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Chapter 178 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

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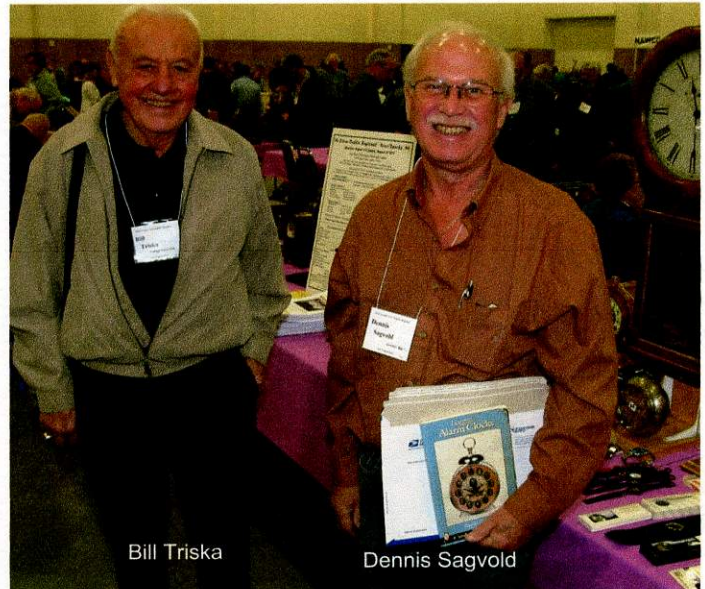
Look for the renewal form in this newsletter and return it to Treasurer Mike Wilson along with a check for \$15.

Editor for the newsletter

Mary Maier has done a fantastic job of publishing the newsletter for our chapter for many years. Personal and professional duties however required that she give up this job. I have agreed to take on the task in the interim but my duties require that I not make a long term commitment.

With this in mind we need a member to volunteer to step forward. I can offer some guidance and I'm sure Mary will give a hand as her time permits.

If you can help in this important job please contact me at rlink3@juno.com.



Bill Triska

Dennis Sagvold

In the last newsletter I incorrectly identified Dennis Sagvold as Gary. I'm sorry for the mistake and here is a picture taken at the February Greater Los Angeles Regional of Bill Triska and Dennis, possibly discussing Dennis's book "Legged Alarm Clocks"

Chapter 178 Member Lee Powers has sent information on a display at the Burritt Museum in Huntsville Alabama titled "TIMEKEEPING THROUGH THE CENTURIES".

The Huntsville Chapter (Chapter 61) of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will showcase a collection of antique clocks and watches for Burritt Mansion's summer exhibit. On display will be wall clocks, mantle clocks, and a circa 1900 American electric clock and of more interest to our membership the display will include 14 alarm clocks made by Westclox and one from each of Ansonia, Waterbury, New Haven, Friedrich Mauthe and Zenith.

The exhibit will run from April 30 through August 15

More information may be obtained from their at www.burrittonthemountain.com

There will be an article with pictures in the September issue of this newsletter .

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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's newsletter. Please include your name, address, e-mail address and phone number with the article. Although certainly not a complete list suggestion of topics are:

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

Photos along with the text are always appreciated. Please e-mail to the editor at:

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Or send article on computer disk (MS Word) via snail mail to:

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President's Corner

President's Letter for June 2010

The National Convention is in York, Pennsylvania this year. I hope most of you took (depending on when you receive this letter) this opportunity to not only attend the National Convention but visit the National Library, School of Horology and Headquarters. I didn't think that I would be able to attend this year due to family happenings so when I was contacted by the Convention chair about setting up a Chapter 178 meeting I declined. As it turns out I will be able to make the event after all but when I found out this it was too late to set up a meeting, never the less I hope to visit with as any members who are there so please look me up if you can. I will be spending a great deal of my time in the mart at the table for the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Regional. As they say where I come from 'The good Lord willing and the crick don't rise' I will be at the 2011 Convention in Kansas City, Missouri and we will plan on a Chapter meeting.

