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In this Issue

We are pleased to continue the Ken Reindel series in this Issue. Included here is the second half of his article on restoration of 'A 1927 Style 1 Baby Ben Alarm Clock'. This article describes from nuts to bolts a complete restoration project.

We are also pleased to present an article by on-going contributor *Alarm Clock Peter* from Germany. He shares with us his experience in finding two very rare alarms. Turn to page 5 for another poem by Roger Royal. This one titled 'My Hobby (or) Happy Hunting' rings true the clock bug in us all.

We round out the issue with a brief note on the restoration of a war alarm, our on going section of items for sale in the Mart and a great review of the Greater Los Angeles Regional that just took place in Pasadena.

Ads From Yesteryear

kindly submitted by Dennis Sagvold

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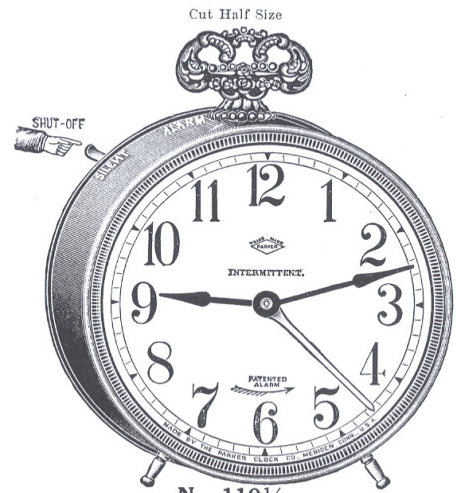


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Sell it Through the Newsletter

Every member may submit one ad per newsletter. This includes a *Wanted to Buy* or *Wanted to Sell*. The newsletter comes out at the beginning of March, June, September and December.

Author Instructions



All are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the *Alarm Clock Chapter* newsletter. Please include your name, address and phone number with the article.

Although certainly not a complete list, suggestions for topics are:

- Specific alarm clocks or manufacturers
- Unique design - movement or case
- Special methods of cleaning
- Descriptions of interesting repairs
- History of a manufacturer
- Helpful tips on repair

Photos along with the text are always appreciated. Please email to the editor at:

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President's Corner

Greetings and thank you for your continued support!

I have only two things on my mind worth mentioning in this newsletter. First, I was very disappointed to learn about the low turn out of votes in the recent NAWCC election. The new directors were elected with less than a majority of the memberships' input. Of the nearly 25,000 worldwide members, only 1,897 ballots were received and 71 of these

were invalid because they had no membership number. If the NAWCC is to attract and keep outstanding national directors and officers, we must all do our part in the election process. Each nominee takes precious time out of his/her personal schedule to attend national and regional conventions in order to get their messages out to us. We should show them that we do care about the NAWCC and are concerned with the quality of our directors and officers by taking a little effort to vote.

Second, I would like to encourage each of you to use the "Sell It In The Newsletter" feature of our newsletter to list an occasional alarm clock for sell or to advertise your wants. I have found this feature to be very fruitful as I generally sell all the items I list. I would like to see this portion of the newsletter beefed-up by having lots of alarm clocks for sale and having a number of wanted alarm clocks requested.



Spread The Word

Shown here is a display at the recent Sacramento Valley Chapter # 71 meeting of three rare Darches and a stack of complimentary Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter newsletters. This is a great way to "Spread The Word"!

Please let us know if you are aving a chapter meeting and would like to have some complimentary newsletters to go with you alarm clock display.



Many thanks to Phyllis and Vince Angell as well as Sara Coleman for their help in formatting, organizing and typing up articles as well as suggestions on layout.

the Editor -

Review of GLAR 2007

by Phyllis Angell

Many members of the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter #178 (HBACC) met in Pasadena, CA on February 1st and 2nd, 2007 at the Greater Los Angeles Regional (GLAR). Members in attendance were: Jim Gilmore, Bob and Cora Lee Linkenhofer, Tom and Diane Tognetti, Katherine Demny, Steve Berger, Bob Peischl, Lou Gentry, Nile and Cinde Godfrey, Marshall Knowlton, Bill Triska, Fred Lipman, and Chapter President Vince Angell and his wife Phyllis. Also, we are very pleased to welcome four new members to HBACC: Robert Tres, Chip Kumparak, and David and Kathy Lindquist who all signed up at the convention.

In lieu of a specific program, HBACC President, Vince Angell, provided a marvelous and extensive display of alarm clocks at his table in the Mart Room. Also, in behalf of the HBACC membership, he conducted a free drawing for fun alarm clock related prizes. There were eleven prizes ranging from four, one-year free memberships to the HBACC, four colorful books on alarm clocks, two new alarm clocks from Brookstone, and the Grand Prize, the "CLOCKY", which has been featured in recent HBACC newsletters. The display and raffle were received with great interest and lots of kudos. Prize winners were: Lee Burrell, Fred Lipman, Randy and Carin Chapin, Chip Kumparak, Les Lesovsky, David Anserlian, Jerry Haviv, and the "Clocky" went to Gisela Holladay. Congratulations to all!

The NAWCC tried something different at this Regional by inviting the public to attend the Mart on the last day. Over four hundred non-NAWCC members attended. Many Mart sellers were pleased that the public purchased their clocks and watches.

