

Florida Gold Coast Chapter No. 60

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.

Meeting Notice, Sunday Feb. 15, 9:30 AM

Miramar Civic Center, 6920 SW 35 St. Miramar

We are happy to announce that there were 75 members in attendance at our January meeting! And we were happy to see former Chapter 60 President Larry Fanshaw, and Mimi, down from their cold Ohio home. We also introduced two new members, Miguel Gonzalez and Greg Kendall.

The program will be a presentation on Electrical Horology by Jack Seeley.

Bring any items of interest for "Show & Tell".

We learned that, after a triple by-pass, Barry Friedlander is back home and doing well - this good news from his father Murray. A floral arrangement has been sent to Barry with the chapter's best wishes.

DUES: If you have not paid your chapter dues please do so at this meeting to avoid a \$2.50 late charge. A colored dot will appear on this meeting notice if your dues have not been received by our Treasurer. An Application is included. New members an exception to assessment.

PLEASE NOTE: It has been approved by The Board: **NON-CHAPTER MEMBERS, BUT CURRENT NATIONAL MEMBERS, WILL BE CHARGED \$5.00 PER MEETING AND \$10.00 PER TABLE.**

On February 28 and March 14 the course on Identification, Research, Evaluating and Repairing Clocks and Watches at FAU will be conducted by our Pres. Joe Cohen. The \$95.00 fee will include a book and handout material. Call Joe at 954-561-2234 for details.

Tables have been sold out, the Banquet/Cruise is almost full and over 1100 pre registrations have been received for our Regional. Looking Good!!

CHAPTER 60 BOARD MEMBERS - There will be a board meeting after the regular meeting. Please plan to be there.

Florida (FL)

60. Florida Gold Coast

Location: Miramar Civic Center, Miramar, Florida

When: Third Sunday of every odd numbered month

Membership Information: Joel Cohen, (954) 561-2234

Chapter 60 and its co-host Chapter 96 conducted a very successful mid-winter Florida Regional in Orlando, despite fears of poor attendance. The 9-11 tragic event in NY and subsequent Florida announcements of dramatically lower tourism in the state, gave the committee cause for concern during the early Regional registration period. However, Joe Cohen, the General Chairman reported that almost 900 tables sold and over 2,000 members in attendance, making this a very successful Regional. All pre-registered attendees received a very popular canvas tote bag and over 150 door prizes were given

The Chapter helped to pioneer two innovative features during this year's Florida Regional. The first was sponsorship of a NAWCC Clock Field Workshop course No. 101 that ran concurrent with the Regional. There were 12 persons attending this clock repair hands-on workshop with excellent reports coming from its participants. A second unique feature of the Regional included the early-bird admission to better satisfy attendee demand.

The exhibit hall theme was Portable Time with many of the carriage clocks and watch holders donated by four local Chapter 60 members: Dr. Eugene Antelis, Dr. Leonard Steiner, Craig Crosby and Joe Cohen. At the banquet two grand prizes given away which included a Diamond Head Banjo Clock Reproduction by Wayne Cline valued at \$2,200 and an Automatic Calendar Watch donated by Burley Bullock valued at \$1,000.

As a result of the positive revenues generated during the Regional and the desire to advance the field of horology and its education, Chapter 60 made the following donations:

Field Suitcase Program	\$12,500
National School of Horology	5,000
West Coast Clock & Watch Museum	2,500
Willard House Museum	2,500
Bristol Clock & Watch Museum	2,500

With 12 NAWCC Field Suitcase Course completed and another 5 courses scheduled, Chapter 60 leads nationally in the number of field workshop courses taken by its members. Anyone that expects to be in Chapter 60 area during the year and wishes to participate in the NAWCC Field Workshop program should contact Joe Cohen (954) 561-2234.

Note: Picture of Ken Wilhelm, the winner of the grand prize Diamond Head Banjo Clock.

Sent to Nat'l Priority Mail April 7, '98

For
Feb. + March
Meetings

MEETING CALENDAR
THIRD SUNDAY EACH MONTH
EXCEPT AUGUST & DECEMBER

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The March 15th. meeting was called to order by President, Joe Cohen. There were 57 members, and five new members were introduced; Don and Candace Brewer, Garlan Hoskin, Val Fink and Francisco Dumenigo. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The survey, provided by Perdue Research Group at the '98 Mid-Winter Regional at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention in February, was discussed with a positive attitude. Peter Klein suggested plaques be made and sent to Joe Conway, of Newtonville, MA and Burley and Olga Bullock, of Houston, TX, in appreciation of their generous donations of the beautiful watches at the Regional as grand prizes. These plaques are on their way to Messers Conway and Bullock with a letter from Joe.

