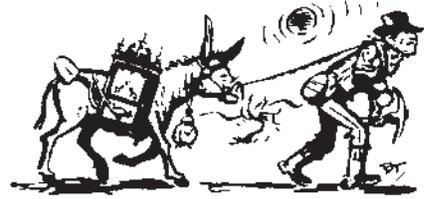


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, Dec. 6, 2002

Fun and Fortune

President Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. There were six guests; Garret Graves, Shirley Keller, Jerilyn Wood, Dave Christensen, David Smith, and Jeanne Smith.

Announcements of upcoming events were for the L. A. Regional on Feb 21st and 22nd, 2003, Inland Counties Minimart April 5, 2003, and the NAWCC National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina July 2 thru 6, 2003. Our very own mini mart will be held in May. The day has not been determined yet.



Les, Charles and Christopher ponder a "Gear of Fortune" puzzler

Two of our members have been in the hospital and we wish the very best to Bud Saiben, and Wayne Preston. All hope they will up and about very soon.

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This month's program

Hamilton Wristwatches

This month, Mark C will present a program on "Hamilton and their Wristwatches." Since I've been with the chapter, this is the first live Hamilton program I've seen. (When I attended the Headquarters Chapter meeting in Columbia, if you weren't talking about Hamilton, which was headquartered in nearby Lancaster, PA, nobody paid attention to you!)

Hamilton had a fascinating history and produced many memorable and highly collectable

watches. It's sure to be a very interesting and informative program.

Spade drills are useful for many applications, and it's easy to make them yourself. Tony Baker will show us how in his Beginner's Corner.

— D.W.

Message from the President

Mart Madness

The pre-meeting mart at the December meeting was very busy! It looked like every table was taken up with a vendor, even though I'd be surprised if very much "holiday shopping" was taking place.



Everybody likes to see a busy, active mart, whether it's at a chapter meeting, a mini-mart, or a regional. And while the Internet has certainly encroached on mart business everywhere, I think it's useful to remember the advantages of buying at a mart:

- The most obvious is being able to handle and closely inspect the item. Unless you have a scrupulous seller on the Internet, you'll almost always have some condition surprises when you open the package.
- Sometimes those condition problems are inflicted by the shipping company! When you buy at a mart, you take the item with you and are in control of its handling.
- It's much easier and more immediate to ask for information on the item from the seller. You can even snag a fellow chapter

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Dave presented a \$50.00 Christmas gift to James, the Ebell Club caretaker, for all his hard work and helpfulness through out this past year.

Ray Marsolek will be having another class on clock bushing after the New Year. The date is undetermined as yet, but will be in February or March.

Our program for the evening was Dave Weisbart's "Gear of Fortune." Our own Julie Stevens made a grand "Vanna White." The contestants did a good job, with some help from the audience. Les Lesovsky won a bottle of Baileys Irish Cream, Charles Register a box of chocolates, and Christopher Mabry a bottle of wine.

Pat Saiben and Phyllis Adams did a grand job on the 50/50 drawing. \$100 in tickets was sold and as usual half went to the club treasury and the other half was split into



Pat Saiben donned the "Ho Ho Hat" in Bud's absence



A table full of goodies. Yum!

two equal parts and tickets drawn for them. Your secretary was having such a good time she failed to note who the winners were. Only one item was on the Show and Tell. It was a clock that Bud Saiben had worked on for the Tustin Museum. Larry Squires (on the left, with Jay McAlister) presented it to the meeting in Bud's absence. It was a schoolhouse clock date coded G881B (ask Larry to decode this for you).

Jan Duwe, Tony Baker, Julie Stevens, and Pat Saiben won the door prizes.

Many thanks to all the members who brought in all those wonderful goodies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Cora Lee Linkenhoker,
Recording Secretary.*



President's Message *(from page 1)*

member from the room to solicit advice on a question you may have. (I snagged Murray Lefkowitz at a recent Del Mar regional and benefited from his experience with French clocks.)

- The art of negotiating is alive and well at a mart. You get to see body language, hear voice inflection, and look into the eyes of the person across the table. If buyer and seller reach an impasse over price, neither is heartbroken that the deal didn't go through; the buyer starts looking for the next item, and the seller looks for the next buyer. In an online auction, it's all too easy for the buyer to pay more than he intended, or the seller to set a starting bid lower than he really wanted.

NAWCC marts have the added advantage of things like camaraderie, refreshments, and in the case of regionals, other attractions such as lectures and exhibits.

At the July national convention, Southern Californians turned out in good numbers for the event. We'd all like to see the same for the upcoming Los Angeles Regional in Pasadena. I'd like to encourage everyone to make it a point to attend this event. If the drive is an issue, come to this month's chapter meeting and see if you can arrange to carpool with a friend.

