



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Atlanta Chapter 24

June 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST ZOOM MEETING

Our next meeting will again be Face to Face at
the Aquatic Center with Simultaneous ZOOM
on Sunday August 1 starting at 9:30 AM

The Program is "To Be Determined".

Don't forget to bring items for the auction.

Please also participate in our Show and Tell.

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 June 13, 2021

Our first “Post-Covid” in-person meeting was conducted on June 13. We were partially successful in simultaneously holding the live meeting with Zoom. There were thirty-three attendees including three on Zoom. Although we were able to get on-line at the aquatic center, we experienced difficulty finding acceptable microphone settings and the resulting audio quality was poor. We will correct this issues to support a more successful simultaneous Zoom in August

An email message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the upcoming meeting with a link and program details. If you need assistance using Zoom, please contact either:

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The June Meeting and its Program can be viewed at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/49hUmqdFa-o>



Dan opened the meeting by remarking that it has been 497 days since our last in-person gathering and that he was pleased to see such a impressive turn-out including new members Richard Wobbly and Ralph Milner and one guest Brian Walton. This was also the first in-person meeting with new member and today’s program presenter Geoff Parker.

A moment of silence was observed for five Chapter Members who are no longer with us since our last in-person meeting. These include Bernie and Carol Tekippe, Tom Champion, Larry Whitfield and George Vesely.

Charles Carroll presented his Treasurer's Report which can be found on page 4 of these minutes.

New Business:

Mary Jones provided a very positive update on George Waterhouse’s condition. He is nearing a full recovery and gaining strength. Everyone is looking forward to his return in August. Dan read a “Groaner” that was provided by George. As usual, it can be found at the conclusion of these minutes.

2021 Mid-South Regional sign-up sheets enlisting volunteers for various committees were posted. If you are planning on attending the Regional, Committee Chairs would welcome your participation. Chairs include Donna Kalinkiewicz (Registration), Glen and Sherry Kitts (Mart and Security), Phillip Morris (Exhibit), Jae Martin (Silent Auction), Fran Geier (Door Prizes) and Bob Geier (Live Auction). Sherry and Glen Kitts attended the Ohio Regional and provided in-sights which will be used to plan our Labor Day Weekend Regional.



Brooks leads our “Return to Normal” with a Large Pre-Meeting Auction raising \$633

JUNE 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Program

Mary Jones re-introduced Geoff Parker to begin his Program; "Identifying and Valuing Luxury Watches".

Geoff began by discussing different kinds of watches including spring mechanical, automatic winding, kinetic, quartz and types of hybrids. He discussed the **Grand Seiko** high-end **hand**-assembled quartz movements which has jewels and mechanical parts like traditional mechanical movements.

The name brand of a watch can be very important to the collectability of watches. Raymond Weil is an example of a not so recognizable name but of very high quality Swiss brand. Other European brands names such as Bijoux Ternier are hyped as having comparable quality but are actually inexpensively made and of much lower quality.

Piguet, among other expensive European brands feature a **tourbillon** mechanism which constantly rotates the balance wheel, balance spring and escapement while the movement is running to counter the affect of gravity. Chinese manufacturers including Sea-Gull also offer tourbillon mechanisms that are much more affordable but Geoff believes that these are much less durable.

Geoff discussed "homage watches" including those made by Gunter Steinhart and Genault. As opposed to copies that often bear the trade name of the watch imitated, homage watches may approach an original in every way but do not include the copied products trade name. Therefore, these are "legal". Gunter Steinhart manufactures very high quality homage or clone Rolex watches with unmatched customer attention. Another high quality Rolex homage is by an American made watchmaker Genault. "Illegal" Asian Rolex copies can usually be easily discerned from the original but some can be very true to an original.

Geoff discussed how Swiss watch manufacturing has evolved into conglomerates where many trade names are manufactured by only a few parent companies. Only three manufacturers continue to make their movements in-house.

The critical questions to ask when buying a watch are 1) how well does it run? 2) is ownership or provenance known? 3) are service records available? 4) what is its cosmetic condition and 5) and what is its originality? Factory supplied replacement pieces are not original and reduce the value of a watch.

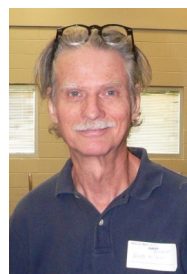
Geoff passed around a mix of valuable original and imitation "knock-off" watches and discussed traits that one should be looking for to discern them. As much as any other trait, weight can be an immediate and obvious tip-off. Mingling extensive personal experiences with detailed technical information; this was an outstanding discussion. Welcome to Chapter 24 and thanks Geoff!



Geoff Parker discusses a 1941 Rolex Find



Grand Seiko, Breitling "Shark" and Rolex Oyster among other timepieces



New Members

Ralph Milner and Richard Wobbly

Tuesday Night Clock Group: Back in Session!

FREE! **Learn Antique Mechanical Clock Repair**
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 for this period was \$16,624.17. There was no income during period and there were two Memorial Donations to National for expenditures of \$100. The ending checkbook account balance is \$16,524.17.

GROANERS (ENCORE!) *By George Waterhouse*

The definition of a Committee is a body that takes minutes but wastes hours.

An additional groaner was provided by Jae Martin from his daughter:

Q: Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Seiko?

A: Because he wanted watch dogs.



50:50

The 50:50 was won by Frances Geier. The \$35 pot was donated to the Chapter.