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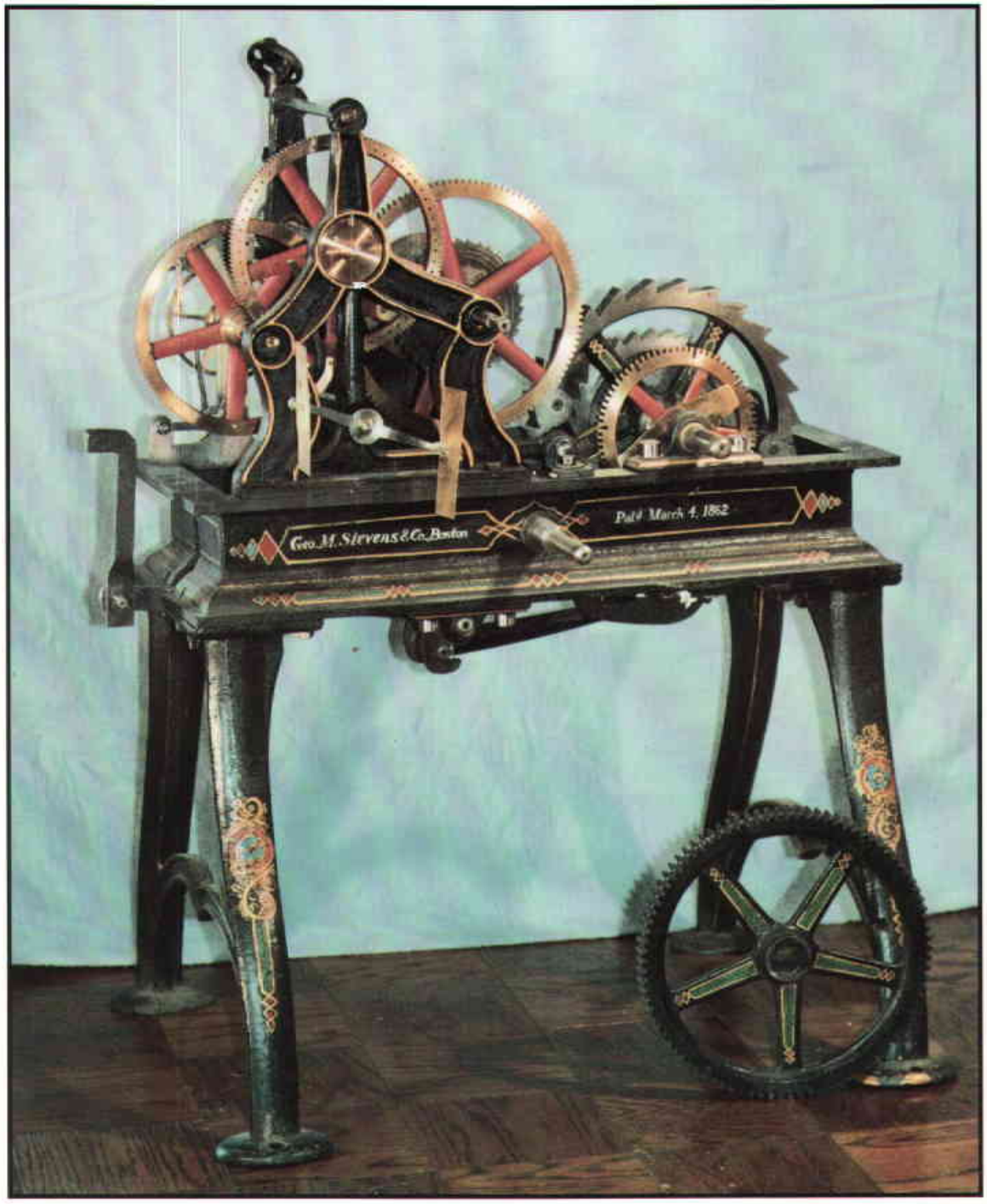

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Just in Time

Because of some recent phone calls and letters I have received, it occurs to me that many members do not quite understand how the BULLETIN is assembled. I mean, how its content is determined, and which articles and features are selected. Disgruntled watch aficionados accuse us of being the "National Association of Clock Collectors." Just where are those articles and features about watches, and why aren't there more articles about wristwatches, both contemporary and vintage?

I do not shrug off these kinds of complaints. Each letter and phone call gives me the opportunity to explain that I would be eternally grateful and editorially elated to publish articles about pocket watches or wristwatches *if I had them to publish!*

Our Editorial Committee Chairman, Eugene Fuller, has been one of the most important forces behind the publishing of some of our best watch articles in the past two years. We continue to receive material from those he is encouraging. But if we wish to strike a balance of watch and clock articles in *each* issue of the BULLETIN, we need to continually receive good, well-researched watch articles.

