



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
April 2019

APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday

April 7, 2019 from 9:30 AM—1:00 PM.

Donald Jackson will present a discussion of
clock animations.

Also, if anyone has an interesting Antique or Vintage Repair
Tools, please tell us about them and in the “Show and Tell”.

Guests are very welcome. We’ll see you there!

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Meeting on February 3, 2019

Brooks Coleman started us off with an auction and then President Dan Butt conducted the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the membership, as published in the newsletter.

There was no new business. (Note: an item of new business for April is on Page 5)

George Waterhouse discussed activities at the Mansion and two show and tell items. Thursday's trip to the mansion with Charles Carrol, Bill Knaak and Brooks was to meet with Kat Saterfield, the new manager and previous secretary to Mrs. Deal. It appears that our good relationship will continue into the new governor's term. The team then checked out all of the clocks. The Egyptian Revival clock was returned to its place in the library after holiday decorations were removed and the Colonial Tall Case was found stopped after it had been moved for wall painting. The team encouraged the Mansion's staff to call so that we could assist in handling the clocks to avoid damage going forward. Also, George mentioned that the Markum Steeple Clock is being displayed outside the banquet hall in a high traffic area and he feels that the display stand provided by the Mansion does not adequately protect it. He proposed that an acrylic cover be fabricated to provide more adequate protection.

Work is underway to complete the final four planned videos of eight Mansion Clocks. Jim Guinn completed the last narration and photos are being added to complete the videos.



George discussed the research he is doing on William Markum related to the steeple clock presented to Mrs. Deal in the June 2018 Chapter meeting at the Mansion. The steeple clock is an example of William Markum "Southern Labeled" clock from Savannah GA. It was acquired by the Chapter from the John Self collection and is one of only 8 known.

Some interesting additional background information mentioned by George on Markum was that he was born in Connecticut in 1811. He moved to Atlanta in 1853 where he eventually served as Mayor. Mr. Markum was also one of the members of the committee of residents who surrendered Atlanta to the Union Army in 1865.

At George's request, Brooks contacted the Atlanta History Center where two Markum related photographs were identified and printed including one of Markum shown here. A second interesting photograph (not shown) documents an occasion where President Rutherford Hayes addressed an audience in front of Markum's home in Atlanta in the late 1870's.



FEBRUARY MINUTES and PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

George also conducted a “show and tell” of the Chapter 24 owned Darrow and Seymour half column and splat Southern Labeled clock (Macon GA) that was also acquired from the John Self collection. It has unusual leveling screws in the case and a wooden Terry movement. George found documentation of restoration performed on this exact same clock while it was in the possession of John Self in a 1975 NAWCC Bulletin article. Since then, the glasses have been restored by Rick Mangum and the splat reattached. George inspected the movement and identified problems with the great wheel and two pinions. George proposed that the Chapter determine whether the movement issues should be resolved before the clock is offered to Macon for display.

Jim Coulson stated that it was his feeling that we should only offer it for display if it is running. It was moved by Brooks and approved by all to reimburse George for printing the pictures of Mangum and to cover the cost of the movement repairs to be performed by Donald Bruno in CT.

George also displayed and discussed a wooden movement test stand that he acquired from Ward Francillon.



Regional Update and Chapter 24 Involvement

Bob Geier provided an update on the planning activities for the Labor Day 2019 Mid South Regional.

The organization is almost completely assembled and planning is well underway. The Exhibit Theme has been finalized and will be “Tools of the Trade”. Donald Jackson is the Exhibit Chair and he will be assisted by Vice Chair Chuck Gibbs from the Huntsville Chapter. We think that an Educational Program could dovetail nicely with this theme and Bill Knaak has again agreed to be Education Chair. Chris Martin has agreed to be the Educational Vice Chair. This core group will be meeting soon. Brooks will be performing the Auction again with assistance of Jae Martin and Charles Carrol.

Program

Vice President Donald Jackson presented and described the operation of a vintage parts washer that used kerosene as the cleaning solvent. It consists of staged glass jars, an electric motor agitator and a drying stage.

Donald explained his vision for the upcoming Regional Exhibit and solicited ideas from Chapter members. He plans to include Current, Vintage (50 years) and Antique (100 years and older) equipment and techniques and examples of clocks and watches serviced in these time periods. The exhibit would include live informational and educational demos and recorded videos on-screen. He described showcasing smaller tools in antique display cases.

Brenda Wiggins offered to loan a 1930's watch repairman's jeweler's bench acquired from former chapter member Norman Devane.

Jae Martin mentioned another current Chapter Member (not in attendance) who has a “million tools” and who he thought could be a great potential speaker. Donald's committee will approach him on this opportunity.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Show and Tell



Danny Lambert displayed and discussed tactics and strategies he employed when “second in line” at an estate sales where he acquired this E.C. Brewster and Sons “Onion Top” clock. Danny stated that EC Brewster and Sons started making clocks in 1852 and that this clock was probably manufactured between 1860-65 and just before better known Brewster and Ingrams clocks became prominent. His example is in perfect condition. Jim Coulson asked if the clock has brass springs but judging by it’s weight, it probably does not.



Jae Martin displayed a dial and movement from a large and very unusual hanging clock. The clock was passed along to Jae from his uncle who operates a jewelry shop in Raleigh NC. The dial has an outer chapter ring that rotates with the minute hand. It is numbered 1 through 12 counterclockwise twice in 360 degrees. It has a large weight and a counterweight and is believed to require winding daily. Jae will be sending pictures to headquarters to determine whether anyone there can identify this clock. A letter dated 1963 was found in the clock case. It indicates that the clock changed hands at that time and identifies the maker as a descendent of Peregrine White, the first European born in New England aboard the Mayflower as it sat anchored in Cape Cod Bay on November 20, 1620.



Jae Martin had just overhauled the T&S movement of this French Mantle clock for a friend of Fran Geier’s in Chattanooga. It has a nicely carved walnut case with none of the typical cast ornamentation other than the fancy bezel typical of French clocks. The movement has an engraved trademark on the rear plate located underneath the bell reading Vincenti and Cie. Jean Vincenti was a Parisian clockmaker who began operation in 1834 and ceased production in 1870. The perimeter of the engraving reads “medaille d’argent” commemorating a silver medal awarded at the 1855 Paris Universal Exposition thus dating the clock to after 1855. Vincenti & Cie clocks sell for a wide range of prices.

Brooks Coleman won the 50:50

Treasurer's Report

By Charles Carrol

Dan Butt presented the Treasurer’s Report. We started out this month with a checking and cash balance of \$19,315.37. There was income of \$398.00 and Expenses of \$66.74.

We finished the month with a balance of \$19,696.63.



New Business

In the interest of increasing Chapter 24 Meeting attendance, the Officers and Board have considered the following issue. Specifically, Dan offered the following discussion:

“A motion has been made to change the time of our Sunday meetings from 9 AM until 12:30 PM to 1 PM until 4 PM. The days would remain the same. Upon receiving a “second”, I will put the request to a membership vote during our upcoming April Meeting. Please give some thought and be prepared with any questions and a possible vote. Thank you.”



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GROANER (Encore!)

Courtesy of George Waterhouse

George offered poem entitled "Time" to consider:

Every single day you wake with 24 brand new hours, the Past is History, the Future a Mystery,
Today is a Gift and that's why they call it the Present,
Take a Minute to be Thankful for the Gift of Time

The Groaner(s):

- ♦ Why did the clock get sent to the principal's office? Answer: it was tocking too much.
- ♦ What do you call a story one clock passes to another? Answer: Second hand information.

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 and participates in 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 7, 2019 - 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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