

July 10, 2024

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

We had 15 attendees at our June meeting. Our program for June was a discussion of midcentury tall case clocks with tubular bells. Carl had three examples onsite. He explained the similarities and differences between the three. His three clocks were Herschede, Revere (electric) and Colonial Clock Co models. We thank Carl both for the program and for the use of his facility.

President Baker reported on upcoming events. He also reported on the passing of Marian Krajewski, a member of Chapter 3 in Chicago and Chair for several Regional and National Conventions.

The Program Chair is looking for suggestions for programs for future meetings. The August program will be the picnic; we will have a program on repeater watches in October.

In addition to Carls' collection, we had one item on display, an unusual "R Smith New York" movement. A similar movement, with the same signature, has been found in a circa 1850 skeleton clock for sale on the Sundial Farm Clocks webpage. A Google Lens search found the other example.

Our August meeting will be the picnic, to be held **Wednesday August 7 at the Larry and Pat Bullens' residence**, in Arbor Hills. The location is easily accessible from the Beltline Todd Drive Exit #259. The location is south of the Beltline.

Arrivals, conversation, and clock and garden tours are planned for 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., with a short business meeting (if needed) after dinner. Dinner will be approximately 5:30 until whenever. As always, your guests and spouses are welcome.

Larry and Pat will be providing brats, burgers and boneless chicken thighs. They will also provide condiments, paper plates, cups and plastic utensils, napkins, soft drinks and the like.

Members with last names A - M should bring either a side dish or a salad, and members N – Z should bring a dessert to pass. Members should also bring serving utensils for their contributions, as well as their own beverages, if something other than soft drinks are desired.

Food will served in the air-conditioned kitchen. Depending on the weather, we can visit and eat either indoors or outdoors. There is seating outdoors for 11 people outdoors ... feel free to bring a camp chair.

One special treat: the Bullens have a heated, warm (88 degrees) indoor pool. Folks are welcome to swim or float in the pool. Being indoors, there are no mosquitoes! Towels and changing room available. No sunscreen in the pool, please.

The books from the former Chapter Library are shelved and will be available for review and purchase.

If you are sensitive to pet hair, be aware the Bullens do have a dog and three cats.

Please RSVP to the Secretary if you plan to attend. Please make your reservation with the Secretary by Tuesday July 30. I can be reached by phone at 608 335-4658, by email at [debeske@wisc.edu](mailto:debeske@wisc.edu), or by USMail at 6422 Shady Bend Rd, Verona WI 53593. Please include a return address, so I can send you the address, directions and a phone number.

Some of our best times have been our picnics. It's great to see what others are doing. Looking forward to seeing you on August 7.

Sincerely,

Dale Beske  
Chapter 171 Secretary

**2024 Meetings**

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

August 7, 2024	Madison Chapter 171 Picnic
September 8, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3
September 22, 2024	Milwaukee Chapter 47
October 2, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
October 27, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3
November 17, 2024	Milwaukee Chapter 47
December 4, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
December 8, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3