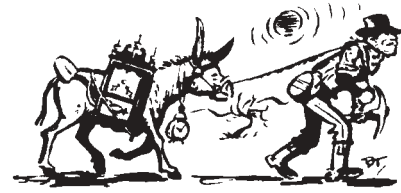


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes Dec. 4, 2009

Volunteers Needed!

President Doug Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00. He announced with a sad heart that Ron Abbott passed away on Wednesday. The minutes of the November meeting were approved. There will not be a board meeting this month. Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments for our Holiday Meeting.

The rectangular tables were not set up for the meeting. Julie Stevens unlocked and opened the doors but did not set up the tables. We need someone to help with set up! We meet the first Friday of the month. The first Friday is January 1; so we will instead, meet on January 8, 2010.

Our chapter is in a crisis. We need help with volunteers desperately. We are short a board member, specifically, a Vice President. The VP provides the programs. The installation will be next month.

Upcoming marts are: the Greater LA Regional, February 5 and 6, 2010. The banquet entertainment is our own Dennis Woodson and his Barber Shop Quartet.

Dave Weisbart was the evening's entertainment! Dave put together "Time Trials." This is a take-off on the TV game show, Jeopardy. The contestants were Gene Osten, Ray Brown and Doug Adams. Gene is our resident GPS expert. Gene says he has the best job that anyone could

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NOTICE

This month's meeting will be on the second Friday, Jan. 8 because of New Years Day.

It's Your Show!

Our chapter provides one of the most comprehensive programs for twelve month of the year. Not only do we have a main program, usually a live presentation, we often have a beginners' corner, and show and tell. Planning the program and providing information on upcoming events requires the efforts of board and chapter members. As your vice president for 2006-2007 and editor of the Tick Talk Times from 2008 to 2010 I have been planning and coordinating the monthly chapter programs. I will continue as newsletter editor but will not be planning future programs. This is nominally the responsibility of the



Running Out of Ideas!

vice president. With Doug assuming the chapter president position, our vice-president position, and our program chair, is open. Dave Weisbart and Doug Adams are

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This month

Dating Ansonia By Dave Weisbart



Let's say you are in an antique store and you spot a clock that looks interesting. How do you know how old it is? Was it made in 1895 or 1920? Your books are at home! This month, Dave Weisbart will take us on a tour of the Ansonia clock line from 1880 until their closing in 1929, with a particular emphasis on the design elements that you can often use to closely identify the clock's date of manufacture. Dave has copies of every extant Ansonia factory catalog, and has used these to determine when certain features (such as pendulum designs or case materials) appeared and disappeared in the Ansonia line. He will show both photographs and catalog illustrations to help you visualize these key design elements.

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Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*



Dave Begins "Time Trials with Ed Athey helping keep score.

ever want; he spends some of his day thinking of ways to torture the GPS and make it fail proof. Ray Brown is a member of Chapter 69 and Chapter 133. Ray's specialty is electric clocks and he said he has many clock patients at the moment in his clock hospital (workbench). Doug Adams works on both clocks and watches. Doug is our master repairman and has a workshop the rest of us only wish we



Contestants Gene Osten, Ray Brown, & Doug Adams

had!

Gene Osten began with "Watch Words" for \$10 and the fun began. At one point, all contestants were in the negative points! Does that happen on TV? Ray Brown was the winner with 80 points.



There was no Show and Tell!

Door prizes were won by Derald Kleim, Dominic Albert and Donna Osten.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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So even when you don't have your books handy, you can probably make a more educated guess as to the age of the clock you're perusing. While Ansonia's style timeline did not always correspond to other American manufacturers (sometimes they were ahead of the crowd, other times they were behind), this information could also be helpful in dating other brands. So if you're at all interested in antique American clocks, you should make it a point to be there!



In Memory of Ron Abbott

Ron was born in London, England on February 4th, 1939. His early childhood was during the bombing of London during World War II, and consequently the family moved to the countryside. After high school, Ron had joined the British Army. He then went on to further his education, and achieved a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked in Research, but he always had an interest in antiques. In the early 1960's, Ron moved to Cornwall, England and started an antiques business. He then sold the business and bought a publishing business, producing a local interest newspaper for the community.

