

13 Clocks (ISBN 9781590172759)

Once upon a time, in a circus wagon on a dusty desert, there were thirteen clocks that wouldn't go... So I set out to count and see, were there really?

In the bunk room cum TV lounge library, wrapped around the reading light is found a wrist watch left behind from a long ago erstwhile grandson; I use that one mostly to find the date for entries in my journal.



The display of the Satellite Receiver has a clock I can see when I wake from sleeping on my left side; on the bulkhead, above the thermostat, is a

clock for when I wake on my right side. Then there is the clock in the telly. Four so far.



In the galley, my wind-up microwave does NOT have a clock, and just as well since the power is off most of the time so a clock there would never be correct. Or always require setting. However the First Class Dining Area makes up for that. On the bulkhead above the captain's seat is a 24-hour clock set to GMT; on the table, behind [The Boy With Thorn](#), is an 8-day-wind aircraft clock, set to local breakfast time, that is almost always fast (except when it is slow); above that is a

shortwave radio that is usually set to receive WWV from Boulder Colorado. Hanging from the window frame is a fine wind-up Timex with a sterling silver and turquoise wrist band. That's four more.

Moving further forward: In the Ham Shack is another radio that can receive time signals; a Nikon camera and a laptop (RTTY), both with clocks. Across to the starboard side is the MikeMachine and the BettyBox—two more computers with clocks. Under the table is a scale with a clock and a day pack containing a watch and a GPS. Ei8ht more clocks.



On the bridge: There is a Aircraft Clock comprising one timebase but three clocks: GMT, AZT, NMT. Then there is a watch hanging on the Low Air Alarum Flag set to Central Time; the broadcast radio with its clock set to Eastern Time; another GPS and three cell phones each displaying Local Time; and the navigation computer with the last clock. Ten more? Oh, wait, there is also the GPS connected to the APRS reporter. So, eleven. [7th Jan...Mike wrote to remind me there are clocks in the two thermometer remote readouts. So, $11+2=13$. Thanks Mike]

Twenty-nine clocks in the length of 36 feet. And that's not counting four more clocks in TinyTruck. Yet with all those clocks I seem to have never enough time. Somebody check my math?