

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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President's Message

In this issue of the Alarm Clock Chapter newsletter you will find an article about an alarm clock display at the recent Sacramento Valley Chapter #178 meeting. Member Ron Hoops was nice enough to bring some of his alarm clocks for display and to talk about this part of his collection.

After the meeting, I mentioned to Ron that if he had informed me of his plan to display alarm clocks I would have brought some information about the Chapter and with that might have signed up a member or two.

That being said, I feel this is a great way to get interest in alarm clock collecting and acquire new members for the HBACC.

So, in the future, if a member of our Chapter is attending a Regional or a local meeting and has an interest in displaying any number of alarm clocks, they should contact me or Bob Linkenhoker and we will send out information on the HBACC with copies of past newsletters for all to read. This packet will be not only include issues of past newsletters but also application forms. If you need other material please request it. We will try to help.

I believe that this will be a great way of attracting new members by showing large numbers of people what we do and have conversations with those that display their alarm clocks.

Vince

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I wish to thank all the members who sent in material for this newsletter. Any suggestions for articles for future newsletters will be appreciated.

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EDITOR'S. Please take a few minutes and send pictures and written material to me at rlink3@juno.com or Vince Angell at phylathome@hotmail.com

WITH OUT YOUR HELP THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER

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

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Hanovia Interval Timer

Dennis Sagvold's latest find is an interval timer with the following specs:

Name on dial 'Hanovia Interval Timer'

This is a 60 minute timer that is 6" inch tall including top ring with a 3 3/8 " time track

Printed on the bottom of dial is 'Hanovia Chemical & Mfg Co. Newark N.J. U.S.A.'

The works is a 30 movement manufactured by the Gilbert Clock Company

There is a stop on the alarm – It only rings for 5 seconds

Are any of our readers familiar with the Hanovia Chemical & Mfg Co. and do you have any idea just what this timer may have been used for?

If you can help contact the editor by phone at 951-898-5825 or e-mail him at rlink3@juno.com.



Alarm armed



Alarmed stopped

“A New Collection to Share”

A good friend of mine and a member of the Alarm Clock Chapter has been collecting early American clocks for many years with a focus on Ingraham Clock Company and other unique early manufacturers.

Since joining the club he has always wanted to share something with the Chapter. Not having many alarm clocks, he does look for them when he is out and other than finding numerous clocks he has found some alarm clocks related miniatures. In this case they could be called toys.. In the pictures that are attached there are many small “toys” that he would like to share. One is a whistle, one is a tape measure, 3 are pencil sharpeners and all are fun to collect.

Thank you Charlie for sharing your alarm clock “toy” collection.





Alarm Clock Display At The Sacramento Valley Chapter #71

For many years there has been an attempt to get more people interested in alarm clock collecting. One of these attempts has been to display alarm clocks at various venues such as Regional Conventions and at local Chapter meetings. As a member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter #71 we have neglected having much of a display of any kind other than the old standby "Show and Tell"

Some of the displays have been OK and 2 meetings ago Bob Peischl, also a member of Chapter 178 announced in the meeting notice that there would actually be a display on Calendar clocks.

This was, by far, the best display in years. This was the start of members taking interest in displaying their wares.

This last meeting was on Mother's Day and was not very well attended but one person stood out in the crowd. It was Ron Hoops. A long time member of Chapter 71 and also The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter.

Ron took it upon himself to have an alarm clock display. He chose a small portion of his collection to show the "crowd". He had a wide variety of alarm clocks from the 1940's to the 1950's with a promise to continue some more displays on other alarm clock themes in the future.

This is exactly what we need for the Alarm Clock Chapter. Not only to buy and sell alarm clocks but to share our clocks in displays and try to educate others on the affordability and their historical significance.

We have added pictures of the display showing numerous styles and one of Ron explaining one of his alarm clocks.

Thank you Ron Hoops for your efforts and hope to see more of your collection in the future.





GRANDPA'S BIG BEN

By Joel Sarich

While reading the March edition of the Howard Banta Alarm Chapter's newsletter, I noticed that Vince Angell had posted the idea of putting the HBAC on Face Book. At dinner that evening, I discussed the idea with my wife Lenore. I told her that I believed that I could handle that. I called Vince that evening. In our discussion, Vince asked me how long I have been collecting alarm clocks? I thought about my beginnings in NAWCC, and then remembered that my love for alarm clocks went back much further to when I was six years old (63 years ago). That year for Christmas, I received my grandfather's peg leg, radium dial, Big Ben alarm clock! A model 1A, dated 1-6-28. That was my "holy grail" of Christmas presents, just as the Red Ryder carbine action two-hundred shot range model air rifle was to Ralphie in "A Christmas Story!" Being a mechanically minded curious boy, a few days later, I took the clock up to the bedroom that I shared with my older brother. There, kneeling on the floor between the beds, I took the clock apart! A little time later, my Dad walked in and caught me! His only words were, "it's together and running, or no dinner!" Well needless to say, I ate dinner that night! The clock faithfully woke me up for much of my public school career. So thank you Grandpa and Dad for instilling the love of mechanics and the patience to handle the repair and rebuilding of clocks and watches.

Please take a look at the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter page on Face Book. Just log into Face Book and search for The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter 178. You can message me or Vince and we'll add you to the page!



Alarm Clocks for Sale

I have been contacted by a Non-Member of the Alarm Clock Chapter that has collected alarm clocks for many years and now is the time to move them on to another collector.

We have included a picture of his collection. He would greatly like to sell them as a lot. There appears to be some “gems” in the lot. Might be worth a chance.

His name is Bob Ballard. He lives in southern California. He can be reached either by calling 1-909-725-3518 or email to him at rballard5@earthlink.net .



Although this is not related to Alarm Clocks I though it was interesting. This was sent to me by one of my friends who knows I am interested in anything related to horology.



The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia.

The date was 31 December 1899 and the time was before midnight.

The ship's navigator had just finished working out a star fix.

The navigator brought the results to Captain John Phillips informing him that the position of the ship was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W.

"Do you know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called all his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark.

Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor.

At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay diagonally on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

1. The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & the middle of summer.
2. The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.
3. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.
4. Forward it was 1 January 1900.

Therefore, the ship was:

In two different days,

In two different months,

In two different years,

In two different seasons

And in two different centuries.

ALL AT THE SAME TIME

Sources: Passenger Ships of Australia and New Zealand Volume 1 page 74.
Crossed Flags (World Ship Society) page 51
Photos from Flotilla-Australia.com