Those who want to see more watch articles can help by 1) writing an article themselves, 2) encouraging fellow members who are knowledgeable about watches or who are doing original research to write an article and submit to the BULLETIN, and 3) being alert to other publications which feature watch articles. We often reprint articles (with permission) or work with the author to adapt his or her article for the BULLETIN. In addition, we may be able to assist if an article needs, or could be enhanced by, the professional services of a graphic or technical artist. Let me know!

I look forward to hearing from our watch folk, and welcome their input. I particularly look forward to receiving more watch articles. Let's make the BULLETIN the absolute best of its kind, and that can only be accomplished if we represent both watches and clocks in its pages.

Kathy I. Everett

ABOUT THE COVERS

On the front cover, tower clock No. 22 of George M. Stevens & Co., Boston, Massachusetts. This is the last of a series of early Stevens clocks featuring the "Stevens' Detached Remontoir," which included a fly governor on the escapement rewind system. No. 22 was first installed in 1868 as a town clock striking on a Revere bell in the steeple of the Unitarian Church, Keene, New Hampshire. When the church was demolished in 1894, the clock was moved to the tower of the Unitarian Church in Dublin, New Hampshire, where it served until 1947, before passing into private hands. See page 131 for Fred Shelley's article about George M. Stevens tower clocks.

On the back cover, a gold open-faced pocket chronometer signed, "Barwise London No. 5445," with a gilt full-plate movement, Earnshaw-type spring detent escapement, bi-metallic compensation balance, and a helical free-sprung steel hairspring. The 18K gold case is hallmarked 1812 with serial number 5445. Athough signed Barwise, this watch was most likely made by Robert Pennington. The balance is of his unique design and the construction of the detent is typical of Pennington's style. See page 166 for Craig Risch's article on the John Barwise complicated watch, #9543.

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The President's Message

Dear Friends,

Bylaw Amendment Passes: Strengthening Our Purpose

In the October 1993 issue of the BULLETIN, a ballot was presented to the NAWCC membership for a new bylaw. The NAWCC Council proposed the bylaw to help ensure the long-term status of the NAWCC as a non-profit organization whose success and strength come from the extensive efforts of volunteers. I am pleased to report that the new bylaw passed by an overwhelming majority. (See page 86 of the February 1994 BULLETIN for the results of the election.)

The purpose of the NAWCC, as established in Article II of the Constitution, is to stimulate interest in all kinds of timepieces and to focus our activities on the collection of both the timepieces themselves and all aspects of knowledge associated with them. This purpose has been successfully achieved over the past 50 years because so many have donated vast quantities of their most valuable resource to the NAWCC—the *time* those "timekeepers" were designed to "keep."

International Year of the NAWCC

The tremendously successful 13th Annual NAWCC Seminar, the Longitude Symposium, is now history. It was a gala international event with delegates from 17 nations. The Seminar was the first of four major NAWCC activities which ushered in the "Great International Year of the NAWCC." The February 1994 National Convention, organized and billed as "International," has set a new milestone in terms of international participation. Two firsts will also occur in the NAWCC international arena in 1994. The first overseas Regional is scheduled in Sydney, Australia, October 20–22; and the first Seminar to be held on foreign soil is scheduled for Toronto, October 27–30.

These four events add new dimensions to the NAWCC. The Great International Year of the NAWCC will be enjoyed by many because of the dedication of those volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Sincerely,

James H. Coulson

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 7-9, 1994 (Joseph R. Katra, Jr.)
Memphis Annual. Host—King Cotton, #48. Co-host—Society of Military Horologists, #143. Adams Mark Hotel, Memphis, TN

April 15-16, 1994 (James H. Coulson)
Southern Ohio Regional. Host—Buckeye, #23. Drawbridge Inn and Convention Ctr., Ft. Mitchell, KY

April 21-24, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
Great Southwestern Regional. Host—Southwestern, #15. Co-hosts—ARK-LA-TEX, #45; Arkansas Razorback, #62. Sheraton Crown, Intercont. Airport, Houston, TX

April 28-30, 1994 (David L. Morgan)
Southwest California Regional. Host—San Diego County, #59. Co-host—Palomar, #136. Scottish Rite Center, San Diego, CA

May 5-7, 1994 (James H. Coulson)
Pacific Northwest Regional. Host—Pacific Northwest, #31. Co-hosts—Puget Sound, #50; Inland Empire, #53; British Columbia, #121; Mt. Rainier, #135. Monarch Motel Hotel, Clackamas, OR

