



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

August 2020 **ZOOM Meeting** Minutes

SEPTEMBER ZOOM MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday

September 6 starting at 10:30 AM

WE will NOT be meeting at the Aquatic Center!

The Program is TBD.

Please have a few pictures of a clock or horological items that you may wish to “Share” on zoom for Brooks to auction.

Please Join us!

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 August 2, 2020 ZOOM Meeting

About twenty members joined us on a Zoom call including two that we have not seen in a while; Pete Schreiner and Bernie Tekippe.

Because very little effort is required of participants to meet using Zoom, it was proposed that we meet again on September 6 at 10:30AM and on a monthly basis going forward. A meeting message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the coming September meeting.

If you need assistance using Zoom, please contact either Mary Jones (maryisabeljones@comcast.net; 770-939-8856) or Bob Geier (bgeier73@gmail.com ; 630-220-9457).

This meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/4LBWWKgKeEo>

Old Business:

None was discussed.

New Business:

Dan asked the membership to be thinking about names for nomination to the President and Vice President positions for the 2021 and 2022 term. There was discussion of precedence of extending terms and working temporarily around terms limits set in the bylaws.

Dan also discussed two recent proposed amendments to the National Bylaws to 1) allow members of the public to attend regional events and to 2) allow chapters to admit members who do not maintain national NAWCC membership. Ballots will be sent to the national membership to potentially accept these proposals.

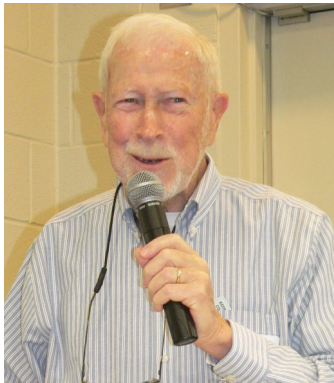
In a recent discussion with Treasurer Charles Carroll, Dan was made aware that of our 92 members, about thirty have not paid annual dues for 2020. Because we have had only one meeting in 2020 at the Aquatic Center, collection of dues has been a matter of "out of sight, out of mind". We have this year so far incurred few expenses and so the reduced income has not had an impact on the financial health of the chapter. It was therefore proposed that members who have paid 2020 dues will be considered paid-up for 2021 and no dues will be collected for 2020. The motion was made and was unanimously approved.

If you have a question about dues, please contact our Treasurer Charles Carroll (770/851-9785 or email at chas5269@aol.com) or Dan Butt (678/662-3848 or email at edanbutt@yahoo.com).

AUGUST 2020 ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Dan and Randy Grunwell introduced Clint Gruwell. Clint is working with a group of residents from Woodstock GA to restore the four-sided "Centennial" street clock located in the Woodstock City Park. Clint does not have much information on the clock other than that the movement is electrically powered. He will provide us additional information soon.

The clock was donated to Woodstock in 1998 by a group of residents who are now interested in returning it to an operating condition. Clint is seeking guidance from street clock specialists from our group.



Dan announced that headquarters has just honored and recognized George Waterhouse as a "Star Fellow". George held up the well-deserved certificate for us to see. All present congratulated George.

Program

George Waterhouse presented the results of his continued research into the story of William Markum and his Southern Label Clocks. The presentation begins at the 45-minute mark on the You Tube video.

The presentation reviews the results of prior research and provides some new information found about the life of William Markham; including his materiel support for the confederate military, in spite of his Yankee origins.



William Markham photo is courtesy of the Kenan Research Center, Atlanta History Center.

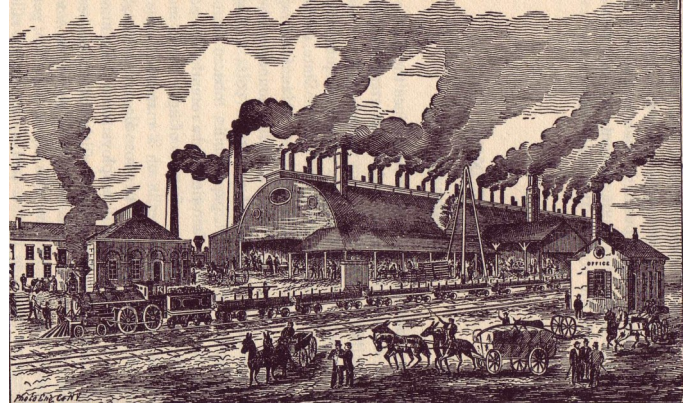
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Markham moved from Connecticut, eventually arriving in Georgia.

Once in Atlanta, he became proprietor of the South's second most productive rolling mill; the Atlanta Rolling Mill which re-rolled worn and produced new railroad rail, rolled cannon components and rolled the 2 inch thick iron plate for the Confederate ironclad "Virginia".

In front of the advancing union armies, General Hood intentionally ignited several ammunition rail cars next to the mill. The explosion decimated it.



Part of what is now Boulevard was named Rolling Mill Street, when the street was extended north of the railroad in the late 1860s, thus commemorating the already destroyed mill. The name was changed to Boulevard around 1880.

Markum became the Mayor of Atlanta in 1853. He joined the Georgia Militia and at war's end was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1865. Historical information from New Hartford, Connecticut indicates Anson Van Dusen provides a direct link to Wm. Markham Jr. as a peddler of Markham's labeled clocks, throughout the South. Markham died of Malaria in 1890 & is buried in Atlanta's historic Oakland cemetery



Treasurer's Report

Presented by Dan Butt

Dan provided the report for Charles. The current balance is \$18,175.17 after expenses of \$28.34. There will be three additional credits of \$220 each from the county for not using the Aquatic Center.

Tuesday Night Clock Group: CURRENTLY NOT MEETING

FREE!

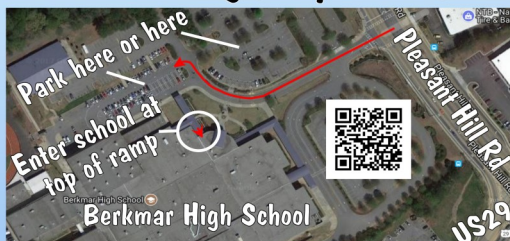
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E. Howard Clock Update

During the meeting, the fate of the much prized E. Howard 22 "Drumhead" clock that has been maintained in the Capitol Building was discussed. It had been reported earlier that it was moved from its usual location.

After the meeting, Brooks contacted Byron who had reportedly last moved the clock. It turns out that it was moved to permit carpet replacement and was resituated. Byron inspected the clock after it was moved and reported that it is not damaged and remains in the Governor's Office.



GROANER (ENCORE!) *By George Waterhouse*

What do you call a clock with no numbers on the dial?

Answer: "Timeless"

A man remarked that it takes him five-minutes to walk from home to the pub but the return trip takes thirty-five minutes. The difference is "staggering".

