

Alarm Clock Chapter



Chapter 178 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

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President's Message The Time is NOW

This is the first HBACC Newsletter for the new year. It is now important to renew your membership so that you will be able to continue to enjoy articles from the Editor on alarm clocks.

The last page of this newsletter is the final Renewal page that should be filled out with your check and sent to Mike Wilson.

You have the option to opt for the "slow mail" version still for only \$15.00 and the email version for only \$10.00. With the email version not only will you be able to save \$5.00 but will be able to save the electronic version to your computer files and possibly send it to a friend that also collects alarm clocks. We would like to see as many new members as possible this year.

At this time, I would like to thank Bob Linkenhoker for his many years of being Editor of the Newsletter.

Also, I would like to thank Mike Wilson for being the Treasurer for many years.

Last but not least I would like to thank all our members who continue to be members of the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter and the many other members who have submitted photos and articles for your enjoyment.

With your participation and continued support, we still have one of the best Newsletters of the NAWCC.

Thank you all,

Vince Angell

Suggestions from our members

For These Times

Please be well and safe during this uncertain time! Stay in and don't go out unless it's absolutely necessary! Have fun looking at, winding and setting all your alarm clocks! Most restaurants are doing carry-out, so you can take advantage of your local favorites. Try to support them! God Bless! Stay healthy! We'll get through this!

Joel Sarich

*****Wind a clock every day, just to pass the time away, If it stops by the morn, that's a clue that somethings worn. Since you have nothing else to do, find the tools and clock oil too!

Ronald Hoops

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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

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Corona, Ca. 92881

Thanks to Dennis Sagvold for this information and Picture

This clock is a commemorative of the Spanish American War of 1898. The clock was manufactured by Westclox, Stamped on back is Patented Oct 22, 1902 – May 15, 1906 – June 4, 1907. Also printed on the Multicolor Dial under the 6 o'clock is Pat 9-12-99 Regent Mfg Co Chicago.

Clock has brass top ring, Brass legs, is 6 1/2" high, Dial is 3 1/2" with 2" time track.

Pictured on the dial:

At	12	President William McKinley
	1	Rear Admiral Winfield S Schley
	2	Rear Admiral William T. Sampson
	3	Admiral Charles D. Sigbee
	4	Rear Admiral Robley E Evans
	5	Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark
	6	General Fredrick Funston
	7	General Joseph Wheeler*
	8	General Elwell S. Otis
	9	General William R. Shafer
	10	Theodore Roosevelt (Leader of the Rough Riders)
	11	General Nelson A. Miles

Between 12 o'clock and the hand shaft is pictured Admiral Dewey.

Alarm set in on back of the clock. It is 6 1/2 " tall including the top ring.

*Included in the information I found in my research on the gentlemen pictured was an interesting fact:

General Joseph Wheeler (known as Fighting Joe) fought in the Seminole Indian Wars, the Mexican-American war, and as a General in the 'War Between the States' and the Spanish American War.

Editor



ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES ARE PICTURES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING AND OPERATING A MEYERCORD FLASHING SIGN

Question: How many of our members are familiar with or have any of these?



INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING

It requires a few minutes for the flasher in this sign to begin operation; during this time the lamps are out or burning below red heat. Allow at least five minutes before attempting to change any adjustment. If it fails to light the lamps in five minutes, **turn off the current** and inspect the flasher. Give the screw about one-half turn; if this causes the lamp to burn steady, turn the screw back a little so as to allow for the flashing. **In adjusting this screw do not injure the small wires on the bar.** The above will remedy any troubles you may have with flasher.

If not injured by rough handling, the flasher will last for years.

This type of flasher is guaranteed by the manufacturer, and if you find it defective same will be replaced.

These signs are manufactured by **THE MEYERCORD CO., Chicago, Ill.**

NOTE: Always turn off the current before adjusting or touching screw with screw driver.

THE MEYERCORD COMPANY'S
"SILICATED-WIRE-GLASS" FLASHER SIGNS


(PATENT APPLIED FOR)
NON-BREAKABLE **COLLAPSIBLE**
DIRECTIONS

This sign is assembled in two operations.


Operation No. 1
Lay sign on flat surface in rigid position; slide metal back along grooves until top of bank fits in top groove.

Operation No. 2
Insert electric bulb; place in bottom in groove and secure with brass catch, then fasten to back with brass spring.

THE MEYERCORD COMPANY, INC.
"DECALCOMANIA PICTURES" SIGNS
MAIN OFFICE, 1105-12 CHICAGO ST. of Commerce
CHICAGO, ILL.



No. 1



No. 2

This is a transcript
of the Operation and Installation Instructions

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The Parker Clock Company

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**Maker of Clocks, Alarm Clocks, Shotguns, Locks, Waffle Irons,
Sewing Machines & Coffee Grinders**

By Vince Angell

Many of you have heard of the The Parker Clock Company and more than likely some of you have a few of these unique alarm clocks. I have collected these for over 35 years. I first bought a small collection from a collector friend of mine.

Some might have known him as one of the early watch collectors in the Sacramento area, John Fossette.

Since purchasing this small collection of about 4 clocks my collection has increased to about over 40 different styles.

As you can see from the following pictures, they are all different and very interesting. Most of them have a “Rotary Hammer” that is activated by the alarm and this is what strikes the bell as opposed to the hammer that most alarms have. If you look closely at the picture of the back of the large round alarm clock you will notice the rotary hammer between the 2 bells.

There are MANY more styles of Parkers that I have but this will just give you a taste of what might be available if you

L@@K!





**OUR GOOD FRIEND AND CONSTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE
ALARM CLOCK NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED FROM PHOENIX
TO FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.**

**This is his whimsical idea of down sizing.
(See the picture of his wall of alarm clocks in the
December issue of this newsletter.**



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