

January 30, 2024

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

We had 7 attendees at the December meeting. Our program for December was a member show and tell of clocks that don't look like clocks. Examples are things like pigeon timers, lampshade clocks, ball drop clocks, Oswald rotating eye clocks, Hickory Dickory Dock clocks, measuring tape clocks, and the like. See the list of items displayed below. Thanks to the members who brought items in for display.

Business discussed at the December meeting included upcoming meetings, including the Milwaukee and Chicago chapters. The National Convention is in Chattanooga, TN this year, June 13-16. President Baker also announced the upcoming Symposium, to be held at Old Sturbridge Village (Massachusetts). Topic is Early American Clocks. Dates are October 21-24, 2024.

Elections were held. The current slate of officers was reelected, except the Librarian position was left vacant.

We had a number of items on display, including :

- An Ansonia sun watch.
- A Sharper Image text-based clock; essentially a board with backlit text areas for days of the week, hours, minutes and AM/PM.
- A clock concealed inside a small globe, 4-5 inches high.
- A tape measure clock.
- A ball clock.
- A Timby Solar clock.
- A Lovell milk glass night light clock with a small kerosene lamp.

Our February 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, February 7 at the Goodman Center on Madison's east side (same building as in October). Note that the exterior doors may be locked; there is a hard-to-see doorbell button on the doorframe. We will 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. Also, one of the members has been in communication with a clock and watch repair person; that person is retiring and closing his shop. His tools and parts are available for sale. An inventory of the items will be available at the meeting.

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Our program for February will be a demonstration by Carl Zimm of an inexpensive (\$30 approximately) fiber optic inspection camera. The camera lens is on the end of a flexible cable and includes a light. This device can be connected to a phone or a computer (iPad, PC, et c). It can be used to see inside internal areas such as movements and clock cases. Carl will discuss both setup and operation of the unit. It could be used for tasks such as reading the maker's name on the plates of a clock, or viewing pinions to check for excessive wear, et c. If you have any pieces in need of internal inspection, please bring them to the meeting.

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 February 7.

Sincerely,

Dale Beske
NAWCC Chapter 171 Secretary

2024 Meetings

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

February 4, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3
February 4, 2024 (?)	Milwaukee Chapter 47
February 7, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
March 10, 2024	Milwaukee Chapter 47
April 3, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
April 7, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3
May 19, 2024	Milwaukee Chapter 47
June 5, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
August 7, 2024	Madison Chapter 171 (possible 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
February 4, 2024	Milwaukee Chapter 47
November 17, 2024	Madison Chapter 171
December 8, 2024	Chicago Chapter 3