

**Chairman's Comments:**

Even though our usual meeting places are closed, (probably until fall) we can still get together informally online. If you haven't tried it yet, the weekly Wednesday morning "Coffee Klatches" are open to all members, very enjoyable, talk about anything clock and watch related. Contact Tom Morris at thomasm326@gmail.com to join in.

Robert Arnold, Chapter President**Upcoming 2021 Chapter Meetings:**

June 13th – via Zoom

September 18th – All Michigan Mtg, Brighton

December 5th – Royal Senior Center

2021 Chapter Officers:

Bob Arnold, president	810-636-7236
Jim Miller, treasurer	734-718-8563
Tom Morris, secretary	734-282-1725
Bill Ellison, Paul Mallie, Gordon Webb, Directors	

April Chapter Meeting:

The April Chapter meeting was held via Zoom and was attended by 8 members. Bob Arnold opened the meeting, welcoming the attendees, including a potential new member named Rick Nims. This was followed by an interesting presentation by Andy Dervan on the Grand Rapids Clock and Mantle Company.

In 1890, the company was founded by James T. Phillips and Eli E. Dryden in Grand Rapids. The business started with twelve men on the corner of South Front Street and Shawmut, and its factory grew in size to meet business demands and had fifty-four employees in 1906. The company submitted articles of association on September 21st 1893 as Dryden-Annin-Rose Clock Company. On November 30th 1894, James T. Phillips, President and Charles H. Annin, Secretary filed articles of association to change the corporation's name to Grand Rapids Clock and Mantel Company. In 1908, the company purchased Victoria Hall Clock Company in New York City. Its President was Philip H. Klein Jr. and he was awarded a U.S. Patent No. 938,388 for a Chime-Clock that was assigned to James T. Phillips, Grand Rapids Clock and Mantel Co. Examining examples of the company's movements, it appeared the company was utilizing Klein's patent.

A reference in the 1910 Weekly Artisan reported the company had 24 employees, and it noted Rapids Clock and Mantel Co. ca 1897-1916 advertised English Hall Clocks in 1897; Art Mantels and Hall Clocks in 1909; made "Mission, Colonial, and Dutch Style clocks". The company appeared to be successful manufacturing its clocks and mantels in early 1910's based on its catalogs. On January 8th 1918, Henry L. Adzit and Geo F. McKenzie filed a Notification with Michigan Corporation & Licensing officially closing the corporation and selling off its assets.



Grand Rapids Hall Clocks

The company published at least two catalogs. One was titled "Fine Hall Clocks and Art Mantels" and illustrated their product mix and depicted an image of their factory. The second catalog titled "The Height of Elegance in HALL CLOCKS" focused exclusively to their line of chiming Hall Clocks.

The author has seen a limited number of these chiming hall clocks and they have 9 tube movements. These Mahogany case 9 tube chiming hall clocks were \$ 480 to \$ 1100.

After some questions and discussion, Tom Morris showed how he made a new scroll for a Silas Hoadley pillar and scroll clock. This clock, made around 1825, is still in mostly original condition except that the scroll had been replaced at some point. The style and construction of the replacement scroll was not consistent with what would have been on the clock originally. The challenge was to make a new scroll of appropriate material, construction, and design that would be true to the original scroll, but match the patina of the rest of the clock. After removing the existing scroll, corner towers, and returns, a new scroll was made using a pattern from another Hoadley pillar and scroll clock. The new scroll was made from poplar and veneered with the grain vertical consistent with construction in that time period. After dying the parts a dark brown to match the case and applying a topcoat, the new parts were reinstalled. The clock now looks period correct and still retains its original look.

The meeting ended after some general discussion and catching up by the members.

Silas Hoadley Pillar and Scroll Scroll Replacement



Before

After

June Chapter Meeting:

Please join us for the June Chapter meeting online via zoom. It will be Sunday, June 13th at 1:00 PM. The main topic of the meeting will be a presentation by Bill Ellison on repairing Telechron rotors used in many electric clocks. You will receive an email inviting you to the meeting that will contain instructions on how to join the meeting. For most of you, all you have to do is click on the link in the email that says "Join the Meeting". You can use your smart phone, laptop or PC. For best results, download and install the Zoom app on your device first. If clicking the link does not work you can type in the Meeting ID and possibly the Pass Code contained in the email in the "Join Meeting" prompt in the Zoom app home page that comes up when you log in.

If you have questions, please contact me on 734-282-1725 or by email thomasm326@gmail.com. The meeting ID is 857 6650 9056 and the Pass Code is 595492

Mini-Mart:

- Charles Wheelihan is looking for a case for a Seth Thomas #2 regulator. Contact him on 810-434-4997 or email cmwheelihan@gmail.com.
- For Sale: Sherline 4400B, 3.5 x 17" Lathe including the following: 3 jaw chuck, tail stock drill chuck, steady rest, live center, cut off tool & holder, 3 piece 1/4 HSS cutting tool, 5/32 Sherline hex T-driver, 3 piece center drill set. Plus optional Sherline lathe threading attachment (P/N 3100) a \$130.00 value. All in Like New Excellent condition. Asking \$725 or best offer. Contact: Rich Pozniak, 313 506-8543 or e-mail: richpoz@comcast.net

- Andy Dervan is working on a research project on the Manistee Watch Company, Anyone with a Manistee watch or information about the company should contact Andy at 313-885-8861 or email: dervan14@att.net.

Looking for a horological item or have a horological item for sale that members might be interested in? Contact Tom Morris by phone (734-282-1725) or email (thomasm326@gmail.com) and I will try to include it in the next newsletter.

Announcements:

- We have a new venue for our annual “All Michigan Meeting”. This year’s event will be held at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Brighton Township on September 18th. Mark you calendars and stay tuned for details.
- The Southern Ohio Regional is June 3-5. Hope to see you there.
- The National Convention is July 15-18, 2021 in Hampton, VA. Besides the Convention, there are several points of interest in the area, like the Mariner’s Museum, Norfolk Harbor, etc. See the National Convention website for more info. [2021 NAWCC National Convention](#)
- Join us for our weekly ‘Coffee Klatch’ on Wednesday’s at 10 AM via Zoom. It is an open forum to discuss any and all watch /clock topics. If we have your email address, you will get an invite each week.

2021 Officers:

We are still looking for candidates for the office of President. Please contact Bob Arnold if you are interested.

Photo Gallery

Without in person meetings, photos of Chapter activities aren’t available for the newsletter. If you have a new acquisition or a recent clock or watch project, send me your photos, and I will include as many as possible in the next newsletter. Email to thomasm326@gmail.com.



Last months item of interest was a paperweight from 1957 with the Great Lakes Chapter name on it. After looking through the NAWCC Bulletins from 1957, I found that the Chapter held the National Convention that year at the Dearborn Inn. This paperweight must have been made to commemorate the event. You can find out more about the 1957 Convention in the February and June 1957 Bulletins on the NAWCC website.

Stay safe and well until we are able to meet again,

Tom Morris – Secretary
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