



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
October 3, 2021 Minutes

December Meeting

Our Annual Christmas Holiday
Celebration Chapter Meeting will be Sunday
December 5 starting at 9:30 AM
at the Aquatic Center

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH

FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY FEAST

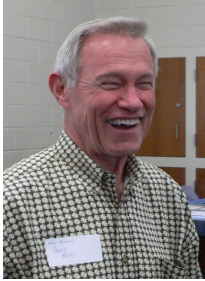
The Chapter will provide the Christmas Turkey and Ham

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Minutes of NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 October 3, 2021

Our third “Post Covid” in-person meeting was conducted on October 3. We were not successful in creating a YouTube Video of this meeting. Twenty-five were in attendance. We were joined by one new member (Kent Percy) and by four members via Zoom. An email message will be distributed at about one week ahead of the upcoming meeting with a Zoom link and program details.



New Member-
Kent Percy

Jae Martin auctioned a single item in our Pre-Meeting Auction.

Dan opened the meeting welcoming attendees and our new member.

Its time for nominations for President, Vice President and Director. Elections will be conducted at the December Meeting.

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



Auctioneer Jae Martin



New Business:

At the request of Brooks Coleman and George Waterhouse, Jae Martin described how the Mansion Timepiece Videos that were prepared by Chapter 24 have been upgraded by Chris Keegan to permit their addition into the NAWCC National Library. On his own time outside of working hours for the Gwinnet School system, Chris has added required closed captioning and added enhancing technical information. The changes were edited into the videos with additional narration by Jim Guinn. In recognition for his contributions, a motion was made and approved to award \$1000 to Chris.

As the Co-General Chair with Denis Devane from the Birmingham Chapter for the 2021 Mid-South Regional, Donna discussed the results of the event. As anticipated considering the challenges presented by Covid, the 2021 MSR results underperformed previous MSRs.

Chapter 24 will host the 2022 MSR and Bob and Fran Geier will be Co-General Chairs. Together with Jim and Renee Coulson, the Dalton (GA) Convention Center was evaluated in early September as an alternate venue to the Chattanooga Convention Center for 2022. A proposal was solicited from Dalton and with number projections from 2021 and prior years, an estimate and assessment of Pro' and Con's was presented at this meeting to the Chapter 24 membership.

The primary advantage of this venue change is that it will result in lower costs to conduct the event and lower cost to members in ways such as free parking and relatively inexpensive lodging. This venue also presents the opportunity to conduct what is often considered a high-lite at other regionals, a sanctioned “tailgate” prior to move-in. The location will also be thirty minutes closer to Atlanta making attendance for Chapter 24 members that much more convenient.



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Dan motioned to endorse the venue change and it was approved by those present.

After recently accepting the role of Exhibit Chair, Chris Martin presented his vision for the 2022 MSR Exhibit. The exhibit will show case horological creations by our members. Chris has spoken with several of our members who have agreed to participate.



Program

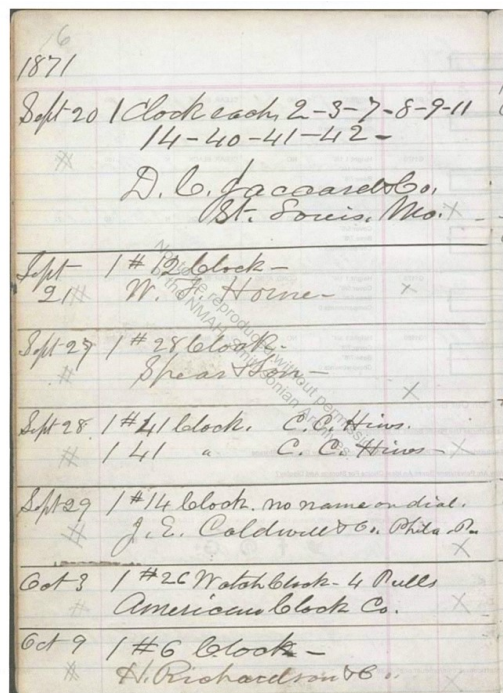
The October program, "Determining the Provenance of a E. Howard #9 Figure 8 Clock", was presented by Glen Kitts. The program detailed Glen and Sherry's research tracking leads to determine who originally purchased this clock and where it resided.



This special clock has an unusual glass over the bob at the bottom of the case bearing the name of a St. Louis Jeweler from the late 1800's; "Eugene Jaccard".

E. Howard sales ledgers provided to the Smithsonian by Dana Blackwell after the company closed were used to attempt to identify when the clock was manufactured and verify that the original retailer was Eugene Jaccard. These ledgers can be viewed in the NAWCC online library.

During the ledger search, one page of interest (below-right) identified that D.C. Jaccard, another Jeweler in St Louis, purchased several clocks including a Number 9 in 1871.



A signed service tag found inside the case (below) identifies that a technician named L. E. Mermod serviced the clock for a customer identified as the Vandalia Ticket Office in 1881.



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Program Continued

Unfortunately, the E. Howard ledgers have gaps in dates in the years prior to 1871 and therefore this may have concealed a trail to positive tracing of this clock to Eugene Jaccard. If complete, the ledger could have included order details such as painting of the glass as is found for other examples. Glen stated that similar ledgers for other manufacturers including Seth Thomas are available in the library

Glen displayed a period map of the Chicago and Alton Railroad and an 1876 Railroad Map of Illinois. The Vandalia Line is included within the St. Louis, Vandalia, Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad which was the western extension of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. The Vandalia Line runs east from East St Louis on the Illinois side of the Mississippi to Indianapolis. Prior to 1884, a bridge had not yet built crossing the river and so eastbound departures from St Louis were ferried across the river. The city of Vandalia was significant in that it served as the state capital of Illinois from 1819 to 1839.

Glen and Sherry also researched (Gould and Aldrich) St. Louis City Registers among other sources to investigate the Jaccard businesses, leads to Mermod and to locate the Vandalia Ticket Office. The Jaccard family business history was pieced together from the 1829 emigration of Swiss watchmaker Louis, the partnership between August Mermod with Louis's nephew Eugene in 1852 through the 1900's including addresses of each business.

Vintage photographs of the street addresses were found for the Jewelry store where the clock was purchased and serviced and the Vandalia Line Ticket Office on 4th and Chestnut in 1872 where this clock was likely prominently displayed in the 1870s.



Mermod and Jaccard

4th and Locust Streets



Vandalia Line Ticket Office, 4th and Chestnut, St Louis 1872



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Treasurers Report *By Charles Carroll*

Our beginning balance for the month of October was \$16,717.17. We had an income of \$539 from the August auction, 50/50 and one dues collection. Total expenses were \$296.66 for Chattanooga Storage, office supplies, refreshments and one memorial. The period ending balance is \$17,010.11.

50:50

The 50:50 Winning Ticket was pulled by the Winner, Chris Brown.