Since the public was invited to attend this Regional, the media was also invited. Mr. Huell Howser from the PBS show "California Gold" interviewed and filmed many mart table holders. The HBACC Alarm Clock display received honored attention from Mr. Howser. Vince and Phyllis Angell told Mr. Howser about the Chapter and many of the display clocks were filmed. This program has already been aired in the Los Angeles area but watch the HBACC website (www.acc178.org) for a video clip of Huell interviewing Phyllis Angell at the convention.



Grand Prize winner, Gisela Holladay, shows off her prize.



Prizes for the HBACC drawing



Phyllis Angell and HBACC Display



New members Charles Lindquist and brother David Lindquist browse the latest Newsletter



New member Lou Gentry discussing his clock



NAWCC Peter Klein admiring display



Huell Houser filming Alarm Clock Display

As stated above, four new members were signed up at this regional. We feel that having a display in the Mart Room and being readily available to talk with the attendees is a much better and successful way to attract new members rather than having a separate off-site meeting where only a few HBACC members and practically no non-members attend.

The drawing also appears to be successful in growing our chapter. Out of the four free memberships available, one new member signed up at

the regional, two winners took their free memberships home (hope they complete and return them), and one prize was not claimed. If we receive the two additional applications, we will have obtained six new members.

Not bad!!!!



All for Sale. ..

Restoration of a WARALARM

This is a Westclox War Alarm purchased by member Bill Triska at the Greater LA Regional in Pasadena this past February. The first two pictures are what it looked like at the Convention. There did not seem to be much hope for it but as Bill wrote: "Got to the Waralarm and have it restored and running. Had to put a new dial on it and a little paint so it looks pretty good. The alarm winder on the back was not original but happened to have one. Both the click spring holders on the time and alarm were missing but happened to have a couple."

Now it's a great addition to his collection with not a major restoration but a minor one.

Great job Bill.....



Before



Before



After



After

Corner

Poet's

MY HOBBY (OR) HAPPY HUNTING
BY
ROGER ROYAL

SPRING HAS SPRUNG
AND THE WEATHER IS WARM
MY URGE TO COLLECT
IS IN RATHER RARE FORM

THE NEW YEAR IS BRINGING
A LOT OF GREAT SHOWS
TO SHOP FOR ALARM CLOCKS
AND LORD ONLY KNOWS

THE CLOCKS I WILL FIND
AND THE FRIENDS I WILL SEE
AS I SEARCH FOR THAT TREASURE
SO THRILLING TO ME

IT'S NOT JUST THE CLOCKS
BUT THE PEOPLE I MEET
THAT MAKE THIS GREAT HOBBY
A HARD ONE TO BEAT

SO GO TO A SHOW
AND HUNT FOR BIG BEN
THEN COME TO A MEETING
YOU'LL BE AMONG FRIENDS.

HAPPY HUNTING!

Greetings from Germany

by Uwe H. Peter

Here is a new story from "Alarm clock collecting in Germany". On the last work day of last year I got a phone call on my cellphone. A gentleman phoned and told me he saw my alarm clock poster at the antique clock market in April 2006 in Eisenbach, a little town in the Black Forest. On the poster, I listed the alarm clock models for my collection that I'm still searching for.

A few weeks had passed when he realized the poster with my number was in his jacket pocket. He told me he had two very hard to find old German alarm clocks for my collection as listed on the poster. When I asked, 'Which models do you have?' he answered 'One alarm clock with a plane on the top, and one alarm clock with five bells around the clock'.

At first I thought he was joking. The clock with the plane on top is a Mauthe alarm - very difficult to find. I've only seen two in my years of collecting. One incomplete model is on display in the Industrial Museum in the Black Forest and the other belongs to a collector friend of mine in The Black Forest. His piece is missing one of the two pilots on top and the piece itself is not in very good condition. I asked the fellow on the phone to give me a description of the clocks. 'Is a pilot on the top?' I asked. 'Not only one pilot, there are two pilots' he answered.

I just couldn't believe it. I've been searching for this alarm clock for years without success.

He said he would sell me the two pieces for my collection. For a high price of course. We agreed to meet at the next market



in the Black Forest in April 2007 to close the deal. But that meant I had to wait four months.

I just couldn't sleep that night. I think every collector has had this feeling.

The next day I phoned the seller again and we agreed that I would drive to meet him. I drove alone the next morning the 528 km (about 330 miles) to Freiburg in the Black Forest and bought

the two alarms. I was very, very happy. The entire drive took over 12 hours and was difficult with my small car. But I was happy and very proud of the new pieces for my collection. Late that night I sent pictures by e-mail to all my alarm clock friends in Germany and told them about my purchase. My wife said it was OK. but suggested its for the best that I don't go on too much about this great find where I work. People that aren't are collectors just don't understand the thrill of a find like this.

The second piece is also an old German alarm clock. It too is very difficult to find. A five bell alarm clock. I believe this model is by Thomas Haller, Schramberg from the Black Forest.

The alarm clock with the plane on the top is from the company "Mauthe". The initials FMS stand for the company name Friedrich Mauthe Schwenningen, also located in the Black Forest region. The company closed over thirty years ago. They made very nice alarm clocks, for example 'The Bobby Figure Alarm Clock'. The trademark is an Eagle with the initials FMS at the Eagle's feet.

I have a large collection of old Mauthe Alarm clocks and plan on making a DVD of them for the private Mauthe-Museum in Villingen-Schwenningen. Its best I don't tell the price for the two alarm clocks...we all have to have some secrets. .



Greetings from Germany to the USA and to all alarm clock collectors

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