Chapter 69 is gearing up for its own Goodtime Supermart in May. We still need someone to take the reins of this event! We already have a volunteer to handle the money and registration. Now we need someone to handle the hall rental, do the table layout and assignments, get security and door volunteers. For the amount of effort, these mini-marts are among the most profitable things the chapter can do, but we need your help to do it!

Finally, I'm pleased to see that we have a wrist watch program this month. I hope everyone from the mart will want to stay for this informative presentation on Hamilton wrist watches.

I hope each of you has a wonderful 2003, blessed with health, happiness, peace and prosperity (oh, and clocks and watches, too).

See you there!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dave Weisbart".

Tic Talk Times On Line

Would you prefer to receive the Tic Talk Times over the Internet? Send an email request to webmaster@nawcc69.org.



News from Columbia

Items kindly forwarded by Mary Ann Wahlner

Mr. Paul Heffner, past NAWCC Secretary and Editor of the Answer Box, passed away. Paul was a great worker on behalf of the National, the Ohio Chapters and the cause of research. He joined the Association in November of 1963 and was a Life Member. Paul will be greatly missed. He was a positive and hard working volunteer to the last, and a true gentleman. (Doug Cowan)

I am pleased to announce the employment of Nancy Dyer as NWCM Librarian effective Jan. 1 2003. Nancy has been a part time employee in the Library for approximately 6 months so already has a little background in the "horological language". Her education includes a Masters in Library Science and her previous career centered around reference library work in the Lancaster County Library. She has also had experience in working with library patron groups and organizing and running community reading projects. Please join me in wishing her well. (Doug Cowan)

The National Watch & Clock Museum is being featured as the "Museum of the Month" on the Sack Heritage Group website. This honor has been previously granted to museums including Boscobel Restoration, Hood Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Witherhur, and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Please visit Sack Heritage Group website at: www.sackheritagegroup.com and read about The National Watch & Clock Museum, Sack Heritage Group and the other fine institutions featured. (Jim Bland, NAWCC Director of Marketing)

The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors will be participating in a talk-radio show broadcasted throughout the South of England on BBC Radio. The program features a segment called "Curious Questions Answered" and on Friday, 13 December will focus on curious questions about timekeeping and timepieces. The station has also agreed to discuss the NAWCC and activities taking place in England. (Jim Bland)



Don't forget...
SHOW & TELL

gets you in FREE!

And when you bring an item to Chapter 69's Show & Tell, you'll be automatically entered in a drawing for a FREE one-year admission pass (a \$44 value)!

You can bring an item starting with the monthly letter, or something that relates to the program.



"It's more fun when you share!"

Dave's Shop Talk

Watch your hands!

No, that's not a young lady admonishing her over-amorous boyfriend. That's advice to those who tend to disregard the "motion works" of a clock as a possible source of friction. I'm sure we've all seen a newly-reassembled clock stop at 10:53 or 3:17 when the hands get tangled up in each other. But that's only the most obvious way that hands and the motion works can stop a movement.

In American clocks especially, since the canon arbor, translation gear, and hour tube all sit outside the power train, it's easy to disregard them when troubleshooting a movement. We start looking for bent pivots or gear teeth before looking at the motion works. But two recent examples that came through my shop show why that's not necessarily the best course.

On one, a new movement had been installed which had an hour tube that was a bit too short. As a result, the hour hand collet needed to be seated slightly up off the end of the tube to clear the dial. The clock ran great on the test stand without the hands, but as soon as it was put in the case with the hands installed, it would stop in short order. It turned out the back of minute hand collet was rubbing on the top "bead" of the hour hand collet! A little tapered filing of the back of the minute hand collet did the trick.

On another clock, it would stop if the hands *weren't* installed! On this one, the hour tube would creep outwards on the canon arbor. At some point, a slight constriction inside the hour tube would reach a very slight bulge at the bottom of the square at the tip of the canon arbor (probably the result of some over-zealous staking), and everything came to a halt. With the minute hand installed, the hour tube could no longer move out that far, and the clock ran fine.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Our Next Meeting: January 3, 2003

Program:

LIVE Presentation
"Hamilton and Their
Wristwatches"
by Mark C

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Making Spade Drills" by Tony Baker

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "E"

Board Meeting:

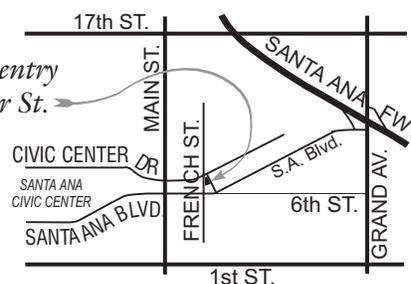
Wednesday, Jan 8, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Ed Athey

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

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

Location: The EBELL CLUB
625 French Street
(at Civic Center Drive)
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 547-6331

*Parking and entry
off Mortimer St.*



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