

Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2013

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Martyn and we greeted one guest, Jerry. Also visiting were original members David and Jerry, and long-time members Ray and Alvina Marsolek. Members provided refreshments; thanks to all of you!

Upcoming Events:

GLAR will be held on January 30, 31 and February 1st, 2014. The flyers are available now and will also be published in the Tic Talk Times.

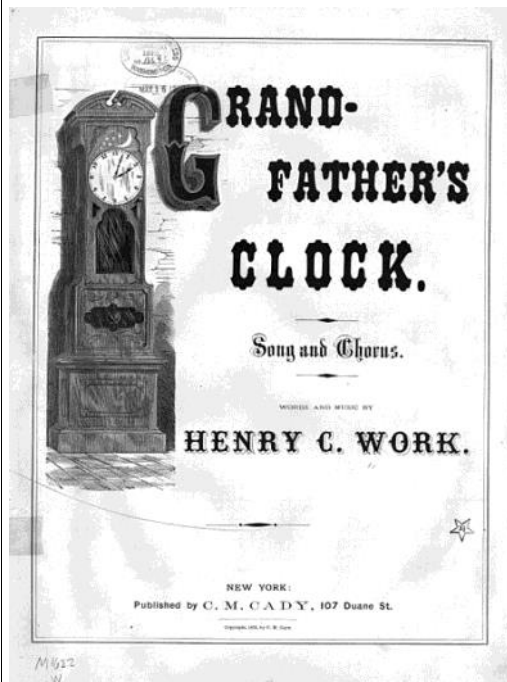
Note: Our next CH. 69 meeting will be held on January 3rd, 2014.

Health & Welfare: Leon has assembled and re-assembled a cuckoo clock and we salute his progress!

Old Business: According to Bob Linkenhoker, the Symposium was "well worth the time". There were many physicists who attended and total attendance was over 300.

New Business: We need a new slate of officers for 2014. The new slate will be Paul Martyn, President; Vice President, Vacant; Phyllis Adams, Secretary; and Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer. Also, Christopher Mabry will be newsletter editor. Christopher moved, Dave seconded, and membership approved.

Membership also approved to donate \$200 from the Chapter to the NAWCC. This was moved by Bob



Grandfather's Clock sheet music from 1876

Linkenhoker and seconded by Phyllis Adams.

Bob Linkenhoker will also look into buying the DVD's of lectures.

Our program was presented by Dave Weisbart with his always entertaining Horological Follies and annual singing of "Grandfather's Clock" and his "Horological Twelve Days of Christmas".

There was no Show and Tell for letter "F".

The 50/50 donated \$21 to the Chapter, \$15 to Doug Lynn and \$6 to Dave Weisbart. The raffle prizes were won by Ray Marsolek and original member David.

This Month

SKELETONS!

This month, Paul Martyn will provide a program on Skeleton Clocks. Skeleton clocks can range from simple to simply fantastic. The presentation will briefly review the history of skeleton clocks.

Paul will show a custom made fusee skeleton clock with a passing strike.

He will also bring an English fusee movement from a dial clock and discuss how it could be converted to a skeleton clock.



No, no, no!



Epicyclic Train Strutt Skeleton Clock

TIME TRIVIA

"My Grandfather's Clock" was often played in Britain on Children's Favourites and during that period was recorded by the Radio Revellers. In the United States, a version, without the last stanza of lyrics, was on an extended-play 45 rpm record on the Peter Pan label. Johnny Cash covered the song on his 1959 album "Songs of Our Soil" and also on the 1975, *The Johnny Cash Children's Album*. Evelyn Knight recorded the song for Decca Records. Also in 1959, it was included on *The Four Lads' album, Swing Along*. Other versions became popular in other countries. It is well known to many generations in Japan.

An Introduction To Complications: The Perpetual Calendar



The perpetual calendar is one of the most useful and romantic complications in all of horology. You may have noticed that many watches and some clocks have some sort of date indication. Watches usually in the form of a small window in the dial displaying the day of the month, clocks with a second dial. Some even have a day of the week display as well. The perpetual calendar has both of these and more, plus it only needs to be adjusted once a century. Yes, we said once a century.

With the perpetual calendar you can track the date, day of the week, month, year, leap year, and sometimes even the century and millennium. Thanks to the varying lengths of the months and those pesky leap years, a perpetual calendar watch has a plethora of gears that turn multiple times per second to only once every four years or more. As such, this is a watch that, assuming you keep it wound (good time to invest in a winder), will not require any adjustments until the year 2100 at the earliest - leap years are skipped at the turn of some centuries, so the normal mechanical calculations require a tiny adjustment at the end of those Februaries.

Perpetual calendars are typically elegant and dressy, which you might attribute to their usually high price tags, and the perpetual calendar chronographs from Patek Philippe are some of the most sought after watches of all time. That said, Jaeger-LeCoultre has just released an elegant perpetual calendar in stainless steel, one of the few dressy perpetuals to come in under \$30,000. IWC has produced a number of interesting perpetuals over the years, including the Da Vinci, the Portuguese, and the Ingenieur Digital Date-Month.

Because each watch takes weeks or months to make, and only highly skilled watchmakers can even begin to work on them, perpetual calendars do come at a cost. While it may keep them off the wrists of most watch enthusiasts, there are few complications that get true watch nerds so excited.

