

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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President's Message

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Back in March 2017 the President's message was titled "Get the Word Out". In that message Chris Johnson had been given the website address and immediately joined the Chapter and is now wearing his HBACC lapel pin at all events. The next President's message in the June 2017 Newsletter talked about Ron Hoops and how he set up an alarm clock display at The Sacramento Valley Chapter #71. Unfortunately, the meeting date was on Mother's Day and there was a very low turnout. Ron said that he would try to set up another display at the next meet. Well. The next meeting arrived this August and not only did Ron bring back his alarm clocks for show and tell, Chris Johnson, Carol Hoops, Harvey Ferrill, myself and longtime NAWCC member Lou Gentry all brought alarm clocks to share. As a note. Lou Gentry is not only a longtime member of the National but also has an "Old-timer" designation from the NAWCC. Lou was instrumental in raising my interest in alarm clocks more than 30 years ago. Since then we have kept in contact and I invited him to the Chapter 71 meeting.

As you look through this Newsletter you will find pictures from that meeting with many of the current HBACC members attending. I assured the Chapter that there would not only be more displays of alarm clocks by members and guests of the Alarm Clock Chapter but also a few programs that they have not seen. This is how we in the Chapter can "Spread the Word" so that we can inform others that Alarm Clock collecting is interesting and affordable.

If any of you have ideas for a display at a Chapter meeting or at a Regional Convention, please contact us at Chapter 178 to possibly help with written material for handouts or other suggestions.

I will be setting up a small alarm clock display at the Southwest Regional in San Diego in October. If you are at the Convention please stop by and say hello and LET'S TALK ALARM CLOCKS.!

Please look at the pictures on pages 9 and 10 for this newsletter to for a sampling of Alarm clocks that belonged to Ray Dragos. There may be some great items that you just can't live without.

