



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
February 5, 2023 Minutes

April (actually in March) Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be pushed forward
one week to March 26, 2023 at the
Mountain Aquatic Center starting at 9:30 AM.
(The first Sunday in April is Palm Sunday)
The Program, to be conducted via Zoom,
will be presented by Ken Reindel and is titled
“Restoration Nightmares”.

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Thirty-five members were present. Prior to the meeting, Jae auctioned a several items. The proceeds were generously donated to the Chapter.



Auctioneer Jae

Business Meeting

Mary opened the meeting welcoming attendees. Mary then provided medical updates on two conspicuously absent members Brooks Coleman and Gary Walton. We wish them each a speedy recovery.

Mary discussed the Chapter 24 Meeting schedule for 2023. The only meeting that will not fall on the first Sunday of an even month is April. The April meeting will be held one week earlier than normal on March 26 since the April's first Sunday is "Palm Sunday".

On behalf of the Chapter's coffee drinkers, Mary thanked Dan Butt for donating a new Keurig coffee maker.



President Mary
Jones

Old Business:

Dan Butt presented the Treasurer's Report which can be found on page 4. He discussed the change in cost of the Liability Insurance policy which Chapter 24 is required to keep to rent the Aquatic Center. Our prior carrier (American Family) no longer insures organizations and the new underwriters rate (Hartford) have increased our rate by \$200. This expense was incurred in the past period. The report was accepted by the membership.

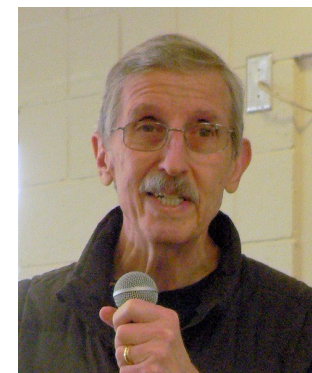
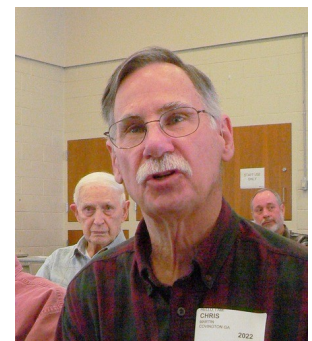
New Business:

Chris Martin, 2024 National Co-General Chair provided a brief update for the event to be held in Chattanooga and hosted by Chapter 24. He appealed for volunteers to assist with the registration for the 2024 event during the 2023 National in Lancaster. Going forward, Glen and Sherry Kitts will assume the General Co-Chair and Chris will continue in a support role.

There was also a brief discussion of the 2023 Labor Day Mid South Regional to be conducted at Dalton. Huntsville's Keith Hendley is the General Chair. The exhibit will be Public Time Keeping. Several huge running tower and street clocks will be on display. Sunday will not be the perennial disappointment this year. Instead, move-out will be Saturday evening. Friday morning will be the Tailgate with move-in during the afternoon and the banquet will be held Friday evening. It is expected that this abbreviated event schedule will be the model going forward. Many who served as Chairs for 2022 will again be driving the 2023 event.

Mary discussed the upcoming Mid Winter Regional in St. Augustine FL later in February. Several in attendance planned to attend the event.

Warren Brook invited the membership to attend the sale of Henry Newman's clock collection. Henry, a long time Chapter 24 member, has moved to Jensen Beach Florida and taken only a few of his clocks to his downsized new home.



FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Program

Jeff Whitfield introduced our Guest Speaker, Andy Dervan, who presented virtually via Zoom live from Michigan. His presentation, "The Differential Time Company" was not recorded at Andy's request.

The Differential Time Company was incorporated in 1910. It is sometimes referred to as the Differential Power Clock Company. Jacob J. Busenbenz was the chief technical innovator driving the company. The first U.S. patent describing his year running clock was awarded to him in 1910. There were other suggested potential applications for the year running movement in addition to a clock and additional patents were to follow. The company manufactured movements in Chicago where the company would be headquartered. Clock case assembly was conducted in nearby Grand Rapids Michigan which was a center for furniture manufacturing at that time.

Differential Time Company clocks were promoted in various horological publications in 1911 and 1912 and in other popular magazines. The business model was to rent clocks to customers and to provide annual winding and service. Touting the convenience of annual windings with accuracy comparable to eight day weight clocks, the high cost of the Differential Time Company's movements positioned them in competition with premium Seth Thomas and E. Howard seconds beating wall clocks.

The unique movement (below-left) employed a massive spring which was retained in an iron housing and bracket. The spring was 1-1/2" wide, 0.035" thick and 22 feet long. Compared to a conventional 8-day clock which would typically be 3/4" wide, 0.017" thick and 7 to 8 feet long, this spring would provide about 48 times the power. Winding the spring required a geared reduction and consequently many turns.

As innovative as this approach was, the Differential Time Company remained active only until 1917 and would not achieve sufficient market penetration to survive.

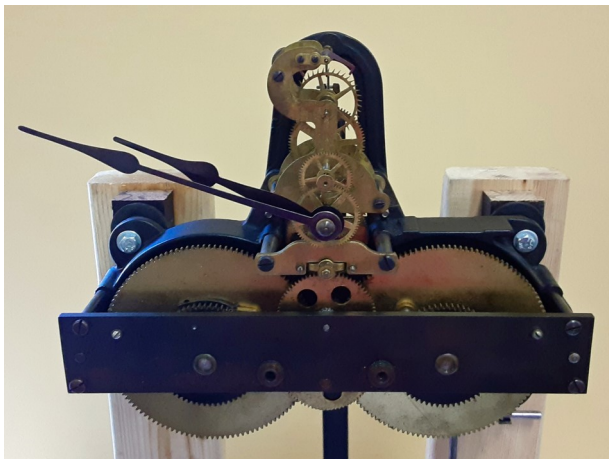
The January 2022 issue of NAWCC Watch and Clock Bulletin contains Andy's article on the company. Thanks Andy for researching and reviving the story of this unique horological innovation and presenting it to Atlanta Chapter 24 today.



Andy with Co-Presenter Woody



Jewelers Regulator No 880



Left: Jewelers
Regulator Movement
Right: Gallery Clock
No 644



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Treasurers Report

By Dan Butt

The beginning balance for the period was \$20,037.96. Income for the period was \$271.00 from dues and the 50:50. Expenses totaled \$2,2074.32 from refreshments, Christmas Dinner food, the MSR storage space rental for 2023 and the new Liability Insurance Policy. The closing balance is \$18,284.64 including \$50 cash on-hand.

Again may thanks to Charles for maintaining the books for the past four years!



Groaners

By George Waterhouse

A guys grandfather clock stopped working. He called a repair shop to get it fixed, but they wanted \$50 to come pick it up.

"I'll bring it to you", the guy said. So he strapped the clock to his back and started to walk down the big hill he lived on.

Halfway down, he slipped and he slid down the hill into town just as a lady was crossing the street.

He barreled into her and knocked her over.

Dazed, disgruntled and still on the ground, she asked

"Why can't you just wear a wristwatch like everyone else?"



50:50

Randy Grunwell held the \$40 Winning Ticket.



Important Note:

Special Thanks to Randy Grunwell for providing all Photographs included in these Minutes!