

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

COLORADO CHAPTER 21 MEETING NOTICE

APRIL 2005

MARCH 2005 MEETING SUMMARY-

If you missed the Chapter 21 Meeting March 28th here is a brief summary: update on our Regional, Aug. 5th and 6th. Treasurer's Report: we have over \$7,000 in our treasury. Show and tell: **Bert Tolbert** talked about the quartz inertial sensor installed in his car that saved him from sliding off the road into a snow bank with his new Toyota Camry coming back from California. Built by BEI Technologies for the auto industry, this technological wonder uses a GyroChip, a pair of vibrating quartz tuning tines and single-crystal piezoelectric quartz wafers. Driven by an oscillator to vibrate at a precise amplitude when motion is detected, the device works sort of like the arms of a spinning ice skater to pull you out of a skid. **Bill Tapp** displayed three Waltham split second chronographs that were all complicated movements. For example, a person could time two horses racing at the same time with a watch like this. **Dave Cooper** displayed and talked about four watches: an Illinois early Bunn Special, 17 jewel, grade 105 dial; a Rockford, 17 jewel, double sunk dial with 3/4 plates... a very expensive watch in its day; a 22K Justine Villamy, English watch he restored, circa 1760's; and his pride and joy, an Edward East watch dating around 1635-1645. This watch had no hair spring but kept fairly accurate time within five minutes per day using just a free swinging balance. Dave restored this watch also.

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PROGRAM THIS MONTH -

Presentation on Silas Hoadley of Plymouth, CT. We will have a Silas Hoadley Tall Case clock from this era on display with the presentation. Silas Hoadley learned clock making from Eli Terry beginning around 1808 and then went out on his own. The peak of his wooden works clock production occurred between 1825 and 1840.

Next month will be a subject on watches as we attempt to alternate between clocks and watches for our programs.

SHOW & TELL -

Any wooden works movement clocks from this era. We will also continue, based on time availability, with show and tell from any clock or watch that inspired you to join the NAWCC.

MEETING DATES FOR 2005

April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, September 26, October 24, November 28. No meetings in August and December 2005.

MEETING LOCATION

Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Clermont Street. Driving directions: from Interstate 25 take Colorado Boulevard North exit, North to Mississippi, East on Mississippi to Birch, North on Birch to the Community Center. Park on the West Side.

WESTERN SLOPE MINI-MART INFORMATION -

The 3rd Annual Western Slope NAWCC Chapter 138 Mini-Mart is Sunday, May 1, in Grand Junction. Spring is here, the grass is green, the birds do chirp, the orchards do blossom, and yes, we still have no traffic jams or blizzards, remember, this is God's country! Those of you driving over from the Front Range should have no problems on I-70 or the other mountain highways during this traffic lull between ski season and the summer tourist crush, and all your snow of last weekend will be long gone. We've had a lot of interest in the show and are expecting a good turnout.

I would strongly encourage you to come at least a day or two early and play. Temps have been in the 70's, and there are all sorts of things to do. And believe it or not, I have been too busy to corner the watch market, so you might even find a treasure or two at a local shop.

You can also download an application at: <http://www.larjones.com/NAWCC/MART2005.doc>

Please feel free to contact **Larry Jones** at: larjones@earthlink.net or give me a call at 1-970-263-8807 if you have any questions. Please feel free to forward this notice to any NAWCC members!

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