



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
April 7, 2024 Minutes

June Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on June 2, 2024
at the Mountain Aquatic Center starting at 9:30 AM.

Our June Program, "Horology in Art"

will be presented by Bob Frishman via Zoom starting at about 10:30.

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

If you cannot attend in-person, use this link to join virtually at 10 AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84215307518?pwd=WnpSbkhoWHZGWkRXeENQMjE1U1pBUT09>

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President Jeff
Whitfield

Business Meeting

Immediately following another Brooks Coleman auction, President Jeff Whitfield welcomed thirty members, two guests (Bonnie Chappell and Patrick Mock) plus three attending virtually.

Old Business:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Gary Walton and is summarized on page 4. The current membership count is 88 including 66 members and 22 spouses. A motion was made to accept the report and it was seconded and

approved.

An election was conducted for two unfilled Director positions. Ballots were distributed as members signed-in at the beginning of the meeting. Shortly after convening the meeting, Jeff closed balloting and the results were tallied. Micheal Linz was elected to fill the first open position with the term ending on December 31, 2025 with 19 votes. Doug Brown and Mike Dennard tied for the second position.

Rather than conduct a run-off, a motion was made proposing that Doug Brown fill the second seat for the term ending December 2026 and Mike Dennard hereby be elected for the seat that will be vacated by Chris Brown at the end of this year for the term ending in December of 2027. This motion was seconded and passed.

George Waterhouse provided two Groaners which are provided on page 4. Following this, George described how he and Jackie would be relocating after 56 years in their home. Brooks then conducted an auction of several books and horological items that George had brought to donate to the Chapter.

New Business:

National Convention: Sherry provided a status report for the June 13-16 National Event. At this time, there are 392 registrations, 307 of 450 tables are sold, 104 banquet tickets sold and 22 Old Timer's and Fellow 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



Donald's polished Head-
lamp Case Chelsea Clock

Show and Tell

Randy Grunwell discussed a wood cased Ansonia that he restored during Tuesday Night Group sessions. He did all the stripping, and some of the color-matching for the missing/replaced pieces at the meetings. He also discussed restoration tips and pointers he learned from George Waterhouse.

Donald Jackson presented his highly polished brass rail car gas headlight case housing a Chelsea clock circa 1903. He described his restoration project including methods used to clean and polish the case.



Randy's Ansonia Case



Visitors Patrick and Bonnie



Directors Michael Linz, Doug Brown and Mike Dennard



Brookes Auctions Donated Items



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Program

Vice President Kelly Sims introduced four members of the Tuesday Night Clock group who each demonstrated an aspect of clock repair and restoration as typically instructed at their meetings.

Who is the Tuesday Night Clock Group? Randy Grunwell explains: we evolved from a class that past Chapter member Sam Ledbetter taught. At the class's ending, Robert Brannen asked the Community School principal if some of the participants could continue meeting there. We have been meeting fairly consistently since the mid 1980s. We are a group of Chapter volunteers who help teach folks to repair their own clocks, while hoping to spark an interest in coming to the Chapter and joining the NAWCC. As part of the Gwinnett Community School, and since we do not have a paid instructor, our meetings are free to any and all!

Four tables were set-up as demonstration stations. At the first table, Robert Brannen expertly discussed and demonstrated selection, reaming and fitting KWM bushings in clock plates.

Randy Grunwell brought duplicates of a few different manufacturer's brass movements and instructed assembly techniques. The duplicate movement was used as an aid to visualize how each part fits during assembly.

Michael Linz demonstrated how to disassemble and replace worn or damaged trundles in lantern pinions using an H.A.Z. Laboratories lantern pinion cutter and staking tool (Merritts Part # P1223). Using the split stake part of the tool, one shroud can be slid away from the other to gain access to the trundles. The cutting portion of the tool allows making new trundles to the exact length of the original. Once the new trundle(s) are placed in the preferred shroud, the back side of the tool is used to slide the shroud back to its proper location on the arbor with a hollow punch. Michael then demonstrated the use of a digital mic and holder for making accurate determination of trundle diameters and replacement wire. (Mitutoyo 293-340-30 digital with a Dasqua 7111-1105 stand, each available through Amazon.)

Kelly Sims demonstrated how to clean and polish brass plates using White Diamond metal polish (available at Autozone) using cloth wheels/pads with a Dremel tool and by hand. She displayed a highly polished plate of a small Seth Thomas movement visible in its case without the dial installed.



Kelly demonstrates Polishing to
Chris, Chris and Richard



Robert Brannen Demonstrates
Plate Bushing Installation



Randy riddles Jeff



Michael demonstrates Lantern Pinion
Disassembly and Repair

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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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Volunteers of NAWCC Chpt. 24

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Treasurers Report

By Gary Walton

The beginning balance for the period was \$16,236.09. Income for the period was \$730.00 including dues (\$585), the 50:50 (\$43.00) and donations (\$102).

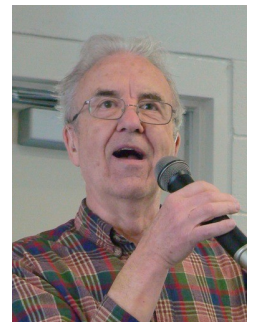
Expenses for the period totaled \$278.22 including a \$200.00 donation to the 2024 National Convention. The closing balance in our checking account is \$16,737.87 including \$50 cash on-hand.

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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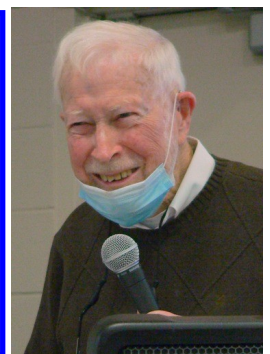
Groaners

By George Waterhouse

Last Minute Surprises: A famous example occurred in 1964 when State Rep. Denmark Groover of Macon GA, a brilliant lawyer and one time Marine fighter pilot, dangled above the House Chamber, trying to adjust the hands of the clock so that time would not run out on the session. He didn't fall but the clock did.

One day a wife complained to her husband "that wall clock almost killed my mother today. It fell only seconds after she got up from the couch."

The husband grunted and replied, "the damn thing was always slow."



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Patrick Mock held the winning ticket for the \$40.00 pot.

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