

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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Presidents' Message

I mentioned in the last newsletter that the National's museum was planning a display of Alarm Clocks. Well the display; 'Wake Up'; is in the museum now and will be there till December. If you are in the area try and see this unusual display as our area of collecting gets a bad wrap sometime. This is a great opportunity to show that it is and has been for well over 150 years, a vital part of modern life. A summer intern is working on putting information on the display on the NAWCC web site so keep an eye out for this also.

As I am sure you all know the National Convention is just around the corner on July 3-6, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio. If you are attending the convention why not take a short break from the mart activity and plan to attend the Chapter 178 meeting (consult the event program for time and place). I have acquired a Westclox 'LITTLE BEN' alarm made on August 28, 1910 and intend to present a program on this seldom seen example from the Westclox line. At present I am disassembling the movement and hope to have the clock finished to show at the meeting. If I don't get done with all the repairs before the meeting I will at least have the disassembled movement there for examination. It has features that I have never seen in a Westclox movement before and I would like input from any who may know more than I do.

It is my desire to visit with all our members who are there. You will find me wandering around the mart room so just stop and introduce yourself. Some of my time will be spent promoting the upcoming Ward Francillion Symposium event to be held November 7-9, 2013 at the California Institute on Technology in Pasadena, California so you can find me at the registration table for this event. If you haven't registered I strongly encourage you to consider attending the Symposium.

Bob Linkenhoker

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AS ALWAYS I NEED MATERIAL FOR THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERSHIP PLEASE SEND TEXT AND PICTURES TO rlink3@juno.com.

It is my belief that a chapter such as ours needs to change leadership on a regular basis to survive. With this in mind will someone consider stepping forward and offer to relieve me of the office of President

We are also in need of someone to take over the task of composing the newsletter.



An unusual clock purchased by NAWCC member Ernie Lopez. Have any of you seen other examples of these before?

JUST PICKED UP THIS UNUSUAL ANSONIA ROLLED SHEET IRON CASED ALARM CLOCK OF A CONFIGURATION I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A TYPICAL COMBINATION CLOCK AND STILL-BANK BUT WHEN I TRIED TO WIND IT THE TIME SIDE WAS BOUND UP TIGHT AND WOULD NOT TURN EVEN THOUGH THE SPRING WAS ALL THE WAY DOWN.

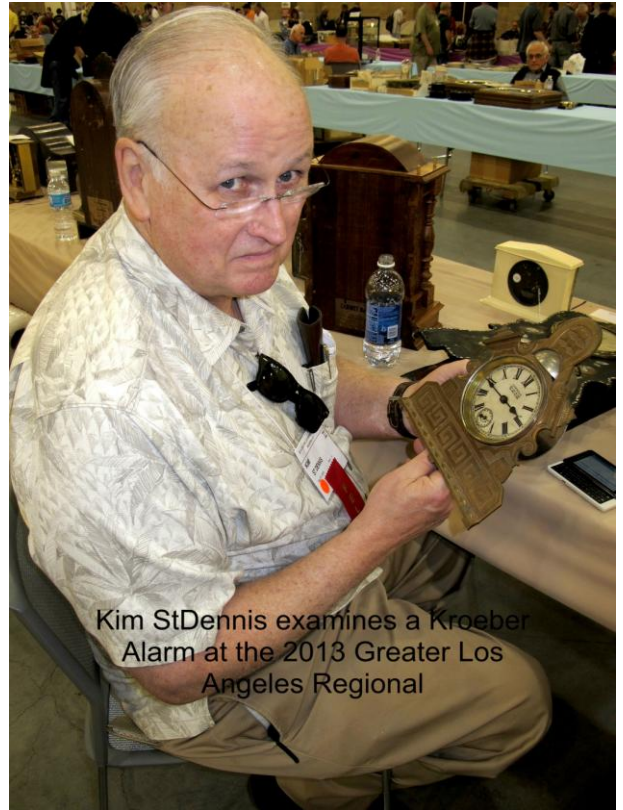
IT WAS THEN I REALIZED THAT DROPPING A PENNY IN THE SLOT CUT IN THE TOP OF THE CLOCK INTO THE INTERNAL CHUTE RELEASES A SPRING LOADED LEVER AND RAISES A LOCKING PAWL AWAY FROM THE RATCHET WHEEL AND ALLOWS THE CLOCK TO BE WOUND.

THE PENNY REMAINS TRAPPED IN THE CHUTE UNTIL A CAM RESETS THE LOCK LEVER AND ALLOWS THE PENNY TO DROP INTO THE RECEPTACLE BELOW WHICH IS SECURED BY A TWO TUMBLER COMBINATION LOCK.

I'M GUESSING THIS WAS A HOTEL/ BOARDING HOUSE RENTAL TIMEPIECE THAT EMPLOYED A VENDING MACHINE STYLE COIN OPERATED DEVICE TO DETER THE GUESTS FROM POCKETING THEM BUT AT THE SAME TIME EARNED A MODEST REVENUE???



Charles and Vivian Bennett
at the 2013 Greater Los
Angeles Regional



Kim StDennis examines a Kroeber
Alarm at the 2013 Greater Los
Angeles Regional



From left to right: Mike Wilson, Dennis Sagvold and Bob Linkenhoker at the 2013 Arizona Regional



A NOTE FROM VINCE ANGELL WHO SENT ME THIS PICTURE

"Recently, Phyllis and I were on vacation in Arizona. I had remembered that Dennis Sagvold lived somewhere in Arizona but had no idea in what part of that state he resided. Luckily I had his phone number in my cell phone and called him. To my surprise he was only about a half hour away from where we were staying. We were free that next day and Dennis invited us over to see his collection. To our surprise he had one of the most extensive collections of American alarm clocks that I had ever seen. Not only did he have clocks in this wall display but also under the bed, in bookcases, in his living room and on his kitchen table. I asked if all the clocks on his wall display worked. He said before they are put on the shelves he completely tears them apart and goes through the entire movement and cleans the case.

Now that's a collector!!!"



Westclox Big Ben on Display for the GLAR Regional - A most unusual display have even a toaster with a clockworks..Kind of an alarm clock?



For Sale
New Haven
Clock Company
"True Time Teller"
Ca 1910
Runs great!
Alarm set knob missing
\$22.00 + SHIPPING
Contact:
Vince Angell
916-952-4961



For Sale
Parker Clock Company
Alarm Clock
Runs well but Alarm needs adjusting.
\$65.00 + SHIPPING
Contact:
Vince Angell
916-952-4961



These pictures of a **“Very hard to find alarm clock from PHS (Philipp Haas, St. Gerorgen, Black Forest, with 5 special bells on the top). New in my collection.....”** were sent by our very good friend ‘Alarm Clock Peter’ who is a resident of Germany. The editor thanks him for these.

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