

# The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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## President's Message

We at the Alarm Chapter have been very fortunate in being able to print and send out some of the most interesting and informative articles on alarm clocks of the NAWCC.

I would like to thank all that have contributed in this endeavor and shared some of their interesting alarm clocks and stories with us over the past 15 years.

That being said, I would like to reach out to those that have helped with the HBACC Newsletter and those that may want to contribute to the newsletter but do not have access to a computer or think they do not have a story that is interesting enough to share.

I offer to you a chance to call me at 916-952-4961 and just discuss what you might want to share with the members but do not know what to do. It starts with an "idea". Just call me or Bob Linkenhoker and give us your thoughts and we will be glad to help you either with some content of just encouraging you to share your thoughts with the members.

Your article does not have to be long but can be a short article of a small "factoid" about what you have, have restored or repaired. Pictures are not necessary but would help immensely. If you are not computer savvy you can send your pictures and story in "snail mail" and we will put them into a computer format for all to enjoy.

As I have said before about collecting. We are probably now at the point that we have the majority of our collection and it is time to share our collection and stories with all that are interested. And I would believe that this Alarm Clock Newsletter is the best format to accomplish this.

Please give it a try. Hope to hear from you soon.....

**Vince Angell**

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### *WITH OUT YOUR HELP THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER*

All the material for the newsletter this month came from Vince Angell. As Vince expressed in his President's message there is always a need for material to fill the pages of this newsletter. Without your help there will be no newsletters. I can be reached at

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So please give some consideration to sending material with or without pictures.

# 2016 Channel Islands Convention Ventura, CA February 18-20, 2016

A change of venue took place this last February for the Greater LA Regional for the first time in many years. Normally this regional is held at the Pasadena, CA Convention Center. This year it was held at the Ventura Fairgrounds. I, personally, thought it was a great Convention and a most convenient hotel. I brought about 25 clocks and sold nearly all of them. I am a believer that you can either sell them 2 ways. You can sell them for what you think they are worth or you can sell them for what people will pay. I believe in the latter.

Over 200 tables were available and I believe that all were sold.

Of course we had a few Alarm Clock Chapter members in attendance buying and selling their wares.



Vince Angell showing HBACC Editor a most unusual musical carriage clock.



Member Marshall Knowlton with a table of great alarm clocks.



**Member Charles Lindquist and his wife Cathy at their table**



**A great alarm clock!!**

# ONE OF MY FAVORITE ALARM CLOCKS TO SHARE WITH YOU

I have owned this alarm clock for about 25 years. I keep it in the living room on the bookcase so I can see it whenever I want. This is the only one that I have ever seen in my 30 years of collecting and cannot find it on the internet or in any catalog. If anyone has any reference for this clock I would appreciate letting me know.

I have included pictures so that you can see what I have always liked about the clock.

First of all it is an alarm clock. It has one of the most beautiful rosewood cases with silver attachments that I have ever seen.

You can tell by the latch that it is a quality piece.

When you open the clock's back door you will notice that the clock is installed upside down with the bell being at the bottom. Upon further examination you see that it is a time and alarm with only one winding spring. Note the stamp on the back that says "Peep-O'-Day". This is a patented Ansonia movement with only one spring powering both the time and the alarm side of the clock. Most alarm clocks have a separate spring for both.

As you also can see it has a complete and fabulous paper. Upon reading the paper it says that these are available in a calendar model.

