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### **The NAWCC Symposium on Ohio Horology, October 20-22 2011**



The Cincinnati Airport Marriott --  
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This event features nine speakers,  
an exhibit of Ohio Clocks and  
Watches, and a reception at the  
American Watchmakers-  
Clockmakers Institute.

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### **Famous Texas Clock Tower Repaired**



The clock tower of a historic 1895 Texas courthouse has been stripped to its steel skeleton as construction crews restore the deteriorating top hat of Fort Worth's most distinctive building. The 1940s-era clock, which will be in a protective box until the dome is re-covered, will keep on ticking rather than be replaced with a digital mechanism and will still require manual resetting when

Dear NAWCC Member,

This month we examine record-setting accuracy and award-winning designers, a beautiful clock made of flowers, a new approach to the traditional sundial, and a classic cartoon with a horological theme.

Enjoy!

### **BRITISH ATOMIC CLOCK IS WORLD'S MOST ACCURATE TIMEPIECE**



Photo: NPL, BBC News

An atomic caesium fountain clock housed at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) southwest of London maintains the best long-term accuracy of any timepiece in the world, according to new research. A record of the clock's performance (soon to be published in the journal *Metrologia*), reveals that it is nearly twice as accurate as previously thought; it loses or gains less than a second over 138 million years.

### **U.S. Postal Service Honors Designer Gilbert Rohde with Forever Stamp**

daylight saving time begins and ends.

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### MAARTEN BAAS ART DISPLAYS "REAL TIME" IN RIJKSMUSEUM, AMSTERDAM



An amazing artistic representation of a tallcase clock, this uncanny video presentation uses a circular video screen to create the illusion that a trapped inhabitant endlessly draws minute and hours hands on the glass clock dial from within.

[View "Real Time"](#)



### SHOULD WE DECOUPLE TIMEKEEPING FROM THE EARTH'S ROTATION?

Universal Time, the conventional measure of Earth rotation and astronomical time of day, is the traditional basis for civil timekeeping worldwide.

Since 1972, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) has been a broadcast convention using uniform atomic seconds so that civil clocks remain synchronized with Universal Time of day to better than one second. A proposal to drastically redefine UTC is scheduled for a vote by the **Radiocommunication Assembly of the ITU-R** in January 2012. The proposal will halt the contribution of so-called leap seconds to UTC after 2017 and will also terminate the requirement that time services transmit the difference between UT1 (the principal form of Universal Time) and UTC.

*A Colloquium Exploring Implications of redefining UTC in Astrodynamics, Astronomy,*

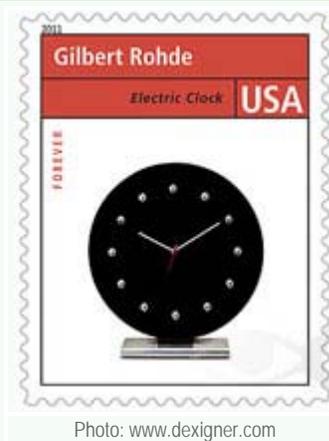


Photo: [www.designer.com](http://www.designer.com)

The U.S Postal Service has dedicated a stamp to industrial designer Gilbert Rohde as part of the new *Pioneers of American Industrial Design* series. The Gilbert Rohde stamp features a clock Rohde designed for the Herman Miller Clock Company in 1933.

Rohde (1894-1944) was one of the most influential and innovative furniture designers in the United States. Rohde's emphasis on compact, functional, and affordable pieces for both home and office made him a pioneer of American design and a dominant force following World War II.



Photo: [HKTDC.com](http://HKTDC.com)

### WATCH & CLOCK DESIGN WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT HONG KONG TIMEPIECE FAIR

A pocket watch that also wraps around the wearer's wrist and a wristwatch that uses a world map to help keep track of multiple time zones have earned top honors at the latest Hong Kong Watch and Clock Design Competition. The Competition winners will be displayed at the September HKTDC Hong Kong Watch & Clock Fair, the world's largest timepiece event. More than 700 exhibitors from 12 countries and regions are expected for this event at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

The Fair features more than 25 special activities, including cocktail receptions, conferences, lucky draws, public seminars, and product launch events. Representatives from global watch associations will discuss the state of the industry at the Hong Kong International Watch Forum, and the Asian Watch Conference will feature insights by award-winning international designers.

