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Meeting minutes, Jan. 5, 2007

You're the Star

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams. Doug thanked Dick Pridham for providing refreshments for this evening.

The members welcomed guests Scott Hoaglund, Greg Burch, Patrick Kreeger and Bob Tennyson. Doug then requested that the newly elected officers and board members come forward for installation; included were Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Bob Linkenhoker, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Charles Register, Dave Weisbart and Derald Kliem. Doug again appealed to the members to fill the two empty positions on the board prior to giving past President Bernie Peralta the honor of performing the installation procedure.

New Business:

Dave Weisbart mentioned that he has some flyers for the Greater Los Angeles Regional which invites the public to the mart on Saturday February 3, 2007. Bob Linkenhoker advised the members that the February Bulletin includes a ballot to elect directors and urged all of the members to vote.

For the Beginners Corner this month Ray Brown talked about batteries. He brought a number 6 dry cell that was manufactured about 1905. Ray informed us of the energy capacity of various sized batteries. The carbon/zinc AA battery has the

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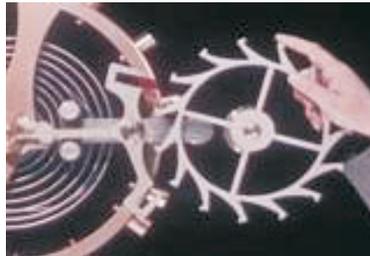
NOTICE

This month's meeting will be on the second Friday, February 9. This is to avoid conflict with the Greater L.A. Regional in Pasadena.

This month

Watch Works

Our program this month is a fascinating video, "How a Watch Works – The Inside Story of a Fine Watch." This color movie was made by the Hamilton Watch Company in 1949 to show the basic design and operation of a watch. The inside "works" are shown on a giant 7½ foot, in-line movement, exact and to scale in every detail. Using stop-motion animation, the function of each part is demonstrated as the huge watch is assembled and



disassembled. This is followed by a demonstration of the assembly of a Hamilton 747 movement with a discussion of the jewels and hairspring design and their functioning for optimized performance. This movie provides an interesting overview of watch manufacture in the mid 20th century

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Appeal for help

Ask Not

Possibly one of the most quoted and paraphrased sentences in modern times was contained in JFK's inaugural address. Here's my take: Ask not what your chapter can do for you, ask what you can do for your chapter.

We still have two vacancies on our governing board. This is not sustainable; something's got to give. Either we get help, or we start cutting back on all the things the chapter does to make membership worthwhile. What an unhappy prospect!

So what can you do for your chapter? First, all board members need to attend the board meetings as regularly as they can. Historically, we've had between 8 and 12 meetings each year. They're held on a weekday evening, typically taking about two hours.

Here are the individual positions and their requirements. Note that some of these jobs are already "spoken for" this year, but if you see something you would like to do, let us know; we may be able to do a job swap.

Ways & Means – Takes the money at the door. Time needed: 1¼ hours before each general meeting.

Librarian – Checks in and out the books and videos from the library. Time needed: 1¼ hours before each general meeting.

Hospitality – Coordinates volunteers for refreshments, prepares

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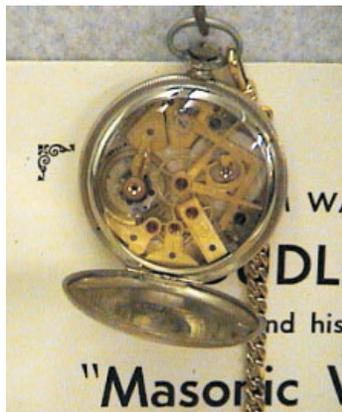
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capacity of 0.7 amp hours while the C battery has 1.4 and the D has 4.0. These compare to the number 6 which has a 40 amp hour capacity. The alkaline number 6 has about 200 amp hour capacity. Thus the alkaline batteries have about 5 times the capacity of the old carbon /zinc types.



The main program for the evening was a show and tell type of program in which various members discuss some of their favorite time pieces. Charles Register started the program by showing a generic Swiss watch with a mystery dial. The dial has floating diamonds instead of hands (*top left*). The diamonds are embedded in clear rings and thus form the minute and hours pointers. Don Buster displayed a Masonic watch made by William Wallace Dudley in 1928 or 1929.

