



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors  
Atlanta Chapter 24  
February 4, 2024 Minutes

## April Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on April 7, 2024  
at the Mountain Aquatic Center starting at 9:30 AM.

*Our April Program, "Tuesday Night Clock Group Activities"  
will include repair demonstrations by Group Participants.*

*The Business Meeting will start at 10 and can be attended via Zoom at  
the following link:*

*Also consider bringing Auction Items and  
participating in our Show and Tell.*

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# NAWCC Atlanta Chapter 24 February 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes



President Jeff Whitfield

## Business Meeting

Immediately following an auvtion, starting his term, newly elected President Jeff Whitfield presided and welcomed thirty-nine members plus three attending virtually

## Old Business:

There were no suggested revisions and so a motion was made by Jeff and seconded to accept the minutes from December. The motion carried.



Auctioneer Jae

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Gary Walton and is summarized with important details about dues on page 4. Please see Gary if your badge does not indicate that you are paid through 2024. The current membership count is 87 including 66 members and 21 spouses. A motion was made to accept the report and it was seconded and approved.

An area of unfinished business is the appointment off Directors for the terms ending in 2025 and 2026. Mary summarized the role and responsibilities for Chapter Directors.

Jeff then opened the floor for discussion and nominations for the positions. Candidate entered into nomination are pictured here. A motion was made by Bob Geier to prepare ballots, collect them as members check in at the beginning of the April meeting and announce the decision by the close of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Butt and carried.

## New Business:

Each Chapter is requested to donate annually to the National Event. Dan Butt mentioned that Chapter 24 has typically donated \$200. Therefore, Jim Coulson moved that Chapter 24 donate \$200 to the 2024 National. The motion was seconded by Sherry Kitts and carried by vote.

Upcoming Regional and the National Events were discussed. Regional events included the Mid-Winter in St Augustine FL, the Lone Star Regional on February 29 & March 1-2 at the Mesquite Convention and Expo Center (1700 Rodeo Drive) in Mesquite, Texas and the Southern Ohio Regional to be held on April 11-13 at the Roberts Convention Center (123 Gano Road) in Wilmington Ohio.

**National Convention:** June 13-16 Chattanooga Convention Center. Visit [natcon.nawcc.org](http://natcon.nawcc.org) for more details and for registration information. At this time, there are 201 registrations, 221 tables sold, 53 banquet tickets sold and 11 Old Timer's lunch tickets sold. Volunteers are needed for several areas such as Security, Registration, Live Auction. Please consider signing-up for a few hours using the registration site: [natcon.nawcc.org](http://natcon.nawcc.org)

## Program

Vice President Kelly Sims introduced our guest speaker, Bob Frishman. In anticipation of another great program, Kelly recounted Bob's very interesting presentation to our membership last August titled "Nine Days of Horology in France".

The following summary is abbreviated. The nearly complete presentation (the Q&A session was interrupted) can be viewed at this youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wk5zb2nrQQ>



Doug Brown, Mike Dennard, Michael Linz and Richard Whatley



National Chair  
Sherry Kitts

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## Program Continued

Today's presentation, "A Visit to Three Horology Museums in Tokyo" describes Bob's recent trip to Japan. Bob described the evolution of timekeeping in Japan from 600 AD through the introduction of western timekeeping into the isolated nation around 1850 and up to the present. Before exploring the museums, Bob enjoyed hiking along islands in the Izu Archipelago and site-seeing around Kyoto and Tokyo including Mt Fuji. Another of Bob's passions is period print depicting traditional settings with examples of clocks in the background. Beautiful examples of Japanese artwork in prints accompanied displayed clocks throughout this program.

