

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

## COLORADO CHAPTER 21 MEETING NOTICE

FEBRUARY 2005

### MAKING YOUR OWN PRIVATE LABEL MECHANICAL WATCH FROM SCRATCH

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**Frank Kusumoto** of our chapter gave an informative and educational presentation on the trials and tribulations of how he brought into production his new wrist watch, The Madison. He chose the Unitas 6497 watch movement because of its similarities to the Hamilton 992B which was made in the early 1970's. This became his inspiration and he named his watch "Madison" after the U.S. President who followed Hamilton. His watch is definitely international in its construction. His dials are from Deutschland Dials of Germany; the hands he bought from Estima in Switzerland; and the solid steel cases with anti-reflective coating come from Thomas Ickler in Germany. The movements, from Sellita Watch Co., Switzerland, are hand-filed and finished, composed of nickel and rhodium with Geneva stripes. Frank's finishing touches include hand-polished blued screws and some damaskeening on the gears with the help of Bill Brinker in Boulder. All the movements are 17 jewel and are truly a work of art utilizing the clear display case on the back for easy viewing. This may start a new trend among wrist watch admirers of wearing your wrist watch inside out. Frank is a good source of information and always willing to help out Chapter 21 members with questions or watch related matters.

Terry Jones 303-715-1476

### PROGRAM THIS MONTH -

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**Terry Jones** is our featured speaker this month. He has titled this month's presentation "**The Story , Not the Clock**". He will discuss a clock he had in the exhibit at our last Regional. This clock is a transitional style wooden works shelf clock, circa 1836 by George Mitchell using a Terry-Type 30-hour movement. Terry will discuss the history of that period of Bristol, CT. How he came to acquire it in Chile in 1971. How he brought it back home to Denver to have Jo Hagens research it. This is what led Terry to join the NAWCC.

### SHOW & TELL -

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Tell us what was the first clock or watch experience, or person, or event, that led you to the NAWCC and to Chapter 21. We could get some great stories and audience participation.

*We want to hear your stories!*

### IT'S TIME TO VOTE-

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Bring your ballots for the NAWCC election (Out of Feb. '05 Bulletin) to this month's meeting. We will have a brief discussion from Roger Dankert of who we might consider voting for? We want high participation from our Chapter and there are many names to choose from. Come prepared to mark your ballot and mail it in as a group. This will save the National postage costs.

### CHAPTER 21 BOOK LIBRARY UPDATE-

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Many thanks to Frank Kusumoto for donating "Automatic Wristwatches from Switzerland" by Heinz Hampel. It has 350 pages, 200 watches, including the partly disassembled movement. Also "Technology of the Automatic Wristwatch" and a price guide by Gordon Converse of each watch by page number. Photo quality paper. A valuable addition to our library.  
-Roger Dankert

Any member can borrow one or more tapes please contact Roger Dankert at [rdankert@juno.com](mailto:rdankert@juno.com)

### MEETING INFO -

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February 28th at 7:30 p.m.  
Glendale Community Center

### MEETING DATES FOR 2005

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

### MEETING LOCATION

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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 East Side.