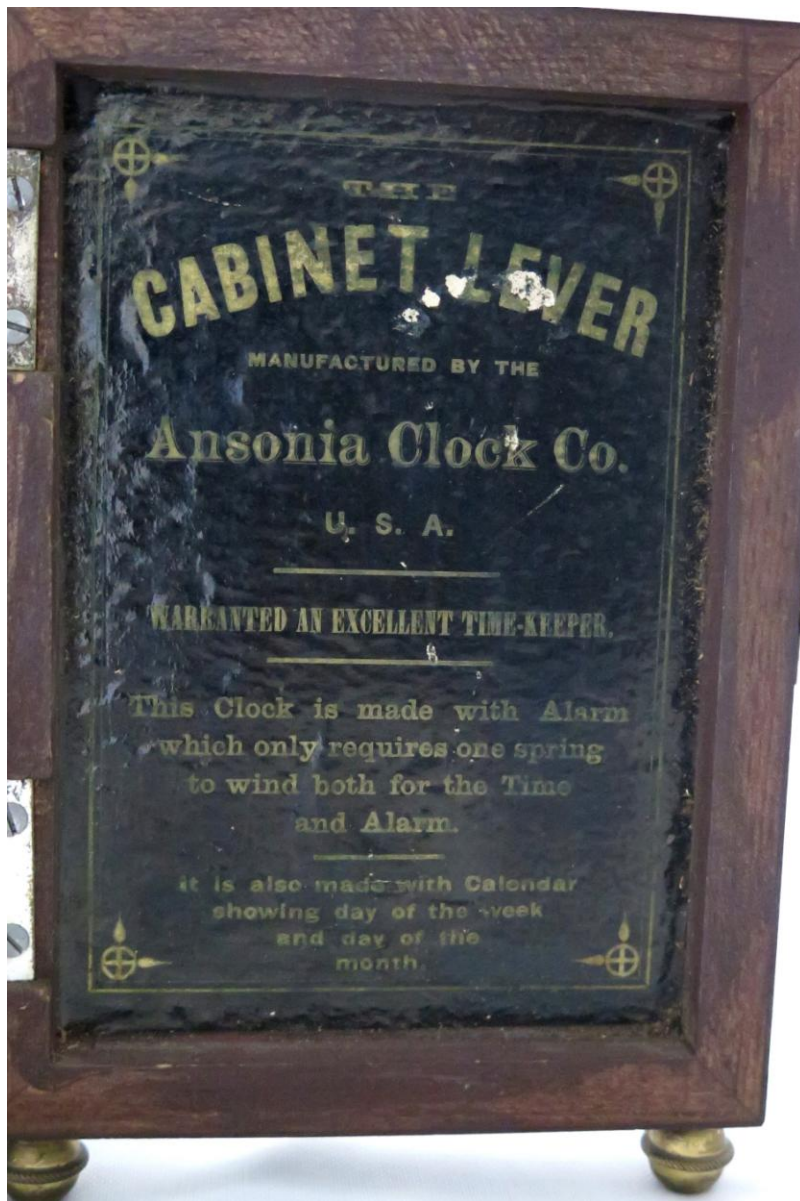
Wouldn't that be a prize?

As I said in the President's letter on the front page, the sharing of alarm clocks is what we are looking for with our members.

Your alarm clock doesn't have to be this type of clock but any one that has a special place in your collection.

Call me if you have anything to share!!





# Alarm Clocks For Sale

Western Clock Company

**“Monitor”**

Ca. 1908

Time and alarm are functional

Could use cleaning

\$20 + \$10 shipping

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# Restoration of John Bull Alarm Clock

The following was sent to me by Alarm Clock Peter in Germany. His friend JOSEF did a major restoration of a John Bull alarm clock that he wants to share.

“Hello Vince,

I am sending you pictures from an old catalog and pictures of a restoration by my friend JOSEF.

He likes to make restorations with old alarm clocks and he is very, very good. He bought a destroyed John Bull alarm clock with the nose missing. There is no text for the pictures, only the “BEFORE” and “AFTER”.

Please see his work.....”



Catalog Pix of the John Bull Clock



Picture of the Clock as purchased  
Note the missing nose



Close up of the face, Note the missing nose



Replacement nose that was fabricated



The finished clock



Side View





**Close up of the face after the repair  
Note the repair of the missing nose**



**Josef at his work bench**