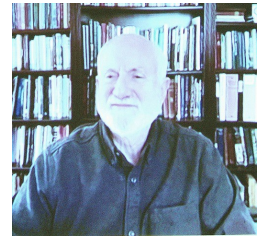
The first horological site that Bob visited was the Shrine to Emperor Tenji (626-672 CE) in Kyoto; the "patron saint" of Japanese timekeeping. The blessing of clocks has been a common practice at this shrine. It was also common belief that spirits inhabited clocks and kept them running. To the horror of clock collectors in more recent times, when clocks would no longer run, clocks would be ritually burned/cremated at this shrine on "Time Day" (June 1). Ironically, the only remaining clockmaking and repair school in Japan is located on these grounds.

Bob described the use of Seasonal Temporal time. This was used during the Edo period between 1603 and 1868 CE under the rule of the Tokugawa shogunate and before the adoption of western timekeeping. In this system, daytime and nighttime were each divided into six equal parts called "toki" which varied in length from season to season since the relative length of days and nights change. Very interesting examples of period clocks using a double foliet escapement were presented. These required frequent rate adjustments to follow an "Equation of Time" chart.

The first museum visited was the Daimyo Clock Museum. This is located in a residential section of Tokyo and was the home of a collector who recognized the need to preserve Japanese antiquities that were otherwise being exported or destroyed. Operation of the museum continues in the third generation within the family.

The second museum visited, the Science and History Museum, was a much larger museum with broader focus. It included a large gallery of Japanese and international horology. Bob discussed Japanese pieces including open and closed base lantern, incense and pillar clocks, orreries and "Inro" watches that were on display here.

The third stop was at the Seiko Museum Ginza. This modern five story building on Tokyo's Rodeo Drive (Ginza) housed ten thousand examples of clocks and watches. Kintaro Hattaro (1860-1934) established this shop at the age of 21 and later founded Seiko (Seikosha) after the 1873 Calendar Reform Act. Hattaro visited and studied Connecticut clock and watchmaking and so many items on display resemble western products.



Bob Frishman



Tenji Shrine in Kyoto



Blessing of the Clocks



Lantern Clock and Chart of Equation of Time



Horological Period Print



Seiko Museum Examples of Lantern Clocks



Double Foliet



Seiko Chronological Display



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### Program Conclusion

The Seiko Museum displays are chronologically arranged. These include Japan's first wristwatch (an 1897 Waltham-like example) through the first quartz wrist watch originally developed by the Swiss but first mass marketed by Seiko in 1969.

There was much more information than can be covered here and we highly recommend viewing the Youtube video. Thanks Bob for sharing your Horological experience in Japan with Atlanta Chapter 24 this morning.

### Tuesday Night Clock Group



**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

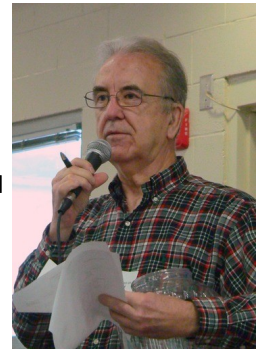
By Gary Walton

The beginning balance for the period was \$17,854.48. Income for the period was \$382.50 including dues (\$285), the 50:50 and donations.

Expenses for the period totaled \$2000.89 including \$1321 for room rental and \$496 for Liability Insurance which is required to rent the room, refreshments and GA Secretary of State for 2024 and 2025. The closing balance in our checking account is \$16,286.098 including \$50 cash on-hand.

Dues: Dues for 2024 membership are currently payable and are \$20 if you receive the newsletter via email or \$25 if you receive via US mail. If you do not plan to be at the meeting, make your check payable to Atlanta Chapter 24 NAWCC. Mail to:

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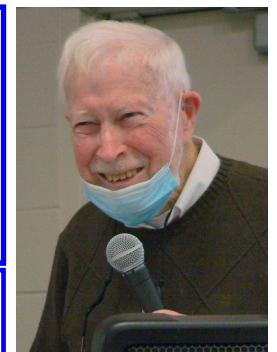
By George Waterhouse

Riddle: What kind of bug can tell time?

Answer: A "Clock Roach"

Did you hear about the guy who stole a calendar? He got twelve months!

Encore: Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana!



### 50:50

Bob Geier held the winning ticket for the \$42.00 pot.

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