On another note we are in desperate need of a newsletter editor, if you can help out with this please contact me by phone or e-mail. My number is 951-898-5825 and e-mail is rlink3@juno.com. This is an important job as being a special interest Chapter with no geographical area it is the main contact we have with each other.

We are always in need of material for the newsletter. If you send something and it isn't in the next letter it has probably been saved for a future one, so keep sending those pictures and articles.

Until next time goodbye and good collecting.

Bob Linkenhoker

Editors Note:

In the last edition of this newsletter I included pictures of an Alarm that I have acquired. I also ask for information on this clock.

Many of you responded and identified the maker as FMS or Friedrich Mauthe, Schwennigen of Germany. I wish to thank all that responded and include an e-mail I received from our German friend Uwe H. Peter (Alarm Clock Peter).

Hello Mr.Bob Linkenhoker,

I send you greetings from Germany. I am Wecker-PETER (Alarm-Clock-PETER). Mr. Linkenhoker, you ask questions about an Alarm Clock in the newsletter. Your alarm clock is from the German producer FMS - Friedrich Mauthe, Schwennigen (Black-Forest). The alarm clock was produced after 1925. This type of eagle (company sign) on the dial was used starting in 1925.before then Mauthe used other eagle-pictures. Please see my pictures. I send you also a picture from an old Mauthe-Cataloge. ca. 1910. The model name was "ORLANDO"which has different bells. It is possible, that Mauthe changed the type of bells later or the bells on your alarm clock was changed. The dial is original.Produced by Mauthe in Germany for the Turkey Market. Mauthe exported clocks and alarm clocks worldwide, with many pieces going to Turkey. I have many different examples of Mauthe-Alarm-Clocks. One model (name: ARENA) in German edition and another in edition for the foreign market with Turkish numbers on the dial.

Greetings from Germany to USA to all members of Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter....

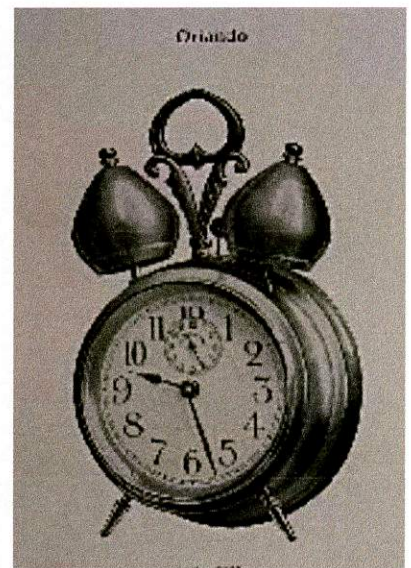
Uwe H. PETER (ALARM-CLOCK-PETER)



