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NAWCC Chapter 52 - Los Padres

Railroad Watch Co

16 Jewel, Extremely rare and from a run of 200 shipped by Hamilton to Ball #'s 20801-29000.

There are 19 known surviving examples. Please let me know if you are aware of any others.

You can find my compilton at the page on this web site titled Ball & Co list.

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20969, missing a case screw, very light scratch near the other case screw and some finger print marking. Hopefully it will clean up. Not running at the present time. Just got it 2/19/08. Balance won't move. Marty will take it apart for me tomorrow and get it running. I will take more pics and try to get rid of the glare when it is done.

Only one service mark that I can see. A couple of light dings, I will repost after cleaning.







Got some black residue that may be covering a wear mark or may just be dirt. Will repost after cleaning.





Sorry about the glare! I will have to try some different lighting angles.

Note the little hairline in the 12-1 area

Crows feet between the 7-8 and a hairline at the 30. Will be interesting to see if they are as visible after a cleaning, but it is what it is.

Today, I took it to Chap 52's watchmaker extraordinaire Marty Meyer (805) 934 4453 and he replaced the spring, broken staff cleaned oiled, balanced, trued and timed it. Below is a pic of Marty's domain.



This is the watch after Marty tore it down



Dial after cleaning



Scanned pic of movement after cleaning.



Purchased 6/7/11 # 20529





Ball's standard Railroad Watch Co is more common than Railroad Watch Co and the one below sold on Ebay 11.29/08 for \$3554 + 30 shipping





#20764 Ball's Standard Railroad Watch Co movement was seen on Ebay with the dial below. This Uniform Standard dial is not the correct dial that we would expect. Searching the Hamilton data base on the NAWCC library site, we see that this dial was intended for the ORRS "A" movements from 90201-90600. None of those movements have surfaced with this dial and I believe that a marketing decision was made during this mixed run not to use this dial. I can not find a trademark reg on this design. If anyone else turns it up, we can find a first usage date. Fascinating dial!



Images below are due to the courtesy and ingenuity of Thomas G Brown. Thanks Tom!

These Articles of Incorporation

—OF—

The Ball Standard Railroad Watch Company.

Witnesseth, That we, the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to form a corporation, for profit, under the general corporation laws of said State, do hereby certify:

FIRST. The name of said corporation shall be The Ball Standard Railroad Watch Company.

SECOND. Said corporation is to be located at Cleveland Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and its principal business there transacted.

THIRD. Said corporation is formed for the purpose of manufacturing selling dealing in watches & time pieces of every description material for the same, & doing all things incident thereto.

FOURTH. The capital stock of said corporation shall be One hundred thousand Dollars (\$ 100000⁰⁰), divided into Four thousand 4000. shares of Twenty five Dollars (\$ 25⁰⁰) each.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands, this 6th day of November A. D. 1897.

E. L. Dwyer
L. H. Miller
Simon T. Tipton
J. P. O'Brien
J. H. Jernighan
J. S. Smith

Wm. B. Ball
Oscar Tyler
Joseph H. White
John McElister
John McKinley

*James A. Lathrop of
Frank N. Gear*

The State of Ohio, County of *Cuyahoga*, ss.
Harry L. Vail Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, within
 and for the county aforesaid, do hereby certify that *G. C. Tarkenton & D. J. Davies*
 whose names ^{are} subscribed to the foregoing acknowledgment as *Notaries Public*
^{were} at the date thereof *Notaries Public*, in and for said county, duly com-
 missioned and qualified, and authorized as such to take said acknowledgments and further, that I am
 well acquainted with ^{their} handwriting, and believe that the signatures to said acknowledgments ^{are} genuine.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court,
 at *Cleveland, O.*, this *11th* day of *November* D. 18 *97*
Harry L. Vail
By J. J. Dwyer deputy. Clerk.

The State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, ss.
 Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public
 in and for said county, this 6th day of November, A. D., 1897, the above
 named, T. P. O'Shea, J. W. Juengling and J. P. Dawley, who each severally
 acknowledged the signing of the foregoing articles of incorporation to be
 his free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal on the day and year last afore-
 said.

D. J. Davies
 Notary Public in and for Cuyahoga
 County, Ohio.

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Names supplied by Tom Brown from one of his brotherhood journals

ARTICLES of incorporation were filed on November 13 in the office of the Secretary of State by the Ball Standard Railroad Watch Company, of Cleveland, O., capitalized at \$100,000. The incorporators are Webb C. Ball, Oscar Tyler, E. D. Page, J. H. Dempsey, Joseph Palite, John W. Sylvester, William Tunkey, James A. Lathrop, Frank N. Gear, Simeon T. Tufts, T. P. O'Shea, J. W. Juengling and J. P. Dowling.

Below is a copy of

Only known ad signed Ball's Standard Railroad Watch Co appeared in the 1899 BLE Journal

THE OFFICIAL R. R. STANDARD WATCHES.

Ball's Model Antique Pendant and Bow.

17 Ruby
Jewels
Sapphire
Pallets.



Ball's
Improved
Safety
Double
Roller.

Ball's _____ Brotherhood Standard Railroad Watches

Have an original individuality of their own superior to any watch on the market.

Simplicity, Strength and Durability

are the prime factors in their perfect construction. All the parts are made interchangeable, which reduces the liability to errors, makes them simple and easily handled; they seldom get out of order, and are not expensive to clean and repair.

These are the Cold Facts to which thousands of good railroad men now using them

every day in train service will be glad to bear evidence.

For further information and facts, call on your Jeweler, or address

Ball's Standard Railroad Watch Co.,

BALL BUILDING,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.

One would surmise that they were considering marketing the Brotherhood watches under the RR Watch Co banner.

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