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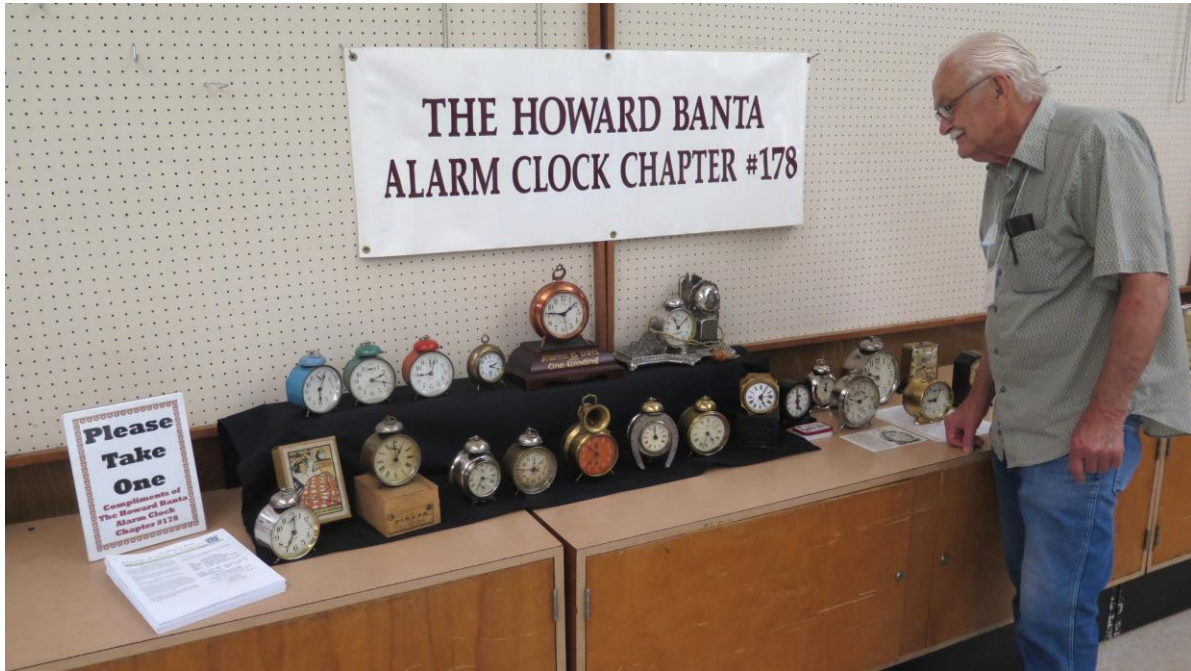
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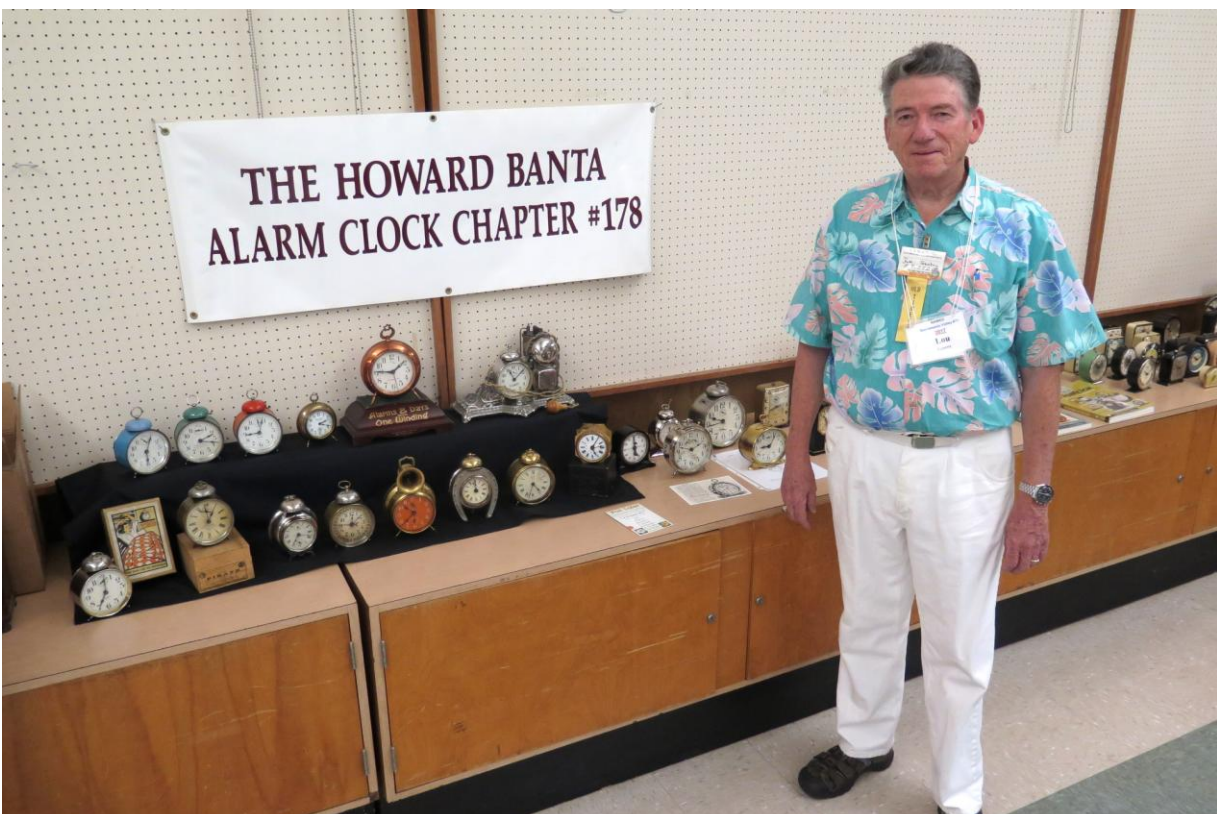
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Alarm Clock Display
At Sacramento Valley Chapter #71

As I mentioned in the President's Message a great way of "Spreading the Word" is to set up a display at local Chapter meetings. Once you do this I am sure that there will be a lot of interest in alarm clocks and possibly new members to the Chapter. My future plans for a display at that Chapter will be on Darche Alarm Clocks which I have been collecting for many years and a possible display of alarm clocks in their original boxes. With the help of members in the area, these should be great displays and more pictures to share with Chapter 178.



New member of Chapter 71, Darrel Combs, showing a lot of interest in the display.



HBACC member and NAWCC Old-timer, Lou Gentry poses for the camera in front of Chapter 178 display.



Complete alarm Clock display contributed by a few members.



Members of the HBACC #178 at Chapter 71 meeting.
Left to Right:

Phyllis Angell, Paula Ferrill, Harvey Ferrill, Chris Johnson, Jim Brough, Vince Angell and Ron Hoops.

“Alarm Clock Peter’s Corner”

Occasionally Alarm Clock Peter from Germany will send me some of his new additions to his alarm clock collection. Now that he is finally retired he will travel to many more places in Germany to find the most unusual alarm clocks for his collection. Rather than just looking at these and filing them away in my files I will occasionally share them with our membership. Thank you Alarm Clock Peter for collecting and especially for Sharing!