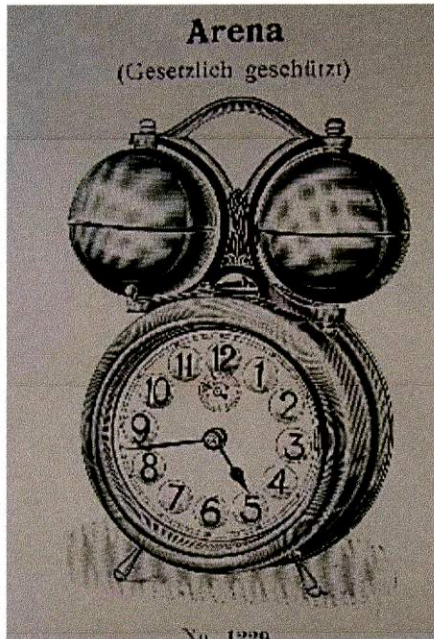
Picture from the last edition



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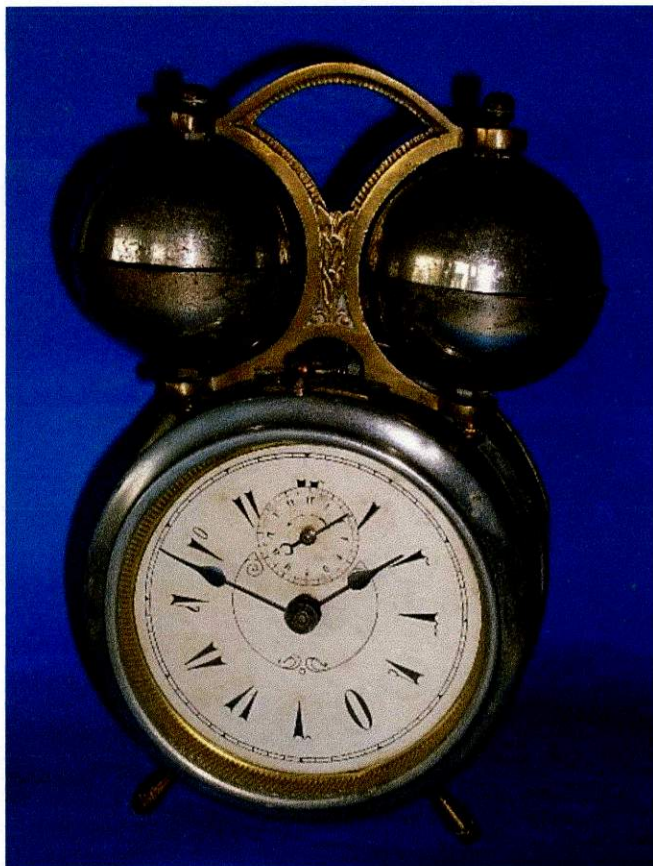
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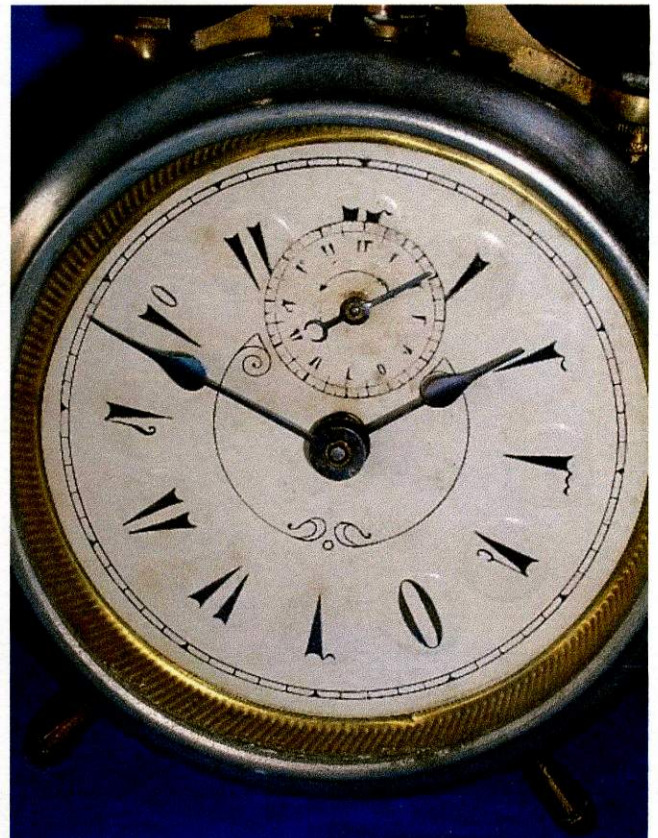
ARENA picture from catalog



Peters Arena clocks for domestic market



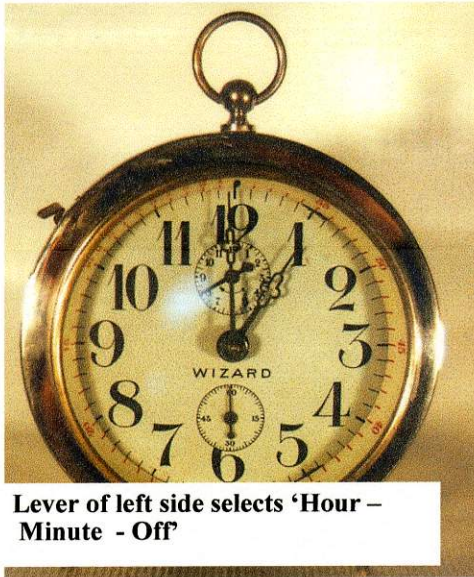
Arena model with Turkish dial from Peter's Collection



