

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

## COLORADO CHAPTER 21 MEETING NOTICE

MAY 2005

### PATEK PHILIPPE HISTORY-

The Company known today as Patek Philippe was founded in Geneva in 1839, by Count Antoine Norbert de Patek and his compatriot Francois Czapek.

The earliest watches were signed Patek, Czapek & Co. Until 1845 when Czapek left the partnership. Several years later the company was joined by French watchmaker, Jean Adrien Philippe, who later became the inventor of their famous stem-winding and hand setting mechanism, a modern and reliable concept.

Among the reasons for their initial success was the high standard of watch making and practicality of Philippe's new stem-winding system. In the early years of partnership. Queen Victoria of England herself was already a client.

The two most complicated watches of all time were made by Patek Philippe. The first, made for Henry Graves Jr. New York, was completed at the beginning of the century, and the second, the Caliber 89, the world's most complicated watch, completed in 1989 (hence the name) to mark the firm's 150th anniversary.

Source: [www.wholesale-jewelers.com](http://www.wholesale-jewelers.com)

### PROGRAM THIS MONTH -

We will view a professionally produced video done by Patek Phillippe from the NAWCC Library entitled: "The Most Complicated Watch In The World." Terry Jones has previewed this twenty minute video and it is truly an engineering wonder. The Calibre 89 Watch was 9 years in the development stage (5 years for R & D and 4 years for manufacture. It has 1,728 components including 184 wheels, 61 bridges, 332 screws, 415 pins, 68 springs, 429 mechanical parts, 126 jewels, 2 main dials, 24 hands, and 8 display dials. Some of the functions it measures include! century leap year correction; sun hand for season, equinox, solstice, and zodiac; stars chart; date of Easter; age and phases of the moon and time of sunset and sunrise.

Come prepared to commit to help with our August Regional. We need your input and ideas for speakers and help with the Chapter Display.

Terry Jones 303-715-1476.

### SHOW & TELL -

Bring any complicated watch or clock.

### 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.

### EMAIL PROBLEMS

Due to email problems this month, the monthly announcement will be sent both via email & postal mail. Thanks for your patience.

Mike Korn

### MEETING DATES FOR 2005

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