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## Next Meeting: Sunday, January 15, 9:00 AM

January Program  
'Atmos Clocks'  
by Mike Dempsey

Show & Tell—Bring Atmos-  
related materials to share

### **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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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you, Danno for your presentation  
on Turkish timepieces.

The NAWCC National Convention will be  
coming to Milwaukee in June of 2014. It  
will be exciting to showcase Milwaukee during this event. We will also be looking for  
volunteers from our chapter to help put on the event. Please see myself or Mike  
Dempsey if you are willing to help.

This month's talk will be given by Mike Dempsey on Atmos clocks. Please bring any  
examples you may have in your collection to share and discuss with others.

I missed November's meeting, so we will discuss the subject of insurance during the  
January meeting. Issue to discuss is:

Recent instances of legal claims made at recent regionals and suitcases classes  
have forced us to consider the need for insurance coverage for the chapter. Join us  
for a discussion session after the January educational program to discuss the need  
and amount of coverage we may want. The national has coordinated insurance cov-  
erage that is available for purchase for chapters.

Mike Paul of Paul Auction Co. has once again graciously volunteered his time for the  
Chapter's annual auction, now in its third year. Because Mike had a previous com-  
mitment on the initially planned date of March 11, we changed the date of the auc-  
tion to March 18. Please update your calendar for this fun event.

Please pay your dues during the January meeting, remember they have been re-  
duced from \$25 to \$20 for 2012.

Thank you,  
Craig White

**Spot a Clock**—Last month's clock can be found at the northwest corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Jackson Street in Milwaukee. 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 January meeting, by the coffee.



### Photos from November 2011 Chapter 47 Meeting and Mart



Two members donated back issues of the *Bulletin* to help others fill in their collections



Don Brown shares a fine Turkish table clock as part of the Show and Tell

### Treasurer's Report

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| October 1, 2011               |                  |
| Opening Balance               | \$2,477.30       |
| Income:                       |                  |
| Dues and Admissions           | \$410.00         |
| Donations                     | <u>\$ 0.00</u>   |
| Total Income                  | \$410.00         |
| Expenses:                     |                  |
| Coffee and Donuts             | (\$67.52)        |
| Hall Rental                   | (43.50)          |
| Other Expenses                | <u>(\$75.34)</u> |
| Total Expenses                | (\$186.36)       |
| Nov. 30, 2011 Closing Balance | \$2,700.94       |

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**



A beautiful grouping of pocket watches with Turkish dials, part of the November education program

## Chapter 47 November Newsletter “Spot a Clock”

Last month’s ‘Spot a Clock’ can be found at the north-west corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Jackson Street in Milwaukee. The Northern Trust Bank Building is located at 526 East Wisconsin Avenue.

The building was designed by the architectural firm Ferry & Clas. The firm designed several well-known Milwaukee buildings, including the Captain Fredrick Pabst mansion, the cathedral tower for St. John the Evangelist Church, and the Central Library Building. The building was designed in the Beaux Arts style, which flourished in the United States between 1885 and 1920. A plaque on the building indicates the building was erected in 1906 and was designated as a city landmark in 1970.

The current clock is a modern electric clock, manufactured by Electric Time Co.,. The presence of a clock in a prominent location such as this suggests an older clock predated the modern movement. However, this is an instance where the building originally did not have a clock. A colored postcard (below) from the Milwaukee Public Library’s collection, from the early period of the building’s history, does not show a clock. A 1959 photograph in the library’s collection also does not depict a clock.



A 1985 photograph (below) from the Wisconsin Historical Society shows a sign on the corner of the building, but no clock. This sign dates back to at least 1975, based on other photographs in the society’s collection



This 1998 photograph (below) from the City of Milwaukee’s property information database shows a new sign, with a clock.



The current clock (below) appears to be a better match for the building’s architecture. A building permit on the City of Milwaukee’s website was filed for a ‘sign-on premises’ in 2000, which may refer to the current clock.



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](mailto:timecraft_wi@yahoo.com).

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|---|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 47 Membership Dues                                   | 1 Year   | \$20.00   |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Card prepaid entry to meetings                          | 1 Year   | \$10.00   | OR \$3 at door      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAWCC Membership Dues<br><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    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  |          |           | *                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad in MENOMONEE VALLEY TIMES                                 | Annually | \$100.00+ |                     |
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