

May 30, 2023

**To: Members and Prospective Members of the Madison Association of Watch and Clock Collectors**

We had 11 attendees at our April meeting. Our program for April was a presentation by Jerry Kieffer on the installation of new batteries in wristwatches. Jerry explained that just opening the case is not always simple, and there are other considerations beyond just the size of the battery. He gave a number of important tips. Jerry always has interesting and informative presentations. We thank Jerry for this fascinating presentation.

President Baker reported on upcoming events. One of those events was an upcoming tailgate being organized by Chicago Chapter 3. It was held the first Saturday in May, May 6, at the Delta Hotel, 7800 South Kingery Highway, Willowbrook, IL. He also reported on the upcoming National Convention and the Time Symposium, which this year are being held back-to-back starting on July 13 at the National Headquarters in Columbia, PA and then continuing July 14-17 in Lancaster, PA.

The Program Chair is looking for suggestions for programs for future meetings.

We received a letter from Paul Shrock, Cashton, WI. There was a major fire in his workshop, and he lost his tower clock movement in the fire. He is looking for another movement.

We had a number of items on display:

- A number of different watch case openers, including several made in India and Switzerland. Also a suction cup pocket watch case opener.
- A Kirk's iron backplate movement, likely from a gallery clock, both time and strike operated from a single mainspring.
- A NY Standard pocket watch with a great dial.
- Several Swiss fake watches including:
  - An Illinois Central railroad.
  - A Southern Express with a 23-jewel two-tone movement.
  - An American Waltham Watch Company with a 15-jewel movement.

Our June meeting will be on the usual day: first Wednesday of the even numbered months. We will meet at the usual time, 7 pm, on June 7. Our June meeting will be at Carl Zimm's facility at 3610 Lexington Avenue, Madison, outdoors (weather permitting).

Carl's facility (a commercial shop building) is located west of Stoughton Road (US Highway 51), south of East Washington Ave (US Highway 151) and north of Wisconsin Highway 30. This is on the east side of Madison.

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- From the west side of Madison, take the Beltline east and then Stoughton Road/ Highway 51 north around Madison to Commercial Ave. Commercial Ave is the first traffic signal north of Highway 30. Go left (west) on Commercial. Commercial immediately curves to the left while Lexington Ave continues straight ahead. Take Lexington Ave west to 3610.
- From the north or south, take the interstate (I-90 from the south, I-39/90/94 from the north or northwest) around the east side of Madison to Highway 30. This is at the Badger interchange, where I-90 and I-94 intersect or split. Go east at Exit 138B on Highway 30 to Fair Oaks Ave. Exit on Fair Oaks Ave, and go right at the end of the exit ramp. Go three blocks north on Fair Oaks to Lexington Ave. Then take a right on Lexington Ave to 3610.
- From the east, take I-94 to Madison. At the Badger Interchange, I-94 exits to the right/northwest; continue straight ahead to Highway 30. I believe this is exit 240A. Exit Highway 30 at Fair Oaks Avenue as described above.

Our program for June will be a discussion of chime clocks with secondary chime units. These are clocks such as the Seth Thomas Sonora clocks and New Haven Chime clocks with the Wilcox movement. If you have any such clocks, or any other clocks with secondary chime units, please bring them along for display.

Guests are always welcome. Please remember to bring an item for show and tell. We will be continuing the same \$1/\$2 door donation, so bringing a display or mart item will save you a dollar.

Hope to see you on June 7.

Sincerely,

Dale Beske  
NAWCC Chapter 171 Secretary

### **2023 Meetings**

**(Tentative Schedule; Please Check With Secretary Before Traveling Long Distances)**

June 7, 2023	Madison Chapter 171
August 2, 2023	Madison Chapter 171 (Picnic – Date Subject to Change)
September 10, 2023	Chicago Chapter 3
September 17, 2023	Milwaukee Chapter 47
October 4, 2023	Madison Chapter 171
October 29, 2023	Chicago Chapter 3
November 12, 2023	Milwaukee Chapter 47
December 3, 2023	Chicago Chapter 3
December 6, 2023	Madison Chapter 171