



Meeting minutes, Nov. 5, 2004

All The Time In The World

Our November meeting was called to order by President Charles Register at 8:03 pm.

We welcomed our guests, Ed Lackey who also became a new member, and Maureen and Timothy Turnbaugh who are the grandchildren of Bob and Coralee Linkenhoker.

Some upcoming dates to remember are:

- November 21 - Chapter 4's 22nd Annual Merrimart at the Bellflower Masonic Lodge from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- December 5 - Chapter 130's Mini-Mart at the Masonic Lodge in Sun City from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
- February 4 and 5 - The Greater Los Angeles Regional at the Pasadena Center

We also heard that Bud Saiben is in a convalescent home. You can send well wishes and get updates through Pat.

Last month's minutes were voted on and approved by the attending membership.

We did not have a Beginner's Corner this month in lieu of approving our slate of officers.

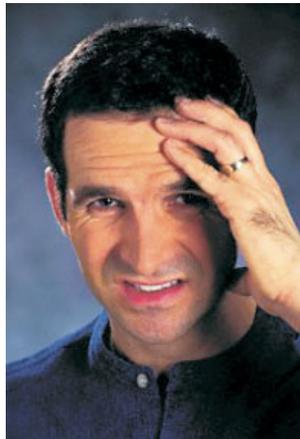
Those willing to return to their offices for another year are Charles Register as President, Jana Smith as Secretary, and Julie Stevens as Treasurer.

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This month

Yuk! Eeew! Blecchh!

No, these expletives have nothing to do with the yummy treats we'll be having at our annual Holiday Party this Friday. It's the return of "The Ugly Clock and Watch Contest"!



We want everyone to bring their most beat-up, abused, hideously designed, or just downright ugly timepiece to this month's meeting. We'll want to know how you acquired such a monstrosity (and why you've kept it around), and everyone will vote on which is the most shockingly awful watch and yecchh-ful clock. The winners will receive (appropriately enough) consolation prizes! This should be lots of fun for everyone, but only if you all participate. Set that repulsive timepiece aside now!

Of course our regular holiday traditions will continue. We'll have

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Message from the Vice-president

Thankful

Looking forward to the year-end festivities and having just partaken in our national day of Thanksgiving, I think it's appropriate to reflect on what we in Chapter 69 have to be thankful for.

It's been an eventful year at the chapter. We've modified the by-laws to streamline and modernize our operation. We've changed our liability insurance provider to save the chapter hundreds of dollars each year. We've moved from the Ebell Club to the Masonic Lodge, another important, although sentimentally difficult, cost-saving move. We should all be thankful for the volunteers among us who make these things happen, and make it possible for Chapter 69 to continue and thrive.

We have some individual members who are thankful, too. Bud Saiben is recovering in a nursing facility from a difficult illness. Likewise, Don Buster is convalescing comfortably at home after a recent hospitalization. We wish them quick recoveries.

Currently in the hospital, but probably most thankful of all is our President, Charles Register. Many of you have known that Charles has been on a waiting list for a kidney transplant, and has been undergoing dialysis treatments several times a week (including Fridays, the days of our meetings). Well, on the day after

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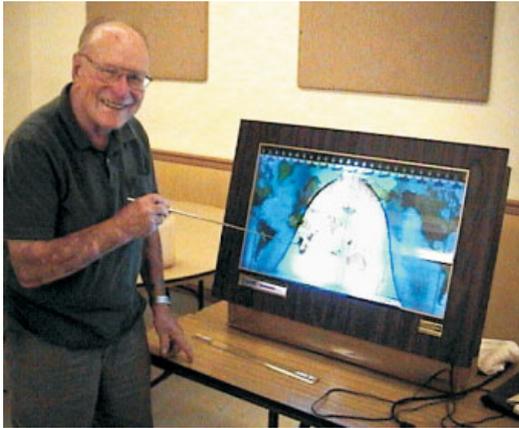
Continuing on the board for a second year are Doug Adams, Annette DiMino and Dean Armentrout.

Members who are willing to serve on the board for the coming year are Dennis Woodson, Coralee Linkenhoker, Bob Linkenhoker and Dave Weisbart.

A motion was made to accept all of the above listed individuals for their respective positions. The motion was seconded and voted on. All of the members listed were voted in.

A call was put out for a new Vice President. We currently do not have anyone to fill this office. One of the primary responsibilities of the Vice President is to arrange the monthly presentations. If you attend meetings of other chapters, you probably see many presentations and videos that we may be interested in, and this would make you a great V.P.! Please consider taking on this office...we need you!

Carl Carlson gave this month's presentation on the Geochron clock.



Carl says that the first Geochron he saw up close and personal was at NAWCC Headquarters. From the time he first saw the Geochron, he wanted to have one. He was finally able to purchase one and he shared it with us! The Geochron is a truly unique timepiece. It indicates where the sun is shining at any given moment with the illuminated pattern on the map. The left edge marks the moment of sunrise while the right marks the sunset.

