

73rd NAWCC National Convention

I had the privilege and honor to visit the 73rd NAWCC National Convention on June 28–July 1, 2017, in Arlington, TX. I am a designer and architect by profession, but I passionately give a lot of time—for 25 years now—to anything having to do with antique pocket watches, clocks, and horology in general. Although I have been a member of the NAWCC since May 2009, the distance of 11,000 kilometers from Cyprus to the United States was a negative factor, but finally, I had the opportunity to make the long transatlantic journey.

It was a spectacular and overwhelming experience! So many clocks, watches, watch and clock materials, books and historical items, together with the horological information given from the experts at the Convention, made me realize what I was missing all these years!

I was also invited to the Donors Reception, where I had the honor and pleasure to meet the then NAWCC Executive Director Steve Humphrey, with whom I had an interesting and enlightening conversation about the activities and future plans and events of the NAWCC. Although he had many executives, donors, and members to talk with, he took the time to explain to me, as a first time

Convention visitor, everything about the NAWCC history and plans. I also had a brief but interesting conversation with the incoming Executive Director Tom Wilcox.

All the people at the reception that I met with welcomed me and talked to me very friendly and openly, like they had known me for years! Great feeling indeed!

I was also given the great opportunity to have a personal off-time private tour of the *Remarkable Clocks of Joseph Ives* exhibit by one of the NAWCC Executives, who gave me a lot of detailed and important information about this great American clockmaker.

It has been a real pleasure and an unforgettable experience being among all these people who love clocks and watches, sharing knowledge and experiences.

Looking forward, God willing first, to be able to visit next year's Convention in York, PA. Would not like to miss that one! See you all there!

*All the best,
David Shiakallis (Cyprus)*

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Research Request for Assistance

I, Paul Henion (MI), am currently gathering information and research for a *Bulletin* article on how “engraved images” were used for the production of clock tablets from 1840 to 1870. The intent of the article will be to explore how engraved images were produced, what companies produced them, the ties between these companies and the clock industry, and a review of the tablets themselves. I am seeking high-resolution images of clocks that contain these type of tablets (see accompanying figures on the following page for examples) to create as large a database for this as possible. I am also looking for any other relevant information. Any photos or information would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to the following: Paul Henion, 3071 Riverwood Hts., Port Huron, MI 48060. Email: prh0213@yahoo.com. Phone: 810.824.0645.