The traditional compass and square emblem surround the main spring of this 19 jewel movement (*right*). Bob Linkenhoker (*below*) showed a football/ basketball timer that he had purchased for Cora Lee who is a fan of such games. He also showed Seth Thomas camelback clock which his grandfather bought in 1947. Bob suggested that those who have a timepiece with a family history write that history and store it with the timepiece. Bob also brought a New Haven three train with the winding holes out of the normal positions. The clock has the rack and snail on the back plate rather than the normal position on the front plate. Bob then showed some of his Westclock War Alarms with paper mache cases and steel plates. Charlie Davis displayed a circular Coates screw plate made in 1896 some of the threads were made specifically for Elgin and Waltham watches, while others were more general (*top right*). Dave Weisbart



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brought an Ansonia plush clock called Florentine Number One. The case is covered with velvet and the movement is time and strike with nickel plated brass plates. It includes open barrel main springs in both trains (*below*). Bernie Peralta showed a Slava alarm clock made in Russia. The history of this clock is quite meaningful to Bernie as he had received it as a gift from a business associate in India who had purchased the clock in Moscow (*below right*). Phyllis Adams displayed a miniature rocking chair watch which included a crocheted pillow. Someone suggested that the chair is the pendulum for the watch as the chair rocks as the watch keeps time (*bottom*). Phyllis also brought a donkey clock with back and forth eyes. Randy Ema showed a book explaining the origins if the



Waltham model 57 watch. Along with the book, Randy brought an 1859 model with key wind and key set from the back which was made in 1862. Eric Leung displayed a cuckoo clock that his grandfather bought for him in 1993 (*opposite, top*). From that clock Eric's interest in fixing clocks developed. Ray Brown brought some pictures of his Seth Thomas 30 hour OG clock which belonged to his great grandfather. He also brought a Hamilton 21 jewel watch made in 1915 which had been purchased by his father in 1922 when he started work as an electric trolley conductor (*opposite, middle*). Doug Adams displayed a Japanese time keeper that followed the



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older time system which had equal daylight hours and equal nighttime hours. (*bottom*) Doug also had a Japanese temple clock with a double foliot with teeth that hold weights that may be moved in and out. One foliot controls daylight hours and the second controls nighttime hours.



Doug announced that this month's board meeting will be held at his home on Monday January 8 at 7:30.

It was moved and seconded to accept the December minutes as published in the Tic Talk Times. Motion carried.

Door prizes were won by Dick Pridham, Charles Register and Gene Osten.



This Month

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and provides additional insight into the excellent manufacturing techniques employed at the end of the era of mechanical timepieces.

Beginners' Corner

Mercury is sometimes encountered in the repair and restoration of antique clocks in mercury filled pendulum bobs, mercury thermometers, and even in mercury switches in some early electromechanical clocks. Mercury spills can be a health concern but there are effective cleanup techniques to deal with a mercury spill if you are prepared. Ray Brown will discuss the health concerns of working with mercury and demonstrate the clean up of a "controlled" spill.

Special Thanks

From your Program Chairman and the Board, a special thanks to all of those who brought horological items to our extended show and tell in January. We had a very comprehensive program with your excellent contributions.



Appeal (*from page 1*)

coffee and refreshments at the meetings, provides door prizes. Time needed: 1¼ hours before each general meeting, plus a small amount of time during the month to acquire door prizes and make a phone call.

Mart – Manages our pre-meeting marts. Coordinates our annual Goodtyme Supermart. Time needed: 1¼ hours before each general meeting. Annually, varying amounts of time for the Supermart, depending on tasks performed vs. delegated.

Publicity – Writes article for "Chapter Highlights" in the *Bulletin*. General meeting attendance encouraged, but not required. Time needed: approx. 1 hour every two months.

Publications – Supervises production of the *Tic Talk Times*, flyers as needed (e.g., for the Supermart), and the web site. Time needed: approx. 3 hours monthly. General meeting attendance encouraged, but not required.

Membership – Takes in money and membership applications. Maintains membership list, manages distribution of membership cards. Time needed: Strong general meeting attendance needed, especially during membership season (May - August). Varying time requirements for list maintenance each month (probably 10 minutes to 1½ hours, depending on month).

In addition, the Vice-president is in charge of programs. This involves a few hours each year to line up presenters, videos, etc.

So what will it be? Would you like to have a vibrant chapter with interesting meetings, or would you like to watch a dwindling collection of people sitting on their butts doing nothing? As blunt as that sounds, that's the real choice. Help us make the right choice.

— *Dave Weisbart*

Board Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Doug Adams at 7:40 PM. In attendance were Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Dave Weisbart, Derald Kliem, Bob Linkenhoker and Cora Lee Linkenhoker.

The board members discussed methods of convincing members to join them on the board.

The board members then discussed the May minimart. A tentative date of May 5 was set. Ray Brown will call about the availability of the lodge as well as the fire station to inquire about their annual event. It was decided that this year's mart would have a Cinco de Mayo theme. The board members decided that the mart would be open to friends and guests. Dave Weisbart will publish a flyer for distribution at the Greater Los Angeles Regional.

The board members then discussed how future projects would be handled.

Doug advised the board that he had received a letter from National thanking the chapter for our donation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.**
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SECOND Friday!

Our Next Meeting: Friday, February 9, 2007

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Program:

**VIDEO PRESENTATION
"How a Watch Works"
by Hamilton**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Handling Mercury" by Ray Brown

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "N" or
Items acquired at the Pasadena Regional

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