Visit the Fair Website at: [www.hktdc.com/hkwatchfair](http://www.hktdc.com/hkwatchfair).

*Geodesy, Navigation, Remote Sensing and Related Fields* will be held at the headquarters of Analytical Graphics, Inc., Exton, PA, October 5-6, 2011. For further information, please visit:

[futureofwtc.com](http://futureofwtc.com)



### WHEN TOWER CLOCKS FIGHT BACK!

In the linked film clip, silent screen comic Harold Lloyd famously dangles from the dial of a tower clock several stories above a busy city street.

[Watch the film clip](#)

### BRISTOL CLOCK MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The American Clock & Watch Museum is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Jennifer Carroll as the new Museum Executive Director. Ms. Carroll was formerly the Executive Director of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society in Laconia, New Hampshire, and has over 15 years of experience in the history museum environment. Prior to her accepting the position in Laconia, Jenna was the Curator of Collections at the Canterbury Shaker Village. She has also served as Collections Manager at the Saco (Maine) Museum/Dyer Library.



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Photo: Isle of Wight County Press.

### EDINBURGH'S WORKING FLORAL CLOCK STAR OF BRITISH GARDENING EVENT

Edinburgh's floral clock in Princes Street Gardens kicked off the city's bid for this year's Britain in Bloom competition. More than 30,000 plants, including golden pyrethum, trailing lobelia, and a wide range of other flowers, are cultivated by the staff of the Inch Nursery to create this eye-catching clock.

The clock, on display from July until October each year, takes two men five weeks to complete, followed by months of painstaking weeding and maintenance.

The floral clock has a pedigree dating back more than 100 years and is regarded as a symbol of civic pride and an annual highlight of the city's gardens.



TV science host Bill Nye poses beside the new Solar Clock Dial.  
Photo: Cornell.edu

### BILL NYE PRESENTS NEW CLOCK TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Celebrity television host Bill Nye, "the Science Guy" and an alumnus of Cornell University, has donated a "solar noon indicator" (his own invention) for the use of Cornell University.

The device demonstrates the difference between local standard-time noon and solar noon, when the sun reaches its actual zenith (highest point) in the sky.

It will be installed atop Rhodes Hall on the university campus, filling a 10-foot-diameter sconce originally intended by the building's architects to house a large, outdoor clock. Nye gave a public lecture on the project and the clock's features on August 27.

Nye worked with faculty, students and administrators to bring the project to fruition and calls the final result "an elegant design that combines the science, technology and history of timekeeping in a way that is consistent with the style and mission of Rhodes Hall, as well as with the [university's] broader educational and technological heritage."

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**ANIMATION**

**THE CLOCK CLEANERS:**

**CLASSIC DISNEY CARTOON POKES FUN  
AT THE LIGHTER SIDE OF HOROLOGY**



Mickey cleans the dial. Photo: Walt Disney Studios.

**The Clock Cleaners** is a classic cartoon short released in 1937 by Walt Disney Studios. It depicts the adventures of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy--workers assigned to clean a clock tower and service the mechanism of the clock itself. Among the "complications" that ensue: Mickey fights a sleeping stork that doesn't want to leave, Donald gets tangled up when the mainspring proves more resilient than expected, and Goofy finds himself embroiled in a shadow-fight against the rotating bronze figures that ring the giant bell.

This Technicolor cartoon has been voted no. 27 of the 50 Greatest Cartoons of all time by members of the animation field.

Director: Ben Sharpsteen.

Producer: John Sutherland.

Executive Producer: Walt Disney.

Animators: Bill Roberts, Al Eugster, Chuck Couch (Stork), Wolfgang "Woolie" Reitherman.

Voices:

Mickey Mouse - Walt Disney

Donald Duck - Clarence 'Ducky' Nash

Goofy - Pinto Colvig

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