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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC

MARCH 2012

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 18

**March Program
Third Annual Charity
Chapter Auction
Show & Tell—No show and
tell for this meeting, due to
the auction.**

Menomonee Valley Chapter 47

January 15, 2012

March 18, 2012

May 6, 2012

September 9, 2012

November 4, 2012

Madison Chapter 171

First Wednesday of even
number months

Chicagoland Chapter 3

February 5, 2012

April 15, 2012

September 9, 2012

November 11, 2012

December 2, 2012

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2012 NAWCC Chapter 47 Charity Auction

It's Time to get Ready for the 2012 Clock and Watch Auction!

It is time for our Annual Charity Auction! Bring your items to sell and bring your money to buy some new treasures! Pre-register your items to sell with Craig White, email at cwhite5@yahoo.com or call at 414-712-0129. This will ensure a spot for your listings and make check-in easier on the day of the auction.

Pre-registration has been extended to March 10, 2012. If space is available, items can also be added on the day of auction.

Last year we sold over 150 items, and we plan on selling an equal number this year. Auction will be limited to 150 items to ensure we are done at a reasonable hour, so pre-register to assure your spot.

Auction Date: Sunday, March 18, 2012

Seller Check-In: 8:00AM—9:00 AM

Preview of Items: 9:00AM—10:00 AM

Auction: 10:00 AM to conclusion

**Location: Norway House
7507 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Rules

- 1) Sellers must be members of Chapter 47, 3, 147
- 2) Sellers can list items for \$2 each item or lot. Seller will receive a numbered receipt during check in. The item will then be labeled with this number also.
- 3) Chapter 47 is not responsible for lost or damaged items.
- 4) Chapter 47 is not responsible for items bought or sold at the auction. Chapter 47 makes no claims of items condition or authenticity. All items will be sold.
- 5) Sellers can bid on their own item.
- 6) No reserves.
- 7) No buyer's fees.
- 8) \$3 admission includes bid card, free with chapter 47 gold cards
- 9) All transactions will be between buyer and seller. Chapter 47 assumes no responsibility in settling the sale.
- 10) All items must be of horological nature.
- 11) No items to be picked up until after the auction is over.
- 12) Cash sales only
- 13) Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed material.

Spot a Clock—Last month's clock can be found in front of the entrance to the Mitchell Park Domes. The attached write-up provides a summary of information on the clock. Can you guess where the clock below is located? The answer will be posted at the March meeting, by the coffee.



Photos from January 2012 Chapter 47 Meeting and Mart



Mike Dempsey presented an educational program on Atmos clocks

Here is a Sampling of Clocks that have been Pre-Registered for the Auction



Treasurer's Report

December 1, 2011

Opening Balance	\$2,700.94
Income:	
Dues and Admissions	\$1,074.00
Donations	<u>\$ 22.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,096.00

Expenses:

Coffee and Donuts	(\$117.73)
12 mos. Web hosting	(120.00)
Insurance	(\$527.50)
Other Expenses	<u>(\$101.54)</u>
Total Expenses	(\$866.77)

Jan. 31, 2012 Closing Balance \$2,930.17

The upper left-hand corner of your newsletter's mailing label shows when your dues were last paid. If it does not say 2012, your dues are 'due'. Please pay today. Thanks!

Dan Osterud, Treasurer

Chapter 47 January Newsletter “Spot a Clock”

Last month’s ‘Spot a Clock’ can be found outside the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, better known as the Mitchell Park Domes, located at 524 South Layton Boulevard in Milwaukee. The current version of this sundial, made of brass inlays, replaces a painted version. The sundial and other recent improvements to the front of the Domes were dedicated in 2011.

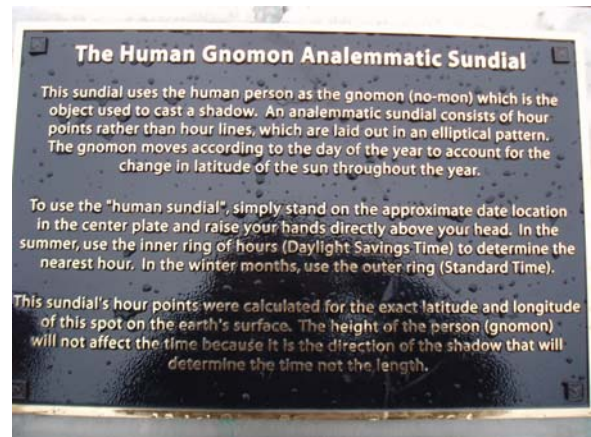


There are many types of sundials. A large subset (such as horizontal, vertical and equatorial) is made with hour lines. A gnomon, which is aligned with the earth’s rotational axis, casts a shadow, and the hour lines are used to determine the time. However, the apparent location of the sun in the sky varies during the year due to the elliptical orbit of the earth and the tilt of its rotational axis relative to the plane of its orbit around the sun. This variation must be accounted for. This is done using what is referred to as the ‘equation of time’ to compute the gain or loss of time relative to the location of the shadow cast.

There are a variety of methods for making this correction, including charts and graphs. Features such as these charts/graphs, along with other decorations and whimsical quotations often found on sundials, are referred to as sundial ‘furniture’.

The type of sundial at the Domes is an analemmatic sundial. The name is taken from the word ‘analemma’ or the figure traced in the sky when the position of the Sun is plotted at the same time each day over a calendar year from a particular location on Earth. This type of sundial has the equation of time built into its operation.

As described on a plaque located near the sundial, “An analemmatic sundial consists of hour points rather than hour lines, which are laid out in an elliptical pattern. The gnomon moves according to the day of the year to account for the change in latitude of the sun throughout the year.” As indicated on the plaque and in the photographs, this sundial has two sets of hour markers to account for daylight savings time.



As one can see from the photograph below, obtaining the time requires active participation (and a sunny day). The interactive nature of analemmatic sundials makes them popular selections for science museums and arboretum.



If you would like to suggest a clock for the newsletter’s ‘Spot a Clock’, please contact Ed Buc at the Chapter meetings or by email at timecraft_wi@yahoo.com.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Card prepaid entry to meetings	1 Year	\$10.00	OR \$3 at door
<input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues <i>Use NAWCC Form-send to NAWCC</i>	1 Year	\$70.00*	Or \$90 with spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Mart Table at Chapter meeting	1 Mart	\$ 0	*FREE to Members
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ad in MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES	Annually	\$100.00+	
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