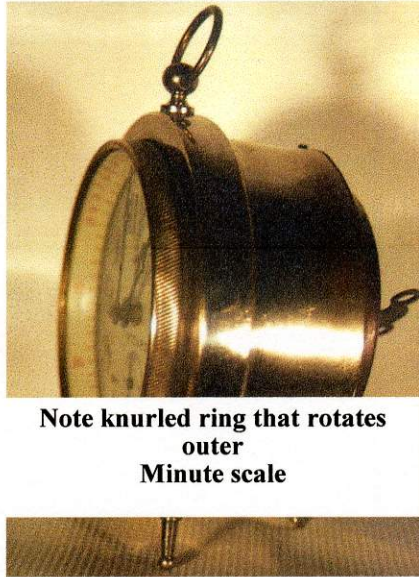
Close-up of Turkish dial

Wizard by the Yankee Wizard Clock Co. of New York, U.S.A.

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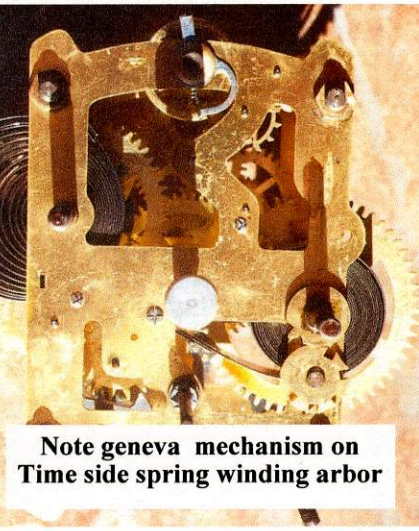
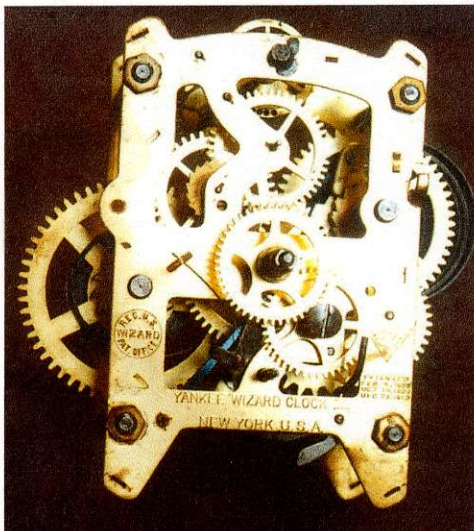
Lever of left side selects 'Hour - Minute - Off'



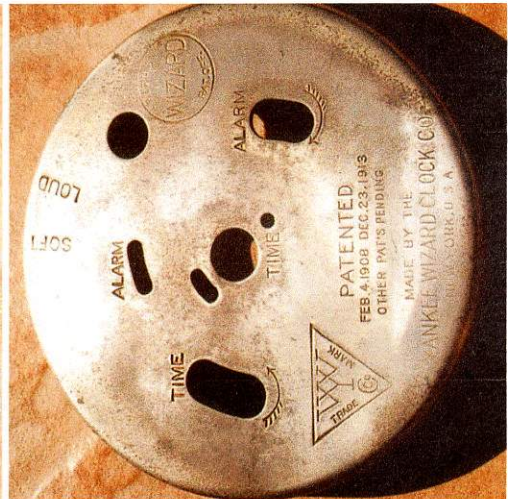
Note knurled ring that rotates outer Minute scale



Note slotted holes that allow bell to rotate for loud or soft



Note geneva mechanism on Time side spring winding arbor



7 ¼ inches tall including the ring
4 ¼ inch painted (not paper) dial
Clock has Parker hands

Knurled bezel turns counter-clockwise presumably to keep track of elapsed time

Lever on left side with three position scale marked 'Hour- Minute- Off'

Patented Feb 4 1908 and Dec.23, 1913

Slots in rear bell holes to allow rotation of the bell towards or away from the hammer to obtain Loud or Soft sound

Well made heavy case and movement

Time spring arbor has a geneva mechanism to control winding (allowing for only linear portion of spring to be used)

WIZARD

By Yankee Wizard Clock Co.
New York U.S.A.

