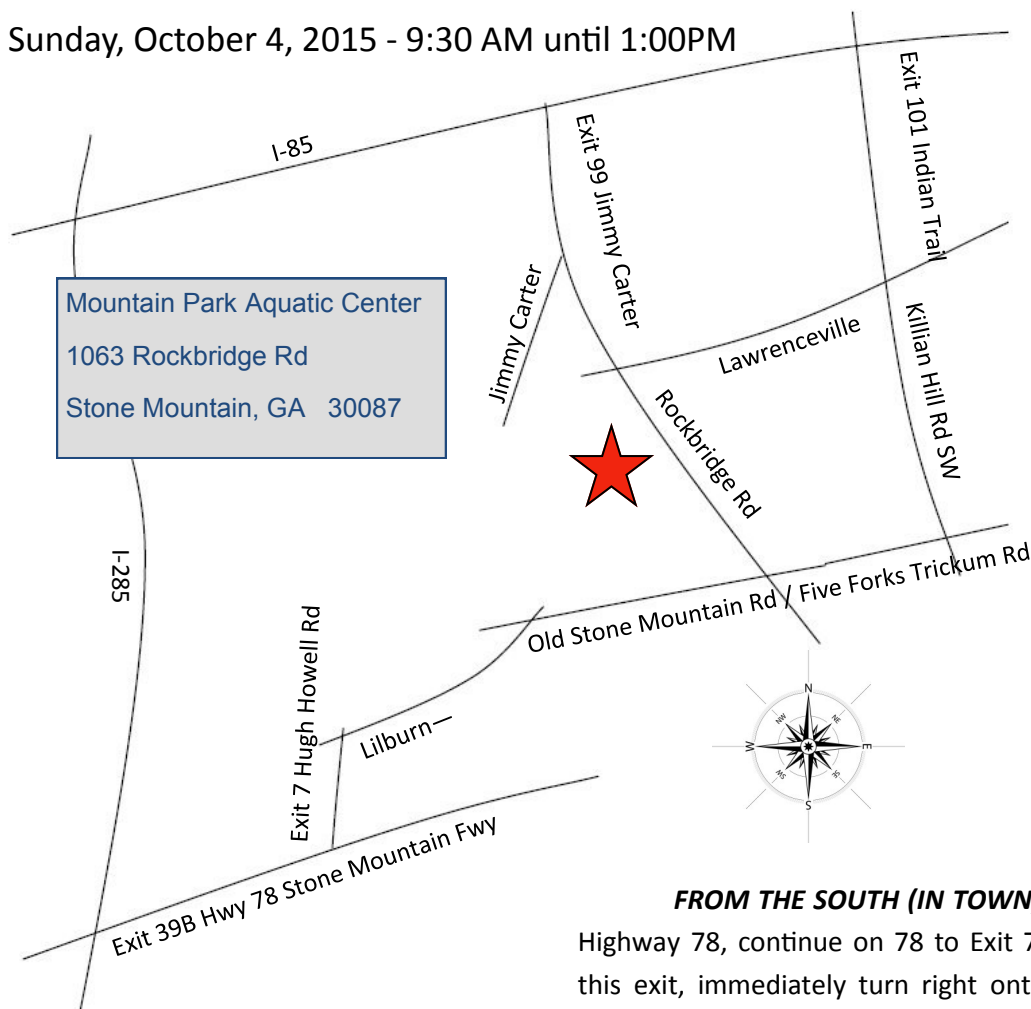
Berkmar High School, 405 Pleasant Hill Road, Lilburn, GA

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

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, October 4, 2015 - 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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