



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

February 2020 Meeting Minutes

APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday

April 5, 2020 9:30 AM—1:00 PM.

George Waterhouse will present his continued research
into William Markum and his Southern Labeled Clocks.

Please bring a Watch or Clock to present in our “Show and Tell” .

We’ll see you there!

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 February 2, 2020 Meeting



Forty-eight members attended the February 2, 2020 NAWCC Chapter 24 Meeting. Prior to beginning the meeting, watch enthusiasts gathered to discuss timepieces and six clocks were auctioned by our auctioneer Brooks Coleman.

Dan Butt opened the business meeting. He welcomed two guests and two new members.



Karen Cross was introduced as Graham's guest and spouse. They were married in July.

Our two new members include Larry Hillock and Daniel Jefferies.

Charles Carrol then presented the Treasurer's report. Dan then thanked Gary Walton for performing the annual audit of the club's books. Gary found that the books are in good order and that the club's finances are in good hands. Great job Charles! The details of the Treasurer's Report are at the conclusion of this Newsletter.



Larry Hillock



Graham and Karen Cross

Dan introduced a new program called "Know Your Members" where going forward two members each meeting will be asked to introduce themselves and discuss their interests. The aim is to engage members, especially new members into the club by facilitating acquaintance with established members. Jeff Whitfield and Eric Crawford volunteered to "kick-off" this program.

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Eric Crawford

Jeff Whitfield joined the Tuesday Night Group and recently received instruction on bushing clock pivots under Chris Brown. Jeff mentioned that he found us through our website. Jeff is also a serious MLB fan and can name all of the World Series Championship teams.

Eric Crawford is a retired mechanical/electrical engineer from NASA. Prior to that, he worked at Bell Labs and as a real estate broker auctioneer. He currently works in the same shop as Bill Lincoln. He mentioned that he and Bill have many similarities.



Jeff Whitfield

Public Project

George reported that he, Bill and Brooks went to the Governor's Mansion on Wednesday. The mansion clocks were all found to be in good order. The mansion staff requested a copy of George's article published in the November/December 2019 Bulletin on William Markum and the Southern Label steeple on steeple clock acquired from the JW Self collection by Chapter 24. This clock was donated by Chapter 24 to the State of Georgia back in June 2018 to then First Lady Sandra Deal. The article, as well as the eight videos produced by the Chapter in the past year on other mansion clocks are to be included in the Mansion's website.



Program

Mary Jones presented an interesting program entitled "The Radium Girls".

In 1902 William J Hammer formed the US Radium Corporation and formulated radium paint under the trade name "Undark" in 1917. Copper in the paint causes the green color.

Three US watch dial manufacturers started painting radium on watch dials a few years later. These factories were located in Orange NJ, Waterbury CT and Ottawa IL.

The Radium Girls were young single women who were well compensated as luminescent dial painters. They were considered "artists" working in "studios". Radium was applied with a paint brush "tipped" to a fine point by using their lips. Workers accepted it as fact that a "small exposures" had minimal risk.



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Program, Continued

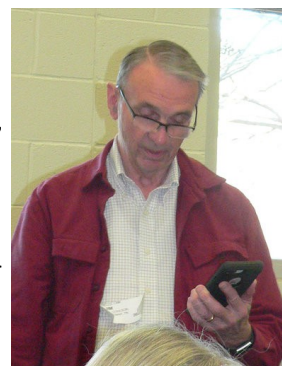
At the time, the public viewed radium as a curiosity. It was marketed for everything from an ailment cure-all, to revitalize sexual prowess, to grow flowers and as an ingredient in imported chocolate. As we know today, these were ill-advised uses. As an alpha emitter, radium is especially hazardous if ingested. It is concentrated in bones and decays slowly. It was the well-publicized cause of Madam Curie's death in 1934.

The tragic stories of young victims employed at US Radium Dial in New Jersey and the Radium Dial Co in Ottawa Illinois were discussed. In total, 112 of about 4000 dial painters died from the affects of radium ingestion. The two world wars fueled continued demand until the practice was discontinued in 1947. Mary will conclude this discussion in the June Meeting.