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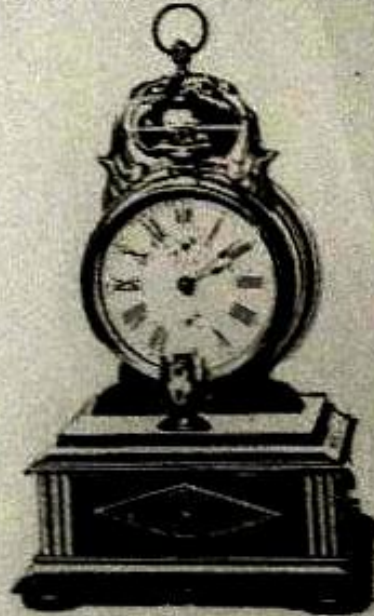
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1 Tag Gehwerk Wecker. N^o. 4579. 24 heures réglé.

Margaretha-Electra.

Rheingold-Electra.

D. R. P. — Brevet.

Metall-Flachkasson, vernickelt oder kupferfarben mit gelber
Garnitur. Neues, schönes Lautwerk mit zwei abgestimmten
Stimmen und sehr sanftmütig eingestricheltem, leicht-
Zitterblatt. Wechsel in keiner Vorrichtung mit Glanzteilen.
Beide die sowohl im Metall wie auch im Gehäuse ausser aus
gewöhnliche sein. Nouvelle sonnerie perfectionnée avec deux
timbres accordés et avec ressort se réglant indépendamment.
Cadran en relief. Soit en noyer soit avec parties polies.



Höhe 31 cm. Hauteur 31 cm.

N^o. 4606. 1 Tag Gehwerk Wecker, vernickelt.

Alarm Clocks
At National Headquarters!

Recently I have been in contact with Kevin Osborne NAWCC Director of Information Services. In our conversation, I had mentioned that I was also the President of the HBACC. The following is a letter from him about his collection at the National. Thank you Kevin for sharing and we hope that our members find it interesting and to watch the 2 computer links about the Westclox company and an unusual alarm clock.

Dear Vince.

Thanks for the Newsletters. They are nicely done and interesting. I enjoyed reading them. I especially liked the article about the ship in the Mid Atlantic! I am attaching a photo of the Bens in my office. I saw one at the school one day and mentioned to the then school director how I had one when I was in High School. The next day there was a box of them in my office! These are my favorites and there are 24 of them (well a couple more than that) all set within a half hour of each other. Once in a while I set off a couple of them for the Membership ladies who make a little fuss about it!

I also am including an ad from the 1929 McCall's Magazine. Also, a few years ago we had an Exhibit on Alarm Clocks (the Museum Education director said it was inspired by my collection!!). I've included a shot of that too. And here a couple links you might like (or already have seen).

The Ramos alarm clock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoEpTkkVJ5k>

And also this silent film on YouTube: The Westclox Factory

Film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NfJGDZc0sE>

Thanks again for the newsletters, I have saved them to add to your website once we get it up and going.

Kevin



Kevin's Office Display



Part of the Alarm Clock Display at Headquarters
some time ago

One of our long time members sent this picture of a necklace they found at a local Chapter meeting.



Another site by Bill Stoddard.

Bill Stoddard has been a member of the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter for many years. His contribution to the world of Westclox has been the most important and informational of any website I have ever seen. Bill is now in the process of making a Westclox History database. Sneak a peek at: <https://clockhistory.com/0/westclox/page1.html>. He also has another informational website that he refers to as “Clocks I've repaired and comments on Westclox history: a supplement to BillsClockworks.com and ClockHistory.com.”. This site is: clockinfo.com. This site has many different clocks on it and the occasional alarm clock. The current information on the site talks about “alternating” alarm clocks and if you stroll through the site there are pictures of a Westclox museum in Peru.

Don't forget to look at Bill's site on Westclox History @clockhistory.com
Thank you Bill for all your dedication to Westclox history.

The NAWCC has lost another long time member. Sometime ago Ray Dragos passed away. I have been requested by his daughter to include the following information in this newsletter:

I have a minimum of (20) boxes each containing 24 Alarm Clocks. Mostly Big Ben's – Style 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 5a and 6. There are also some Westclox Americana, Black Knight's and LeRoy. They are in various conditions – some work perfectly but need to be cleaned. Some don't work – won't wind.

I'm open to selling as a whole, in smaller lots etc. I will provide more detailed information to anyone interested.

If anyone is interested – I can be reached at mdragos318@hotmail.com.

Please let me know if you need additional information for the Newsletter.

Thank you again for putting this in the Newsletter.

Michele Dragos

If you are interested please contact Ms Dragos at the above e-mail.