It was announced to the members that our Charlie Banks is on the National Committee for Security. He is also on the Awards committee for our chapter. As Security Chairman at the Regional in February, Charlie reported NO INCIDENTS.

Joe also announced that the ground-level, one-room at the Regional, with 838 tables a sell-out, was over-whelming-**LY** appreciated by the members. He also reported that the "maiden voyage" for some of the 341 registrants on the dinner cruise was enjoyed by most - the buffet afforded seconds or even thirds! At a final accounting, there were 183 new members to National who registered at the Regional. As Co-host, Chapter #96 Florida White Sands was recognized for their unsurpassed cooperation.

We were fortunate to have our Ely Wishnick give one of his prized slide collections, and presentation on "Joseph Meraux, Collection of Rare Clocks". Many thanks, Ely, we can always count on you!

Trudie Seeley,
for Jack Seeley, Corr.
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The February 1998 Florida Mid-Winter Regional was held in Fort Lauderdale, FL. ~~Despite some trepidation~~ the event was a great success. There were **1,863** members in attendance, including National guests and all helpers. At a final accounting, the **838** tables were a complete sell-out. The **ground level, one-room Mart** was over-whelmingly approved; members appreciated and commented on the wider aisles, easier access for movement, and the covered loading area.

Security, chaired by Charlie Banks, reported **NO INCIDENTS**.

A "maiden voyage" for some of the **341** registrants, the dinner cruise aboard the Sea Escape was a change and enjoyed by most. Fortunately, the seas were calm and the night balmy. All accommodations were excellent. The meeting was conducted by NAWCC President Dave Morgan, assisted by Ch. 60 President Joe Cohen who accepted the Presidential Citation for our chapter. **As Co-host, Chapter 96 Florida White Sands**, was recognized and awarded appreciation for their unsurpassed co-operation.

The grand prizes were really grand - from **Joe Conway**, of Newtonville, MA, ~~two~~ Ladies 14K Vintage Hunting Case Size O Pocket Watches, and, from **Olga and Burley Bullock**, of Houston TX, Rolex Oyster Perpetual Gents Vintage Stainless Steel Wrist Watch. Also sincere appreciation to **Joe and Mary Ann Kuechle**, of Warren, MI, for their additional 18 gifts of Door Prizes. All Recipients were most happy!

The buffet of numerous entrees, from soup to nuts, was a delight, and one could go back for seconds or even thirds! Some members expressed a preference for a sit-down dinner. ~~And there were quite a few sleepy eyes because the return to port was 1:30 a.m.,~~ but most folks accepted it as a one-time adventure.

REGIONAL EVENTS INCLUDED:

LECTURES: Renowned Lecturer, Martha Tipps, on "How a Professional Appraiser Approaches a Horological Assignment and "Object ID", the new standard by the Getty Information Institute.

Award winning Gerhard Hutter, on "Monumental Centerpiece Introduction".

Research & Lecturer, Joe Cohen, on "Evaluation, Research & Pricing Antique Clocks".

Lecturer, Cliff Dunn, on "Evaluating Pocket and Wrist Watches" both American & European

NAWCC Librarian, Elieen P. Doudna, on "The NAWCC Library, a Horological Treasure".

MEETINGS: Chapter #178 - "Horological Tools"
Chapter #159 - "British Horology"
Chapter # 78 - "Electrical Horology"
Chapter #174 - "Pocket Horology"

WORKSHOP: By Joe Kuechle, on "Clock Case Refinishing Simplified"

AUCTION: By (Who Else?), Mark Peer

SILENT AUCTION: By Murray Friedlander

EXHIBIT: By Moe Goldy, on "Musical Clockworks"

All of the above events were well attended.

SERVICES: The 800 number Hotel Booking Service, with special rates -
Bus service at participating hotels -
A selection of four interesting tours -
Restaurant discounts at many fine eateries -

At the request of the Florida Regional Council, the Perdue Research Group provided the survey to better serve a Regional's needs and wishes, as a prototype for use in other regions. To encourage members to complete this 40 question survey, five Mart Certificates were awarded, to a total of \$1,995, compliments of the Regional.

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