May 12-13 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
Southern Regional. Host—Magnolia, #41. Co-hosts—Creole, #43; Pelican State, #128. Ramada Inn-Coliseum, Jackson, MS

May 20-21, 1994 (David L. Morgan)
River Cities Regional. Host—Great Plains, #58. Co-hosts—Heart of America, #36; Mid-Missouri, #51. Holiday Convention Ctr./Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, NE

May 27-29, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
St. Louis Regional. Host—St. Louis MO, #14. Co-host—Little Egypt, #77. Stouffers Concourse Hotel, St. Louis, MO

June 17-18, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
MKOA Regional. Host—Sooner Time Collectors, #74. Co-hosts—Cherokee, #30; Ozark, #57; Sunflower Clock Watchers, #63. Radisson Inn, Oklahoma City, OK

July 22-23, 1994 (David L. Morgan)
Kentucky Bluegrass Regional. Host—Kentucky Bluegrass, #35. Co-host—Kentucky Thoroughbreds, #140. Holiday Inn, Louisville, KY

July 28-30, 1994 (James H. Coulson)
Mid-West Regional. Host—Chicagoland, #3. Co-hosts—Menomonee Valley, #47; Central Illinois, #66; Midwest Electric Horology Group, #125. Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, IL

August 6-7, 1994 (Joseph R. Katra, Jr.)
Rocky Mountain Regional. Host—Colorado, #21. Co-host—Colorado Centennial, #100. Holiday Inn I70, Denver, CO

August 11-13, 1994 (Paul V. Heffner)
All Texas Chapters. Host—San Jacinto, #139. Co-hosts—Southwestern, #15; Five State Collectors, #80; Rio Grande, #117; Lone Star, #124. J.W. Marriott, Houston, TX

August 19-20, 1994 (James H. Coulson)
Eastern States Regional. Host—Central New York, #55. Co-hosts—Western New York, #13; Toronto, #33. Sheraton Inn Syracuse, Liverpool, NY

September 2-4, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
Mid-South Regional. Host—Dixie, #16. Co-hosts—Atlanta, #24; Tennessee Valley, #42; Alabama, #54; Rocket City Regulators, #61. Chattanooga Marriott, Chattanooga, TN

September 9-10, 1994 (Joseph R. Katra, Jr.)
Great Lakes Regional. Host—Great Lakes, #6. Co-hosts—Maumee Valley, #38; Saginaw Valley, #67. Hyatt Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

September 30-October 1, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
Free State Regional. Host—Free State, #141. Co-hosts—Maryland, #11; Washington DC, #12. Holiday Inn, Frederick, MD

October 6-8, 1994 (Paul V. Heffner)
Five State Collectors. Host—Five State Collectors, #80. Co-hosts—Southwestern, #15; New Mexico Zia Sundials, #106; Rio Grande, #117; Lone Star, #124; San Jacinto, #139. Holiday Inn Civic Ctr., Lubbock, TX

October 14-16, 1994 (Paul V. Heffner)
Mid-America Regional. Host—George E. Lee Michiana, #26. Co-host—Indiana, #18. Hilton Inn Downtown, Ft. Wayne, IN

October 20-22, 1994 (James H. Coulson)
First Australian Regional. Host—First Australian, #72. Co-hosts—First Queensland, #104; Melbourne, #122. Gazebo Hotel & Conference Ctr., Parramatta NSW Australia

November 4-6, 1994 (Arthur Bjornestad)
Arkansas Razorback Regional. Host—Arkansas Razorback, #62. Co-hosts—Southwestern, #15; ARK-LA-TEX, #45. Hot Springs Hilton, Hot Springs, AR

January 13-14, 1995
Kentucky Thoroughbred Regional. Host—Kentucky Thoroughbreds, #140. Holiday Inn-Lexington North, Lexington, KY

February 1-5, 1995
Florida Regional. Host—Palm Beaches of Florida, #99. Co-host—Florida Gold Coast, #60. Twin Towers Hotel and Convention Ctr., Orlando, FL

February 10-11, 1995
Greater Los Angeles Regional. Host—San Fernando Valley, #75. Co-host—Western Electrics, #133. Pasadena Convention Ctr., Pasadena, CA

March 2-4, 1995
Lone Star Regional. Host—Lone Star, #124. Co-hosts—Southwestern, #15; Five State Collectors, #80; Rio Grande, #117; San Jacinto, #139. Arlington Convention Ctr., Arlington, TX

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