

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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President's Message

As you can see in this Newsletter only a member from Grass Valley, Alarm Clock Peter and I have put articles for you all to enjoy. I would like to thank both members for their articles but would like to encourage other members to participate by submitting articles for this newsletter. Even if you think that your article is not interesting enough, just email me at phylathome@hotmail.com or call me on my cell phone at 916-952-4961. If you have an idea but don't know where to begin, we can help you get a start and possibly find a way to get some pictures...

I am also President of the Sacramento Valley Chapter #71 and one of the most popular parts of our meeting is a "Show and Tell" or as our member, Bob Peischl calls it our "Bring and Brag". Members just love to hear about another member's special clock and the articles in Chapter 178's newsletter or basically our members "Bring and Brag". If you have an alarm clock that you find to be one of your favorites or one of your more interesting clocks, let's write about it. The more members who write an article for our newsletter the better the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter will continue to be. As I have stated before, we are one of the best Chapters and have the best Newsletters in the NAWCC. Remember, email or call me. Also, you can send it to our Editor, Bob Linkenhoker.

Thank you for listening.

Vince Angell

**Remember it is time to renew
your membership in Chapter 178.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Remember that there will be no newsletters unless the members of Chapter 178 send me information and pictures. I am sure that you all enjoy reading and looking at the various pictures in this and the other newsletters produced for this Chapter. Just remember unless you help there:

WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER

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

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The Chrome Big Ben

Most of us are fascinated by bright metal plated alarm clocks, be they Tin Cans, Big Bens, Baby Bens or myriad others know that the plating is nickel, not chrome. Nickel was cheaper. Maybe nickel didn't last as long as chrome, but even Mr Westclox himself would be amazed that so many of these clocks are still around 80 to 100 years later.

This Big Ben is possibly one of the few that is actually Chrome Plated.

My brother David acquired this clock in the middle of the 1950's, I have no recollection of where it came from. It's case was not in good shape, somewhat rusty and a bit beat up, the dial was marginal and the clock probably had no glass. But no problem for a teen who loved clocks.

As chores when we were kids, David and myself planted ice plant in front of our Dad's shop building. Next door was a chrome plating business. We knew the owners and were on good terms with them. The owners liked the look of the ice plant and that it was low maintenance, needing almost no water. As kids, we offered to plant ice plant in the front of their building, and maintain it, in trade for Chrome Plating! Wow! Chrome! David traded for chroming a few car parts, bumpers and grille parts, but also chroming the case of this Big Ben.

The case pieces of these early Bens were riveted together, which meant that you could not remove the Silent/Alarm label or the Steady/Repeat label. So David carefully, with a razor blade, cut the exposed parts of the labels out and glued them back after the plating was done. No one would know this except the two of us, David carefully cutting out the labels and I, looking on in wide eyed awe, I suspect.

The clock still runs (of course) and is one of my favorites.

Charles Lindquist



The Lindquist CHROME PLATED Big Ben



I was at the home of a member of another NAWCC Chapter when I saw this alarm clock. I did not have time to get the makers name or other information about the clock but a picture speaks a thousand words. WOW!!!

Your Editor

“A Note to Vince from Alarm Clock Peter” “Finally out of the House!!”

Hello Vince, I hope you can use the photos and the picture descriptions to please the alarm clock friends of Chapter 178 in the US in the next newsletter.

I received very good news last week.

An elderly lady in our house finally got a room in a very classy home for the elderly. She is very happy about it, since her two friends - also older teachers - are there also.

Now she wants to sell her apartment. This is the apartment in the house above my apartment. We already agreed. I bought the apartment and finally have a lot of space for my many alarm clocks ... my own museum and

my wife finally has an apartment without old alarm clocks.



I think many of us can identify with Alarm Clock Peter, or at least our wives can agree with his.

Amazing Catalog Ads Plus Their Clocks From Alarm Clock Peter

Drei neue Wecker
welche
Furore machen
und welche sicher
ein Hauptartikel
im Weckergeschäft sein werden.



Express. Höhe 16 cm.
Verkupfert, 2 Glocken, mit dem bekannten
Eisenbahn-Abzeichen.



Säntis. Höhe 20 cm.
Altkupfergehäuse mit bemalter Kuhglocke,
Gellüte sehr stark und angenehm.



Zeppelin-Luftschiff. Höhe 22 cm.
Gehäuse Nickel oder Kupfer,
Luftschiff Mattsilber geätzt,
Lorbeerkrantz vergoldet.



Historical Alarm Clock From Alarm Clock Peter “3 KAISER ALARM CLOCK”

**This is a historical German Alarm Clock – so called
“3 Kaiser alarm Clock”**

This clock has the three faces of the 3 German Emperors ca. 1888.

This clock has a short pendulum and an enamel dial

In the year 1888 Germany had 3 Kaisers. The Kaiser Wilhelm I died early in 1888. His son Friedrich III was very ill and died after 99 days in power. The third Kaiser was Kaiser Wilhelm II who led Germany into World War I.

In the year 1888 the German company Ruttmann & Klien in Bavaria produced this alarm Clock. This is a very difficult alarm clock to find. I know of only one piece and it is in my collection.



Desk clock from the Junghans Clock Company. It has the 2 extremely rare inkwells. The glass lids are in the form of Roman Heads. Model Name: VICTORIA CA. 1893



For Sale Alarm Clocks From Vince Angell

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For more information and/or pictures.



Ansonia Pirate Advertising Dial with Original Wooden Box
Runs

\$95.00 plus \$12 shipping



Gilbert "Wake-Up Alarm" in Original Wooden box
Ticks and rings

\$75 plus \$12 shipping



Ingraham "Papoose" in Original Box

2-1/2 inch dial – Ca. 1935?

\$25 plus \$6 shipping

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