In 1979, Ron came to California, fell in love with the land of the palms trees and made California his home. He worked in advertising, and then worked in sales for Security Systems. In December 1985, Ron met Debbie at Rubens. They were married in 1986 and settled in Huntington Beach. Ron and Debbie enjoyed spending time with their friends. There were parties, New Year's Eve Galas, and cruises to Mexico. At one time, Ron even had his own Cabin Cruiser and took his friends out to sea in our local waters.

In 1989, Ron became a small business owner with Quality Quickprint, a small printing/publishing firm. He enjoyed being his own boss, and always went the extra mile for his clients. In 2004, Ron sold his business and officially retired.

After retiring, Ron resumed his passion for antiques, collecting cups and saucers, silver sets, and ultimately pocket watches. He worked some antique fairs on the weekends. Ron continued his interest with pocket watches and became a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. Ron attended the monthly meetings and made quite a few friends with similar interests.

Ron will always be remembered for his kind heart and his compassionate nature. He donated funds to homeless people and animal shelters. He had a way of making us laugh and he leaves us with very pleasant memories. He will be missed by all of us.



Farewell Naughties!

This is the first edition of The Tick Tall Times for 2010 and it occurred to me that we were no longer in the Naughty Oughties, but then what is the next decade? I am not so creative at coming up with something so I searched for some ideas on the internet and found this. Hope you have a one-derful 2010!

“AFTER six weeks of soul-searching, brain-storming and keyboard-pounding, our quest is over at last.

We all knew it wouldn't be easy. They tried to tell us it couldn't be done. But we had faith. We had hope. We had \$2010 of cold, hard cash to throw around.

And after wading through more than 3500 entries, we can now announce the winner in our competition to name the next decade.

Honourable mentions must go to two entries that pushed our winner all the way: “tentions” and “decnos”. Close, but not quite there.

And other entries – tweens, tennies, twenteens – were so popular they had to be discounted. Sure they had a certain ring to them, but we needed something that communicated a feeling, not just denoted a number.

In the end there could be only one. And the winner is... Adam Vujic for his flash of inspiration, which we'll let him explain:

THE ONE-DERS. Two reasons: 1. There is hope for many scientific, humanitarian and environmental breakthroughs. 2. The inclusion of number one in every year

It was the bright-eyed optimism of the ONE-DERS and that won the judges' affection.

After a decade you're clearly defining as being dominated by bad news, the can-do spirit of hope that bursts out of “the ONE-DERS” showed a clear determination to break the shackles next year.

And while others suggested “one-ders” in one form or another, it was the conciseness of Adam Vujic's explanation – he got the job done with five words to spare! – that sealed the deal

So the next time someone tries to slip “tennies” or “tweens” past you in a conversation, don't let them get away with it. That might have cut it in the Naughties, but those days are nearly over. Don't live in the past. Strap yourselves in for the ONE-DER years.”

Your Show! *(from page 1)*

providing our main program and beginners' corner this month but we have no slate of programs for the remainder of the year. As you know, your board members have been very supportive of the programs and those same board members provided several programs in 2009. I know the board will continue this support but we still need a vice president and program chair. Please see Doug if you can help us with this opening.



What Happened?

December Show & Tell was for the letter “E” which should have been EASY!!! but there were none to be seen. Where were the Elgins, the English clocks and watches? Oh, and I should have brought an Electric. Anyway, let's try again and this we'll go for both letter “E” & “F” (hint Figural, French, Forrestville). Remember, if you bring something to share you double your chances of winning a door prize with an extra door prize ticket too!

February 5 & 6, 2010

Greater Los Angeles Regional

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This event is always a sellout! Don't be left out, register early.

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SECOND Friday!

Our Next Meeting: Friday, January 8, 2010

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Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"Dating Ansonia"
by Dave Weisbart**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Drills" by Doug Adams

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "E" or "F."

Board Meeting:

To be announced

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

