



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
September 2020 **ZOOM Meeting** Minutes

OCTOBER ZOOM MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday
October 4 starting at 10:30 AM

WE will NOT be meeting at the Aquatic Center!

The Program is TBD.

Please consider contributing to our Show and Tell.

We are also planning to conduct an auction. See details in the
following minutes. Please Join us!

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 September 2020 ZOOM Meeting

Twenty-one members joined us on our Zoom call.

Going forward, we will continue virtual meetings on a monthly basis. Our next meeting will be on October 4 at 10:30AM. An email message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the coming 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).

The September Program, Show and Tell and meeting conclusion can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pkp8h7Hkv-s>

Old Business:

There has not been a followup so far from Clint Gruwell on the Woodstock City Park's four-sided "Centennial" street clock restoration project.

New Business:

Gwinett County is now permitting gatherings at the Aquatic Center with the only condition being that social distancing is observed. Dan queried those in attendance on whether members would attend a face-to-face Chapter meeting in October. Only three responded that they would attend. Therefore it appears that we will not be conducting another chapter meeting at the center until possibly early in 2021.

Dan requested that all Chapter Members interested in returning to the Aquatic Center for Chapter meetings earlier than proposed above please weigh-in on this subject. Please contact Dan accordingly.

Dan reported that there has been discussion about conducting an auction during the next Zoom call. Brooks is interested in giving this a try. If anyone has items that they would like to enter into the auction, please take digital pictures and email to Bob or be prepared to display your item on Zoom.

George conducted another interesting Show and Tell which will be described later in this report. Dan encouraged members to participate in Show and Tell next month. Again, this would be best presented with either digital pictures from your laptop or ipad, or you can email your picture file to Bob or Mary who can share your file or item as you present it.

It was reported that Bernie Tekippe's condition has again taken a turn for the worse. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bernie.



Virtual Donuts

SEPTEMBER 2020 ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Program

George Waterhouse presented two videos from the collection of videos created by members of Atlanta Chapter 24 of the Georgia Governor's Mansion historical clocks. The two selected videos include first, the French bronze Empire style Egyptian Revival theme clock with knife edge suspension and second, the Waterbury "Willard Number 3" banjo timepiece. The videos and their presentation can be viewed using the link provided at the beginning of these minutes.

The Egyptian Revival clock has an unsigned time and strike eight day movement. Close-up pictures of the unusual suspension and a comparison to its contemporary (1790-1810) and more typical silk thread suspension were covered in the video. The draped female form columns (caryatids) supporting the base of the clock among other Egyptian theme details are present in the decoration of the mansion library on a matching lamp and the fireplace candle sticks flanking where the clock is situated. The 1820 to 1850 Egyptian Revival trend in France is attributed to Napoleon's archeological expeditions which started in 1809.



The 1876 International Exposition in Philadelphia, also known as the Centennial World Fair, was the first Worlds fair hosted in the United States. One of the exhibitors was Benedict and Burnham, a brass manufacturer and the major shareholder of the Waterbury clock company.

Shortly following the fair, several manufacturers began production of banjo clocks. Waterbury would eventually become the largest producer of clocks and watches in the US producing 600,000 units per month.

This example of a Willard Number 3 is situated on the family floor Aide De Camps room of the mansion. It is an eight day brass time only weight driven movement with a porcelain dial.

The reverse painting on the lower glass door commemorates one of the first US naval victories in the War of 1812 when the USS Constitution under the command of Captain Isaac Hull defeated the HMS Guerriere of the far superior British fleet.

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Show and Tell

Information on an Augusta labeled Dyer and Wadsworth triple decker that is being offered at auction in September was provided to George Waterhouse by Jeff Whitfield. George felt that this is a significant clock and so he offered it as the first Show and Tell subject.

George compared the features of this clock with typical clocks of this period. It has a Birge brass strap eight day movement. Often, the initials B.M. (Birge and Mallory) are stamped on one strap, but not in this case. It has Ives patent (dated 4/12/33) roller pinions. George compared the variations seen in these movements in the configuration of wheels (cheese wheel) and tooth count and shape. Ives the designer and mechanic constantly attempted to optimize the design.

The dial is exquisitely painted black within the chapter ring and contains more delicately applied gilding than most dials of the period. The hands are brass to show up with the black face. The label is in relatively good condition but from the picture we cannot see the printer line. Perhaps it is by the same printer as on our chapter's Augusta labeled clock that was purchased at the Self auction. That label was printed by the Office of the States Rights Sentinel, an Augusta newspaper.




George then displayed an article from last Thursday's Atlanta Journal Constitution. The article included a large picture of the Senate Appropriations room with a prominently displayed and familiar regulator. The clock is a Waterbury model 66 (58 inches tall with an 18 inch dial) with which Chapter 24 has a connection.

This clock with labeling tracking it to the Georgia capitol was discovered for sale in a Chattanooga Mid South Regional over ten years ago. Per Brooks, the Speaker of the House of Georgia had the clock purchased and returned to Atlanta. The case was then restored by George Waterhouse. The movement was extensively reworked by Pete Schreiner including returning the movement to its original configuration with a single weight. A weight shell was fabricated of the correct diameter and weight and the pendulum ball shell was also opened and reloaded to specification. Bill Curley assisted by fabricating parts copied from another original example.

Pete displayed pictures of the restoration process and of hanging the clock in 2011 in the location where it can be found running today.

Tuesday Night Clock Group: **CURRENTLY NOT MEETING**

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at the
Tuesday Night Clock Group
Most Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm
"We share knowledge, experience, and tools"



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Treasurers Report

By Charles Carroll

The beginning balance starting was \$17,514.76.

There were no expenses and an income of \$20.

The closing balance on September 1 was \$17,534.76.

GROANERS (ENCORE!)

By George Waterhouse

The four year old daughter was wearing an old beat up watch her grandfather gave her. Her father asked her. "does it tell time?"

She looked up and said, "No, you have to look at it."

A married man with 9 kids was on his way to work when he saw a sign that said "Watch for Children" He thought to himself "That sounds like a fair trade!"