This is nothing new. The technology has been in clocks since at least 1816 when Schwilgué designed the first perpetual mechanical Gregorian computus. The Waterbury dial above notes that it was patented July 30th 1889.



Primary Source: <http://gizmodo.com/5995368/an-introduction-to-complications-the-perpetual-calendar>

UPCOMING MARTS

JANUARY 2014

[2014 Kentucky Thoroughbred Regional](#)

When: Jan 17 - 18
Where: Clarion Hotel Lexington, Lexington, KY, US

[2014 Greater Los Angeles Regional](#)

When: Jan 30 - Feb 1
Where: Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA, US

FEBRUARY 2014

[2014 FL Mid-Winter Regional](#)

When: Feb 13 - 15
Where: Ocean Center Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach, FL, US

MARCH 2014

[2014 Lone Star Regional](#)

When: Mar 7 - 8
Where: Mesquite Convention Ctr, Mesquite, TX, US

[2014 Arizona Sunshine Regional](#)

When: Mar 21 - 22
Where: Fountain Hills Community Center, Fountain Hills, AZ, US

[2014 River Cities Regional](#)

When: Mar 28 - 29
Where: Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS, US



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Full details for all upcoming marts:

<http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>

January 30 through February 1, 2014 Greater Los Angeles Regional

Pasadena Convention Center • 300 E. Green St. Pasadena, CA 91101
HOSTED BY: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER 75 & WESTERN ELECTRIC CHAPTER 133

The General Public will be admitted to the Mart area on Saturday!

**THE EXHIBIT WILL FEATURE "Theme to be determined later"
The Exhibit and Programs are Free and open to anyone.**

SCHEDULE

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| Thursday, Jan 30 5 - 7 pm <i>Pre-Registration and Packet pickup.</i> 6 - 8 pm <i>Mart Table Setup.</i> | Saturday, Feb 1 7:45 am Program III "TBD" <i>Presented by:</i> 9:00 am <i>Registration</i> 9:00 am <i>Mart opens</i> 11:00 am Ch 173 (Horo. Tools) meeting 2:00 pm Program IV "TBD" <i>Presented by:</i> 3:00 pm <i>Mart Closes</i> 4 - 5 pm <i>Mart room breakdown.</i> 7:00 pm <i>Banquet</i> |
| Friday, Jan 31 8:00 am <i>Registration</i> 7:45 am Program I "TBD" <i>Presented by:</i> 9:00 am <i>Mart Opens</i> 12:00 noon <i>I TR Chapter 175</i> 2:00 pm Program II "TBD" <i>Presented by:</i> 4:30 pm <i>400 day Chapter 168</i> | |

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| Host Hotel: (Contiguous with Convention Center) Sheraton Pasadena 303 E. Cordova St. <i>Use Local Reservations at:</i> 626-449-4000 | LODGING Vagabond Inn (.7 mile) 1203 East Colorado Blvd 626-449-3170 Westway Inn (1.6 mile) 1599 East Colorado Blvd 626-304-9678 |
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Reserve early, the Sheraton will only hold NAWCC discounted block of rooms till Jan 15, 2014

Convention Rate
\$139
 Single or Double

Website: www.GLAR2014.com
 Email inquiries: cstdennis@earthlink.net
 Chair: Jim Chamberlain - 805-495-5349

IMPORTANT STUFF!

Tables reserved by groups must be received in the same envelope. Badges & tables are not transferable. Registrations received before January 17, 2014 will be acknowledged. **No Refunds after this date.** Fire code regulations preclude extensions of your table space into aisles or doorways. **No more than two sellers per first table, one seller per each additional table.** The NAWCC, its officers, and members of the Greater Los Angeles Regional are not responsible for any loss, injury, or tort during the meeting. Valid NAWCC membership card required for entrance except Saturday. NAWCC Convention protocol, rules and California State tax laws apply to this convention. Only horological items allowed in Mart room.

Please Print Clearly

TABLE HOLDER NOTE: A California occasional sale form BOE-410-D must be presented before entering the mart.

Pre-Registration Ends January 17, 2014

| ITEM | QTY | PRICE | TOTAL |
|--|-------|--------|-------|
| <i>Pre-registration</i> <small>(On site Registration \$40) Minors under 18 are free</small> | _____ | @ \$35 | _____ |
| <i>Mart Tables</i> | _____ | @ \$60 | _____ |
| <i>Wall Tables</i> | _____ | @ \$65 | _____ |
| <i>3 Day Vendor Parking</i> | _____ | @ \$45 | _____ |
| <i>Electricity (per hookup)</i> <small>(Wall Tables ONLY)</small> | _____ | @ \$25 | _____ |
| <i>Banquet</i> | _____ | @ \$35 | _____ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | | | |

Member: _____ NAWCC# _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Family Members _____
(Spouse and minor children)

Other NAWCC members _____ # _____
(Include NAWCC #)

_____ # _____

Special request: _____

For Sellers: I sell primarily Watches Clocks

Mail application & Check to: Greater LA Regional
 P.O. Box 352
 Harvard, MA 01451

Make checks payable to: GREATER LA REGIONAL

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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C/O CORA LEE LINKENHOKER
7186 CALICO CTR.
CORONA, CA 92881

The National
ASSOCIATION OF
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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 2014

Program

SKELETONS!

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No beginner's corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with letter "G" or
Skeleton Clocks or Watches

Board Meeting:

No board meeting this month

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