See page 5 for pictures and details sent by Dennis Sagvold of an unusual alarm clock

Dennis who is the author of "Legged Alarm Clocks" states he picked this item up on E-Bay and has never heard of the Yankee Wizard Clock Company or the Wizard model. He would like to know if any of our members have information on this model or the company. In doing an internet search I found four patents that were taken out by Edward Evereatt Gage of New York city that relate to this clock. These are patents number 878,371 issued on February 4, 1908, 937,232 issued on October 1909, 1,082,077 issued on December 23, 1013 and 1,088,978 issued on March 2, 1914.

It appears from the patents Mr. Gage was a principle in the Yankee Wizard Clock Company and its aim was to make a good quality alarm clock that could be set to the exact hour and minute (using the outer scale and knurled bezel) one wished it to alarm and could be also used as a countdown or elapsed time meter.

I also found two ads that were printed in the New York Tribune newspaper on May 5, 1918 and June 20, 1919. Besides there was what we today would call an infomercial printed in the '1918 International Journal of Surgery':

"AN AID TO MEMORY

The "Yankee Wizard Clock" does not let you forget your appointments, safeguards your time in office practice and makes your minutes count.

Not only indispensable to the busy practitioner, but in the sick-room, giving a gentle notice to the attendant to administer medicines or observe other' directions.

The alarm clock has ordinarily been looked upon as a device for awakening one in the early morning with a loud noise. Indeed, that was its sole function until some mechanical genius conceived the idea of producing a clock that would ring softly, as in the sick-room or loudly as a morning rouser, at will, and that it could be set to ring at short or long intervals, almost to the second, for use in timing doses of medicine, for example, or the accurate measurement of laboratory processes, for checking labor costs in factory management, and in office routine. Such a remarkable timepiece is to be had in the Yankee Wizard Clock, advertised in our pages. The alarm-setting mechanism is on the face of the Yankee Wizard, thereby making it possible to set the alarm to ring within a maximum of five seconds of the time desired, and to *repeat* this process, if need be, at intervals of any number of hours, from 1 to 12 or any number of minutes of the hour, from 1 to 60.

The "Wizard" will be sent postpaid, promptly on receipt of price, \$5.00, with illuminated radium dial and hands (clearly discernable in a dark room) \$6.00. Yankee Wizard Clock Company, authorized agents, 18 Broadway, New York City, New York, U. S. A."

In checking our newsletters I did find that one of these clocks was advertised for sale in the 2004 Volume 3 issue.

If anyone has anymore information on the maker of this unusual clock please contact me at rlink3@juno.com or by mail at: Robert Linkenhoker

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TRAVEL ALARMS

A while back I received this email from member Glen Chambers.

'I have often wondered if the Chapter would be interested in Travel Alarm Clocks as I have a small collection of the inexpensive German variety through 15 Jewel Swiss, including Cyma, Looping, Jaeger, Gueblin, and Hamilton.

The Travel Clock pictured in figure 1 is one of my oldest and seems to date back to circa 1930 . It is marked on the movement, Norwich Watch Co. seven jewels unadjusted, made in Switzerland and the alarm is powered from the single mainspring.'

Of course I replied that we surely are interested and here is a sample of the fine clocks he has in his collection.



Figure 1 Leaving the realm of Carriage clocks, the need for a light weight well protected clock was met with this leather cased circa 1930 one day alarm inscribed, Norwich Watch Co. Brevet Suisse on the movement. Power for the alarm is taken from the single mainspring.



Figure 2 With the advent of mass travel opportunities, miniaturization becomes popular with this Gubelin. The travel case is of leather and the clock is removable for ease of winding. It features a 15 jewel movement and runs for 8 days.



Figure 3 Shows the above alarm with the back removed and the high grade of movement associated with the name Gubelin



Figure 4 This unusual combination of the name Hamilton and a Travel clock features a leather case and a 15 Jewel movement that runs for 8 days. It appears to have been made in a Swiss associate factory just before the close of all Hamilton production in 1970.