The map moves 1 inch an hour. Noon is always at the center of the map. The map is what moves, not the illuminated area. The clock also has a calendar. It's lighted by fluorescent tubes. A stem is pulled to set it.

The map is a Mercator projection map. On such a projection, there is distortion. The distortion gets greater and greater as you move further away from the equator.

On Carl's Geochron there is no adjustment for daylight savings, you simply reset the time on the clock. The curves that show up on the illuminated areas indicate sun position. The positions change throughout the year.

Thank you Carl, for a really interesting look at a fascinating timepiece.



This month's show and tell was the letter "F"

John Clark brought in a beautiful statue by Ansonia. He found "The Falconeer" at the Del Mar show three years ago.

Stan Klonek shared a selection of fusee watches. One of them was even in a pair case similar to the one

we saw in last month's video. These watches are lovely!

Bernie Peralta brought in a French made watch. He hasn't been able to pin down the maker.

Roy Irick showed us an Atmos Clock.

This beautiful clock was probably made around 1950-1960. So

what's the "F"? Take a good look at the marble on this clock...it's not really marble, it's faux! It's really painted brass. The fancy beaded border appears to be plastic!



Bob Selene brought in a Fine South Bend watch called The Studebaker (opposite page).

Dick Pridham shared an unusual clock that he would have liked to have called a "fine European clock" except that it was made in Taiwan!

The Door Prizes for this month were won by Ed Athey, Aurelle Newall, Darald Kliem, Linda Baker and Jan Duwe.

This month's board meeting will be at the home of Dennis "Woody" Woodson.

Don't forget, if you bring in a plate of holiday goodies next month, you get in free!

Our meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jana Smith, Secretary

Thankful *(cont.)*

Thanksgiving, Charles got the call that so many transplant candidates yearn for, a kidney that matched his blood type had become available. Charles is now recovering from his successful transplant surgery in UCLA Medical Center. We all wish him a speedy healing process and look forward to seeing him at the directors' installation ceremony in January.

On a personal note, I'm thankful for the support from all my friends in the chapter and from my loved ones in my new clock repair business. I could not have done it without them.

So now we look forward to enjoying the company of family and friends at this festive time of year, and we start thinking about the year to come. I sincerely hope that each and every one of you can join us at our first holiday party in our new home, and on behalf of the officers and directors of Chapter 69, I hope that the rest of your holidays are filled with all the love and joy of the season.

— Dave Weisbart

This Month *(cont.)*

our famous 50-50 raffle, and everyone who brings a tray of holiday goodies to share will get free admission at the door. Our pre-meeting mart will be a great place to find holiday gifts for your favorite horologists. And as always, we'll be giving away a lot of fine door prizes.

The Garden Grove Masonic Lodge is the place to be this Friday for holiday festivities and lots of fun. See you there!

Orange Crush Traffic Report

There's an event that starts at 7:00 at Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim. Their doors open at 6:00. There may be some residual slowing through the Orange Crush. Be prepared to take surface street alternates in case of congestion (Southbound, Chapman Ave.; Northbound, 17th St.). Angel Stadium is dark.



From the NAWCC Museum Web Site



**Tower Clocks, c.1888
E. Howard Clock Company
Boston, Massachusetts**

The E. Howard Company manufactured their No.2 tower clock in two models. The *Striker* was designed for clocks with seven-foot dials and bells weighing 2,500 pounds. The other, called the *Special*, was designed for clocks that had eight-foot dials and 3,500 pound bells.

This particular example of the No.2 *Striker* is fitted with the optional Dennison double three-legged gravity escapement and half-hour strike. The original pendulum and bob have been replaced with a shorter version to permit operating the movement in its current display.

This clock was originally installed in the Eddington Industrial School, Eddington, Pennsylvania in 1888. The list price for this four-dial movement in the 1890 Howard Tower Clock catalog was \$775.00

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**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

*The National
ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
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Orange County Chapter No. 69
c/o Dean Armentrout
332 Forest Avenue, Suite 6
Laguna Beach CA 92651



Our Next Meeting: December 3, 2004

Program:

**HOLIDAY PARTY!
"The Ugly Clock &
Watch Contest!"**

(See page 1 for details)

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month due to Holiday Party!

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "G"
or Holiday-themed timepieces

Board Meeting:

No Board Meeting This Month

**FREE ADMISSION WITH A PLATE
OF HOLIDAY GOODIES!**

Time: 7:00 – Doors open
8:00 – General Meeting

Admission: \$4.00 – General
\$6.00 – Couples

Location: Acacia Grove Masonic Lodge
11270 Acacia Parkway
(in the Civic Center)
Garden Grove, CA

