



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

February 2021 **ZOOM Meeting** Minutes

## MARCH ZOOM MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday

MARCH 7 starting at 11:00 AM

**WE will NOT be meeting at the Aquatic Center!**

The Program is Watch Back Removal Tools by Geoff Parker.

Please join us and consider contributing  
to our Show and Tell.

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## Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 February 7 2021

Our next meeting will be held on March 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM. An email message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the coming meeting with a link and program details. If you need assistance using Zoom, please contact either:

Mary Jones (maryisabeljones@comcast.net; 770-939-8856) or

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The February Meeting and its Program, an NAWCC video titled "Time in Office, Presidential Timepieces", which was only partially viewed from Washington through Nixon can be viewed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/3jtJ2umdLOQ>



Virtual Donuts

Dan opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the call and welcomed guests from Knoxville Chapter 42 including Stan Setch and Tom and (Chapter 42 Secretary) Pat Manley. Twenty six members from Chapter 24 attended this meeting including new member Geoff Parker. Tom Manley and newest member Geoff Parker introduced themselves and described their collecting interests.

Dan motioned to accept the previous session minutes. Bob Geier read the Treasurer's Report which was forwarded by Charles Carrol, who was not in attendance. This information can be found at the conclusion of these minutes.

### Old Business:

Pete Schreiner asked about the status of actions to archive the research and restoration records for the mansion clocks. Brooks discussed who he contacted at the mansion about getting the original binders record set, where the records could be archived and seeking assistance from the STEM school for digitizing and duplication.

### New Business:

Dan discussed the potential for meeting in April at the Aquatic center. We will continue to play this by ear until the March 7 Zoom meeting.

Dan was contacted by Steve Highsmith from Dawson GA. His father Robert was a member of this chapter years ago and has since passed away. Steve would like to sell a number of clocks from his father's collection. Contact Dan for further information.

Geoff Parker offered to present the March Program on watch case back removal tools. Mary accepted.

Jim Coulson announced that 2021 NAWCC Director candidates include Renee Coulson and Sherry Kitts. Sherry discussed her experience and qualification. Renee has been very active in the NAWCC for years. The duties and required commitment for these positions was discussed. Ballots will be available after February 15. All Chapter members are encouraged to help elect Sherry and Renee for Board terms starting in 2021.

## FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING MINUTES

### Program

Mary Jones presented about thirty minutes of an NAWCC video titled “Time in Office; Presidential Timepieces” narrated by Noel Poirer. The video was truncated after President Nixon to limit duration to about thirty minutes.

In honor of the presidential election year 2008, the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, PA assembled an Exhibit of Presidential Timepieces. The video includes watches, clocks, stories and memorabilia of how American presidents tracked their time in office as they guided the nation through good times and bad, war and peace, prosperity and depression.

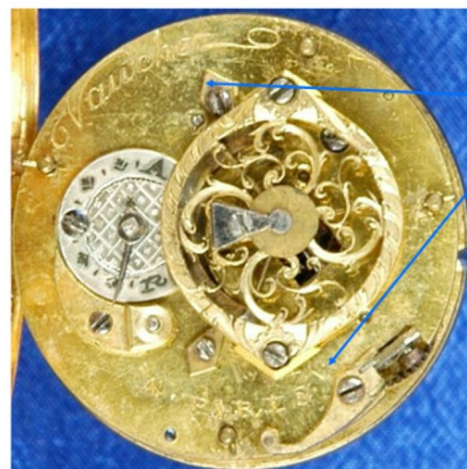
Numerous presidential libraries, museums, and historic sites loaned objects and their expertise in telling the stories of the presidents. The Museum also worked with American Political Items Collectors to complement the exhibit with political ephemera of each president represented.

Two timepieces owned by George Washington were discussed. The first was a watch he carried during the Revolutionary war. Washington had the back of the case engraved to commemorate the Battle of Trenton and gifted this watch to his friend, Colonel Thomas Johnson from Maryland dated December 10, 1777. The watch is a Neuchatel (Swiss) bearing serial number 6722.

The second watch was purchased for George Washington, on his request, by Gouverneur Morris in April 1789 from the shop of Jean-Antoine Lepine, clockmaker of Louis XVI.

This watch owned by Thomas Jefferson was created by the French watchmaker Daniel Vaucher. Jefferson later presented this watch to James Monroe when he returned to Virginia from Paris.

The narrator commented that the simple and functional timepieces possessed by each President as they entered office generally gave way to higher and finer grade timepieces as their terms played out.





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### Program Continued

James Monroe's Gabriel pocket watch was among the finest in the collection. Monroe was very interested in horological items. He carried this watch for many years and it was already quite old when he was in office.



Monroe Gabriel

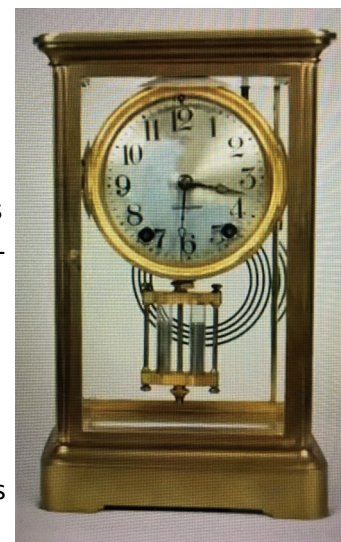


Lincoln E Howard

This E Howard #2 Banjo hung in the office of William Stanton, Secretary of War to President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln spent many hours with Stanton in day-to-day management and prosecution of the Civil War from this office.

The timepieces from several other presidents including John Adams, James Buchanan, Rutherford Hayes, James Garfield and Grover Cleveland were also discussed.

When Theodore Roosevelt received the news at 3:30 PM of the assassination of President McKinley, the Seth Thomas Parlor clock at his home in Buffalo New York was stopped. It is on display at the Teddy Roosevelt Inauguration site in Buffalo.



Roosevelt Parlor Clock



Truman Galet

President Truman is said to have had twenty five timepieces on his desk. This Galet was recognized as the Official Army Air Corps "Flying Officers" chronograph. He received this watch as a gift from two Senators in 1939.

President Lyndon Johnson's daily watch was a simple Vulcain Cricket. For dress, he wore a "Golden Rule" Tiffany labeled watch. When the Tiffany watch was opened for evaluation, it was found to be more than expected. It contained a 30 jewel automatic Patek Philippe works worth many times the appraised value set by the Johnson Library.



LBJ "Tiffany"

This watch, and many gift watches commissioned by Johnson were scripted with "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Onto You" on the dials.

This is a brief sample of the timepieces and stories of Presidential Timepieces covered in this video. To better appreciate this program, please visit the YouTube link found on page 2 of these minutes.

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

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**Tuesday Night Clock Group**  
Most Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm  
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### **Treasurers Report**      *By Charles Carroll*

During this period, thirteen 2020 membership renewals were received. Expenses this period included \$300 for insurance, a \$250 donation to National and \$150 to the Bristol Clock Museum, and \$30 for miscellaneous expenses for a total of \$730. The ending checking account balance is \$16,473.11 plus \$50 cash on hand for the 50:50 for a bottom line balance of \$16,523.11.

### **GROANERS (ENCORE!)**      *By George Waterhouse*

Groaner 1: What happens when you annoy your clock?

A: It gets "Ticked-Off".

Groaner 2: What did the Leaning Tower of Pisa say to Big Ben?

A: If you have the time, I have the inclination.

