



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

October 2020 **ZOOM Meeting** Minutes

## NOVEMBER ZOOM MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday

NOVEMBER 1 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.

Please Join us!

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## Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 October 2020 ZOOM Meeting

Our next meeting will be on November 1 at 10:30AM. An email message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the coming meeting with a call-in link and program details.

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 October Meeting and its Program, a Tribute to Bernie Tekippe, can be viewed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/mwbzSrCO0Vk>



Virtual Donuts

Dan opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the call and welcomed a special guest, Byron Tekippe. Nineteen members joined this call.

Dan motioned to accept the previous session minutes and then reviewed the Treasurer's Report submitted by Charles Carroll. This can be found at the conclusion of these minutes.

### Old Business:

Dan commented that he has had no follow-up since the August call with Clint Gruwell on the Woodstock City Park's four-sided "Centennial" street clock restoration project. Randy Grunwell stated that the project group has since identified the clock manufacturer (Valiant).

### New Business:

In light of the virus and our inability to meet this year, Dan discussed the following proposed bylaws change prepared by Gary Walton.

Whereas Chapter 24 Bylaws state that all officers shall serve for two calendar years and that the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary cannot succeed themselves in office but that the Treasurer can be reselected for one additional term, and

Whereas officers are currently in their second year of service in 2020 and the year has been disrupted by COVID19 resulting in many cancelled meetings during the year.

It is hereby Resolved and a Motion made to temporarily suspend the requirement that Officers cannot succeed themselves after the current term and allow them to be a candidate for one more year of service.

There would normally be an election of officers in December but this one time change allows the current officers to serve for another year as well as any other members who may wish to run.

Dan discussed the recent communication from National on the card scam. All present acknowledged receiving this notice and so there was additional discussion.

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### Program

The October Program was Tribute to Bernie Tekippe. Most everyone present fondly related stories of their friendship over the years.



Jim Coulson provided pictures of and discussed Bernie's presentation of his Simplified Precision Regulator and of the Star Fellow Presentation during the 2017 Mid South Regional.

The physics and performance of the regulator was discussed. Jim performed performance validation of a later version of the clock for four months and concluded that Bernie was a horological genius.

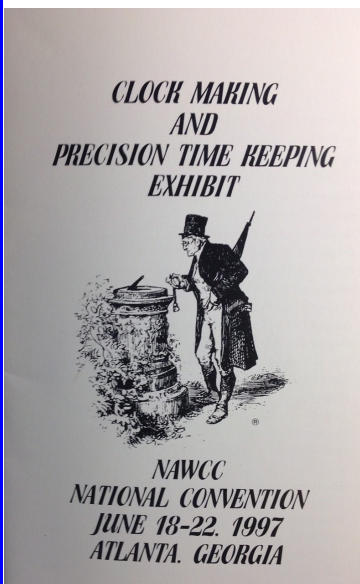
Jim presented Bernie's Fellow and Star Fellow on behalf of NAWCC.



Marion Glover wrote a paragraph expressing his gratitude to Bernie for over forty years of their acquaintance and provided a picture of three generations of Tekippe's at his home.

George Waterhouse described how he met Bernie in 1985 at an after hours clock class held at Gwinett County High School taught by Bernie and Sam Ledbetter.

During the 1997 National Convention in Atlanta, which was Co-General Chaired by Bernie and Sam, Bernie presented a program on ten clocks that contain various styles of his movements. Five of these featured his simplified precision regulator.



One of these five was a chain driven version in a beautiful cherry "drumhead" tall case owned by George. He told the story of the creation of this clock in collaboration with Bernie.

Starting in 1990, with Bernie's guidance, George decided to build this style of case. George credited Bernie with providing woodworking in-sights including how to apply veneer to the curved bonnet surfaces.

George also constructed this movement, serial number 010, to Bernie's specification in Bernie's shop. He explained how the chain drive evolved as Bernie constantly tinkered with the design to improve it.



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### Program Continued

George concluded by stating that Bernie was good to all of us.

Byron thanked chapter members who regularly spoke with Bernie while he was in isolation. Bernie reflected daily on these conversations with Byron and these kept his spirits high.

Mary Jones then ran two different videos.

In the first video Bernie is interviewed about his regulator by Hugh Daugherty, Editor of "Watch Tick" Magazine at the 2012 National. Bernie explained how in his display the clock's remarkable performance is demonstrated by a Micro-set counter. Bernie then describes the development of the movement and how it was simplified by the use of only three wheels and how by placing the pallets on the pendulum, he was able to eliminate extraneous (verge and crutch) components. He also briefly explained the science of how the design cancelled errors to achieve its accuracy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-jAtkxSBRE>

The second video was another interview conducted at Classic Clocks. In this video Bernie discusses the value of time. He reminisced on his career path, his business partner Byron and their lifelong passion for mechanical clocks. This excellent video was produced by Takashi Doscher, who at the time was a high school student, in collaboration with well known inspirational speaker Kyle Maynard.

Per Byron, this video received critical acclaim. Byron, Bernie and family members were invited to a viewing of the film at the Plaza Theater for the (2012) Atlanta Film Festival where the film and they were recognized. This "must see" video is at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVdiHAeuWcw&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVdiHAeuWcw&feature=emb_title)

Mike Linz talked for a moment about a Gilbert Curfew clock that a customer of his was considering buying.

This prompted Byron to relate a story of two sisters in their 80's bringing their Daddy's clock into the shop. As teenagers they had turned the hands back and stopped the clock late one night as they returned after curfew. They had harbored the guilt for ruining Daddy's clock for many years.

Jim and Renee Coulson reminisced about how Bernie and Carroll would spend time with them after each Mid South regional and how Bernie related humorous stories.

Per Renee and Jim, Bernie was a "Classy Classic".



George's Drumhead Dial



Bernie's  
Precision  
Regulator



Gilbert Curfew  
Clock



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

**FREE!**

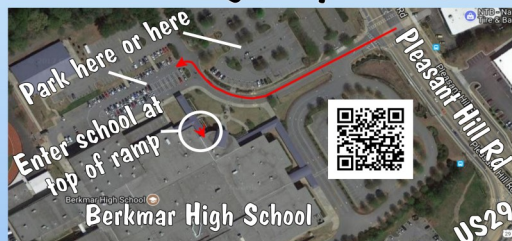
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### Tuesday Night Clock Group

Most Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm

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### Treasurers Report

*By Charles Carroll*

The ending balance is \$17,214. This does not include the credit from Gwinnett County for not using the Aquatic Center which currently totals \$880.

### GROANERS (*ENCORE!*)

*By George Waterhouse*

George provided the following guidance for "falling-back" on November 1.

If you have a smart phone; leave it alone and it will perform is magic.

If you have a sun dial, move it one house to the left.

For your oven clock, you will need either a masters degree in electrical engineering or a hammer, and

For your car radio, its not worth it just wait six months.



Another member stated that an Atlanta media personality stated that he would not change his clocks because he did not want to give 2020 an additional hour.