

IT'S ABOUT TIME !



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Time for Everyone: NAWCC Hosts 2013 Symposium

Our 2013 symposium "**Time for Everyone**" is a unique opportunity to learn about the origins, evolution, and future of public time from some of the foremost authorities in many branches of time measurement. This year's program has been designed for a diverse audience and the speakers have been carefully chosen not only for their knowledge, but also for their ability to bring their subjects to life.

The 2013 NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium and Special Exhibition of Spectacular Clocks, Watches, and Sundials

by The Pre-Eminent Master
Thomas Tompion (1639-1713)

California Institute of Technology Pasadena, California
7-9 November 2013

Click to learn more:

www.timeforeveryone.org

I suppose most of us have seen the advance notices for the Time Symposium — BUT have you ever really looked at what is being presented? Have you ever **SE-RIOUSLY** considered attending yourself? **NOW** is your opportunity. Click on the above URL and look over the scheduled presentations, exhibitions, and speaker line-up. There is a day-trip to a lot of interesting things in Santa Barbara, CA., including its spectacular courthouse, including an original 1929 Seth Thomas tower clock, recently restored.

Pasadena should be really nice in November. You should consider attending!

IMPORTANT Meeting Notice

There WILL NOT be a regular meeting in Edmonds in September.

Some of the previous notices have shown a meeting on September 8th, but that is incorrect. There are several reasons for this change. Among them is the fact that the meeting room is not available on that date. So we hope that you will fill your September Watch/Clock “longing” by visiting the Chapter 135 Booth at the Puyallup Fair, or better yet, sign up to staff the booth yourself for one or more of the days. The Fair runs from September 6th to the 22nd.

The next regular meeting in Edmonds will be October 13th, and it is our Annual Auction event. Be thinking of what you can bring to put in the Auction.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The NAWCC National has issued the new list of members who have now reached a milestone point (10 yrs., 20 yrs., etc.). The Chapter 50 members on the list are:

Pat Costello – 20 yrs.

Jim Dorrance – 30 yrs.

If you have already reached one of the year milestones, and are not on the list, don't fret! According to National, these named folks are just reaching that point. You may have already passed it, and will be on the list when you reach the NEXT milestone.

2014 Calendar

Now is your chance to pre-order the 2014 NAWCC calendar. The calendar is produced by California Chapter 190, and contains 15 pictures of scarce-to-rare clocks with complete descriptive material. These clocks are member's private clocks and are of museum quality.

The calendar is a spiral bound 8 1/2" x 11" Desk Calendar, printed on 32 lb. enamel paper with 110 lb. cover stock, in full natural color.

The calendars are priced at only \$10 mailed in the USA, with \$12.00 for Canadian and overseas mailing.

Here are a couple sample pages:

SAMPLE PAGE

THE 2014 NAWCC CALENDAR

Clocks from the Members of Chapter 190

Parisian Clockmaker
Henri Robert
1795 - 1874

*A Rare
Astronomical Longcase
Regulator
with
Equation of Time
and Observatory Strike*

SEE FIRST CLOCK PAGE



FROM THE MIND OF MAN... *Our Guardians of Time*

Monthly Planner

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January 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | New Year's Day 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

The full description and order form is included in the PDF that you can get by clicking on this link: [2014 Calendar Brochure](#) .

In case the link does not work for you, I'm going to attach the PDF also to the newsletter when it is sent. For those without computer access, I will included the order form as the last page of this newsletter

Dates to remember

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| Sept. | NOTE: There will be <u>NO REGULAR MEETING</u> in September. (Chapter 135 is having a booth at the Puyallup Fair —9/6—22) | |
| Oct. 13th | Chapter 50 Regular Meeting, Edmonds (Auction meeting) | |
| Nov. 10th | Chapter 50 Regular Meeting, Edmonds (Election meeting) | |
| Dec. 8th | TENTATIVE — Joint Ch.50 & 135 Christmas meeting. | |
| 2014 | May 15-17 | 2014 Regional, Murano Hotel, Tacoma, WA |

Wait A Second, And What Else To Do With It

By: **Scott Simon**

Let me take a second here.
Not very long, was it?

But a second tied up delegates to the UN's International Telecommunication Union, who postponed a decision this week on whether to abolish the extra second that's added to clocks every few years to compensate for the earth's natural doddering.

The earth slows down slightly as we spin through space. No one falls off, but earthquakes and tides routinely slow the earth by a fraction of a fraction of a second, which makes clocks minutely wrong. If not corrected, it could make a minute of difference a century.

So every few years, official clocks around the world repeat a second. The last "leap second," as it's called, was added at the end of 2008.

Ah, I remember it well.

The UN agency has been talking about abolishing the leap second for eight years. If you ever wonder why the UN can seem so slow to act in a crisis, consider the time they've had just deciding what to do about a second. But the implications are astronomical.

For centuries time was figured by the rotation of the earth. But atomic clocks keep time by the movement of electrons in atoms.

The U.S., France and Japan consider the leap second to be a nuisance, like having to reset the clocks on the alarm and microwave twice a year, especially when power grids and global positioning systems rely on millisecond timing.

Physicist Włodzimierz Lewandowski asked the panel, "Does it make sense to ... use an imperfect clock based on a wobbly planet?" Don't be offended, Earthlings.

But China, Canada, Britain and some astronomers think that if we move solely to atomic time, we may lose sight of the ways our days are linked to the sun and stars. We might lose sight of our place in the universe.

The United Kingdom is strongly opposed to coming up with a new conception of time, without good reason," said British physicist Peter Whibberley.

The UN won't take up the issue for another three years, so another leap second is scheduled for June 30.

How will you use your extra second?

It's not enough time to learn Latin, climb Kilimanjaro or read Ulysses. But maybe just enough to remind us that our time goes by in the blink of an eye: We should cherish every fleeting second.



Every few years, official clocks around the world repeat a second. It's not much, but in an age of atomic clocks, it's time enough to give the matter a second thought.

Uwe Merkel/iStockphoto.com

Order Form for 2014 NAWCC Calendar

Please print this Order Form on your computer printer:

The 2014 NAWCC Calendar featuring clocks from Chapter 190 are scarce-to-rare...the clocks in this plastic bound 8-1/2"x11" Desk Calendar are seldom seen outside of Horological Museums. Each page with full description is in beautiful color. Chapter 190 is "Chapter of the Year."

Send orders for this beautiful 2014 NAWCC Desk Calendar to:

Daniel M. Weiss
1707 Napfle Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19111

\$10.00 each for USA postage...with overseas postage \$12.00, make checks, PayPal or money orders or cash to: NAWCC Inc.

The NAWCC Gift Store will feature the 2014 Calendar at a future date on their web site. (If cash, send it double wrapped in a sheet paper.)

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Enclosed my check, money order or cash in the sum of \$.....

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