



Meeting minutes, Dec. 7, 2007

Berry Interesting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams. The members welcomed guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Jesse Martinez plus Margaret Kreeger and Mike Roser as new members. The evening's refreshments were provided by the members.

Doug announced the upcoming events:

- February 7-9, 2008 – Greater Los Angeles Regional in Pasadena
- June 11 to 14, 2008 – National at Springfield, MO.



*Phyllis Adams ran our
50/50 Raffle.*

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 2007 meeting be approved. Motion passed

The lead-off event for the evening's festivities was an "Ugly

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This month

Old Wood

Every clock collector has faced this situation: You've acquired a grand old clock with a wooden case, but after decades (or centuries) of who-knows-what kind of treatment, the finish on the wood is in pretty rough. What do you do?

This month, we've called in an expert. Since 1978, Mark Bausman has been the proprietor of Bausman and Father Furniture Refinishing in Huntington Beach. He specializes in restoring antiques to their original beauty by repairing, stripping (when necessary) and refinishing, bringing back to life the furniture of yesterday.

"Finishing wood seems to be the one of the areas that causes the most frustration for those who work with wood," Mark says. In his presentation he will try to help clarify the mystery of finishing, including some of his own "trial and error" wisdom. He will also share stories of his many wood finishing adventures of the past 30 years.

This will be a "don't miss" program for any clock collector. Please, share this date with any friends you have who are interested in antiques, as well as members of other chapters. This kind of program is what the NAWCC is about, folks. Let's all turn out and support it!



Message from the President-elect

Let's Get Moving

With the political season upon us (much earlier than most of us would hope, I'm sure), we see that one thing doesn't change: You've got to market the message. Candidates are Pasteurized, homogenized, processed and packaged every bit as much as Velveeta.



Our chapter has a great "product," and it doesn't need to be subject to focus groups or test markets. It is truly a "We The People" kind of thing. But that doesn't mean that we don't need to sell it. It's no mystery that the key to the NAWCC's continuation is getting the word out that we're here and have a lot to offer to people who find clocks and watches interesting.

During my previous terms as president of Chapter 69, we did several things to get that word out. Many of them worked, resulting in increased attendance at our meetings. Look for them to return in the

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Clock Contest” which was handily won by Ray Brown. Hey Ray, where did you find such a ‘beauty’??? This was followed by an “Ugly Watch Contest” won by Ellie Clark. Well gang, better luck next year.

The contests were followed by a presentation by Glenn Frank on the Dreger Clock which had been displayed at Knott’s Berry Farm since 1952 or 1953. Andrew Dreger, Glenn’s great grandfather, designed and built the clock in 1933. The clock was placed near the Dreger home until he passed away when it was then transferred to Knott’s. There are

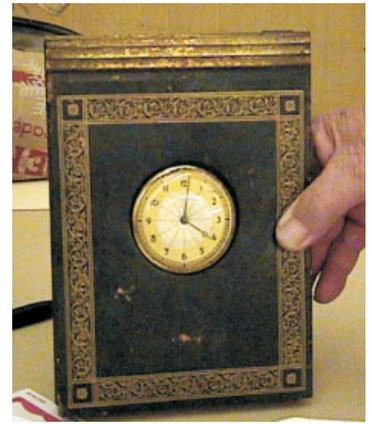


The watch that watches YOU won the ugliest watch prize.

four faces on the clock, one being blank. The main face displays local time. Another face has twelve 6 inch dials displaying solar time of cities around the world. The opposite face shows the day, day of the week, the month and the phase of the moon. One electric motor drives all of the works. The clock is no longer at Knott’s Berry Farm and is now the property of the Buena Park Historical Society who plans to restore the clock for public display. More information is available at the web site dregerclock.org.



Show and Tell featured a Garfield watch displayed by Phyllis Adams. Les Lesovsky brought a desk calendar clock made by Lux in 1953 (*below*). Annette DiMino brought a Cogsworth, (from “Beauty and The Beast”) character clock which actually plays the Westminster chime. Dave Weisbart displayed a ‘Chapel’ clock made by Silas B. Terry in 1873 (*bottom*). It has a metal case with an eight day movement that is both time



and strike. It is unusual in that the pendulum is connected directly to the verge without the use of a suspension spring.



Next came the traditional sing-along which featured Grandfather’s Clock and the Twelve Horological Days of Christmas.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ellie Clark, Deborah Abbott and Derald Kliem.

The door prizes were awarded to Ken Lynn, Ed Frank, Patrick Kreeger, Larry Squires and Randy Ema.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.



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coming year. While simple in concept, these ideas still need “boots on the ground” to implement, so get ready to have your arms twisted – gently but resolutely. We’re going to need some volunteers to do a little work in their neighborhoods.

I will also be announcing a major publicity project at this month’s meeting. It is an idea that has been bouncing around in my brain for some time, and I think the time is right to do it this year. This will need only a few volunteers, but I believe it can result in major exposure not just for our chapter but for the NAWCC as a whole. I think it will also have the potential to put Chapter 69 on the map back at HQ in Columbia.

As I enter this term as president, I want to acknowledge all the directors and officers who have done such fine work in keeping this chapter vital, particularly Doug Adams who has served as our president these last two years and has agreed to serve as vice-president this year. He is a model for how even very busy people can contribute to our chapters.

I think it’s fair to say that the NAWCC changed my life. When I joined, I was Publishing Director for a software company. Now I run a clock repair shop after having attended the NAWCC School of Horology. So be warned: You will now have a bit of a zealot in the driver’s seat here. As I did seven years ago, I intend to shake things up a bit and keep the Chapter moving forward. I look forward to your full participation and involvement.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at the January 4th meeting!

— *Dave Weisbart*

Western Electrics Helps Museum

The pendulum is once again swinging on a Standard Railroad Clock manufactured in the 1920s. It’s one of two antique clocks recently installed at the Kelso Depot Visitor Center (*below*) by Chapter 133 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC). The club donated one of the clocks and cleaned and repaired the second, which was donated by the Union Pacific Railroad



Museum in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The two historic clocks add to the Depot’s early 20th century ambiance.

The project began when Ray Brown, Vice President of NAWCC Chapter 133 visited Kelso Depot and noticed that there was no clock in the historically furnished ticket and telegraph office. He soon learned that park staff needed some expert advice in



using and maintaining the clock they had procured from the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, and that they were also searching for a second clock to display in the lobby. The NAWCC was able to assist on both counts.

Chapter 133 of NAWCC, which specializes in Western Electrics, is based in southern California. Brown and members Alan Bloore and Don Stocker were on hand at Kelso to install the clocks, while Tom Faragher was instrumental in preparing the clocks for installation.

In 1883, the railroads established Standard Time across the United States so that reliable train schedules could be maintained. Before then, every town kept its own time, which varied slightly from place to place. To ensure the uniformity of time across the country, the Self Winding Clock Company of New York manufactured these highly accurate, mechanically operated clocks with battery-powered self-winding mechanisms.

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NAWCC members Ray Brown, Alan Bloore, and Don Stocker and Park Ranger Linda Slater with the antique clock in the ticket & telegraph office.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
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The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
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Collectors, Inc.**



Our Next Meeting: Friday, January 4, 2008

Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"Restoring Wood Finishes"
by Mark Bausman**

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letters "D"

Board Meeting:

Monday, January 7 at 7:30 P.M. at the home of
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