

November 27, 2024

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

We had 13 attendees at our October meeting. Our program for October was a presentation by Jerry Kieffer on repeater watches. Jerry started by explaining several terms related to these watches and then displayed four examples. He discussed the various complications present in those watches. He also demonstrated the watches striking, activating the chronograph function and the automaton function. We thank Jerry for this very fascinating display and presentation.

The Treasurer was unable to attend but reported we had \$3762 in the treasury.

For old business, we have the handling of the Ron Weiss donation. Leroy will be working on the Weiss donation, but would appreciate assistance.

Also under old business is the disposition of the Chapter Library. We have taken the first two steps:

- see if National needs any of the volumes (they did take some items);
- offer for sale to members (I am not aware of any sales);

We will have to work on a plan to dispose of the remaining volumes. We previously agreed to:

- Take to a Regional or the National to sell. Closest upcoming Regional is Wilmington in April; the National is in York, PA next June.
- Dispose of remaining volumes at Half Price Books, local library book sales, et c.

Our December meeting will be on the usual day: first Wednesday of the even numbered months. We will meet at the usual time, 7 pm, on Wednesday, December 4 at the Goodman Center on Madison's east side. Note that the exterior doors may be locked; there is a hard-to-see doorbell button on the doorframe. We will again meet in the **Bolz-B** room within the **Goodman Center, 149 Waubesa St, Madison**. This is on the east side of Madison, between Milwaukee St and Atwood Ave, southwest of East Washington Avenue. Note that the Goodman Center has several buildings along Waubesa St. There is a parking lot behind the building; if it is full, there is a church parking lot or street parking nearby.

New business to be discussed includes upcoming events. We will also have nomination and election of officers for the coming year.

Current officers include:

President: Leroy Baker

Vice President: Carl Zimm

Secretary: Dale Beske

Treasurer: Paul Penschorn

Program Chair: Carl Zimm

Directors: Jerry Kieffer, Paul Penschorn and Molly Plunkett

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I am sad to report that two longtime members passed away in the last two months: Jack Cipperly and Don Kershner. I will bring in their obituaries, which can also be found online.

Our program for December will be a presentation by Dale Beske on Sidney advertising clocks. The Sidney company was the first company to successfully use clocks as an advertising medium. These were large clocks, with rotating barrels showing ads, typically placed in high traffic commercial locations. They were manufactured starting in the late 1880s and continuing until sometime in the early 20th century.

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 December 4.

Sincerely,

Dale Beske
NAWCC Chapter 171 Secretary

2024 Meetings

December 4, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
December 8, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3

2025 Meetings

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

February 5, 2025	Madison Chapter 171
April 2, 2025	Madison Chapter 171
June 4, 2025	Madison Chapter 171
August 6, 2025	Madison Chapter 171 (possible picnic)
October 1, 2025	Madison Chapter 171
December 3, 2025	Madison Chapter 171