Show and Tell

To start, Jim Coulson read an article about today's date being a full "palindrome". February 2, 2020 reads the same forward or in reverse (02022020). The next full palindrome date will occur in almost 102 years on December 12, 2121.

Consistent with the program today, Brooks brought a case of radium alarm clocks that he purchased several years ago. He sold several of them over the years but accepted return when people became fearful of radium.



Michael Linz brought in and presented an example of a bird cage clock. Since it has nylon gears and no bellows, it is a newer example. He estimated the value based on the results of ebay sales.



Bill Lincoln presented two items including an 1884 Seth Thomas Office Calendar #7 marked with a simple ST logo. Other than repainted dials, it is original.

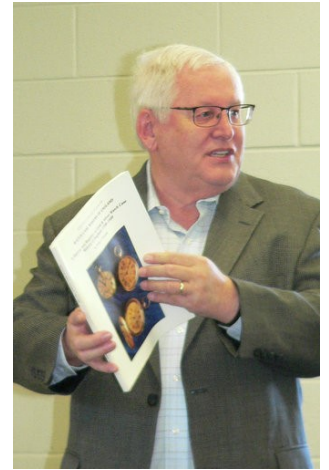
Bill also discussed his Japanese (?) double fusee clock with a crown wheel verge and two bells. The dial door has light ornate inlays as does the dial surround. The case has intricately carved sides and a pierced panel across the front. The engraved plates are very thick and comparable to those found on much larger clocks. Jim Coulson mentioned that he has owned the same clock and believed it to be Chinese and pre-WW1.



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Show and Tell Continued

Hans Rupf presented a book on American Watch Companies and a Watch Time Magazine with an article on Omega watches worn on the moon. He also discussed a book on Watch Case makers of England.



Robert Brannon presented an electric football theme clock featuring a quarterback throwing a ball below the dial. It “chimes” an annoying audio recording of a cheering crowd and an overly enthusiastic sportscaster’s “touchdown” play call. College football rivalry banter ensued. Dan associated the clock’s level of annoyance to be reminiscent of a toy ray gun someone had given his son some years ago. Robert did not estimate an age or value of this clock but stated that it was not for sale.



Treasurer's Report

By Charles Carroll

The beginning balance for the period of December through January was \$18,604.87. Total income was \$433 with total expenses of \$2067.95 resulting in a closing balance of \$17019.92.



THE 50:50

Holding winning ticket number 0964522 ; Dan Butt donated the \$61 jackpot back to the chapter.

Tuesday Night Clock Group

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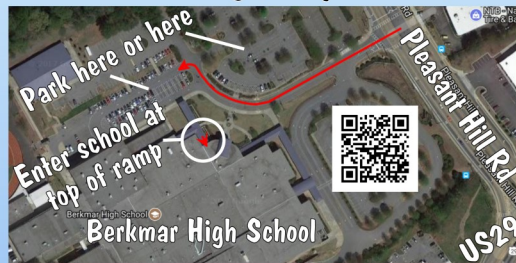
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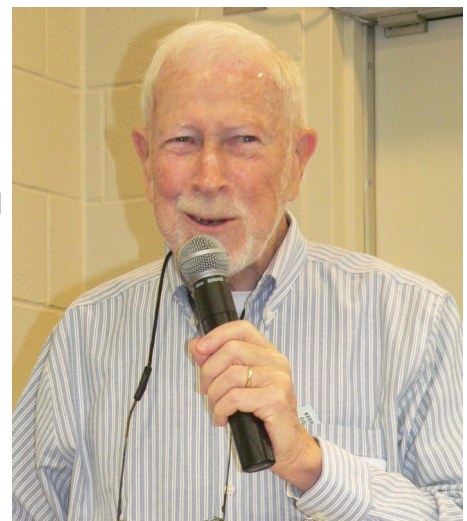
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GROANER (ENCORE!) *By George Waterhouse*

The cable repairman was on my street the other day and he asked me what time it was.

I told him that it was between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Happy hour is a state of mind and not a time of day.



Special Thanks to Randy Grunwell for providing the photos used in this and every Chapter 24 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 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 5, 2020 - 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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