

Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2012

ASKING SOL... WHAT TIME IS IT?



The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Ray Brown.

The new board of Sally DiMino, President; Paul Martyn, Vice President; Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer; Phyllis Adams, Secretary; Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Membership; and Christopher Mabry, Newsletter; was installed for 2012. Sally was welcomed by Ray Brown. He thanked Ellie and Bill Clark for refreshments. Bob Linkenhoker moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected and Annette DiMino seconded.

The 2012 NAWCC National will be held in Pasadena from June 13-16 and therefore there is no February Regional this year.

A board meeting will be held January 9th at 7:30 at the Adams' house. There is no new business. There is no old business.

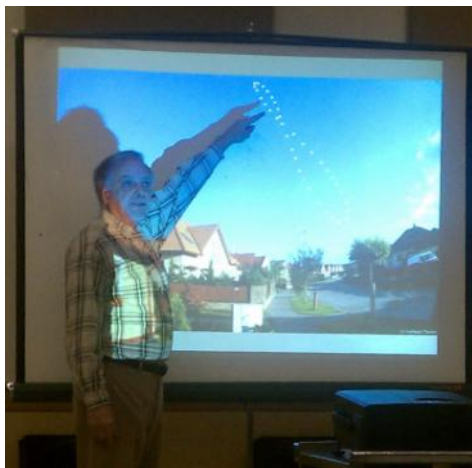
There is no Beginner's Corner tonight.

Ray Brown



The Sunwatch - a Pocket Sundial

proceeded with his program on **Sundials**, which included the following highlights.



Ray Brown showing the annual travel pattern of the sun

He first made a sundial in metal shop with etched numbers and that started his interest. There is a sundial on the wall of the Fire Station in Huntington Beach at the corner of Warner and PCH. He explained that when looking at any sundial, the degree of longitude affects how it is perceived. For example, in Lake Tahoe at 120.00 w. longitude, it will be noon, but in the town of Needles it will be 12:21 p.m. This is based on the Equation of Time. This was used by the Egyptians who made obelisks using plumb bobs including portable ones which pointed to North. With a horizontal dial the latitude has to be the same as the angle for the gnomon to work correctly. A vertical angle gnomon points to the North Star. Therefore, Singapore has a horizontal gnomon, but in New Zealand the angle is down.

This Month

ADVANCED USE OF THE MICROSET

Tony Baker, will present our February program on the advanced uses of the MicroSet and how it can interface with the computer.

The MicroSet is an electronic timing device which measures mechanical clocks and watches with unprecedented precision. It can measure beat times to within a millionth of a second and resolve rate errors as small as one second per week.



The MicroSet Device

Since it was first introduced in 1997, MicroSet has revolutionized clock timing with many breakthrough features. You can find more info on the [MicroSet Website](#)

TIME TRIVIA

Clocks run clockwise because prior to the advent of clocks, we used sundials. In the northern hemisphere, the shadows rotated in the direction we now call "clockwise". The clock hands were built to mimic the natural movement of the sun. If clocks had been invented in the southern hemisphere, it has been speculated that "clockwise" would be the opposite direction!

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ONLINE WEBINAR : A Look at TIME IN OFFICE: Presidential Timepiece Exhibit

GEORGE WASHINGTON made frequent use of the clockworks analogy in describing the operation of the American political and military structure. Presidents since have always recognized that their "time in office" is limited. So, how did these leaders mark that time? Time in Office: An Exhibit of Presidential Timepieces was on display at the National Watch & Clock Museum in 2008 and featured the personal timepieces of some of our past Presidents. In honor of this 2012 Presidents Day we invite you to take a look back at this exhibit and reexamine these timepieces and their unique stories with Noel Poirier, Director of The National Watch & Clock Museum.

TIME: Monday, February 20, 2012, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Title: A Look at Time in Office: Presidential Exhibit, featured at the National Watch & Clock Museum

Date: Mon, Feb 20, 2012

Time: 03:00 PM EST

Duration: 1 hour

Host(s): Noel Poirier, Katie Knaub

Contact Phone number: (717) 684-8261

Contact email: knaub@nawcc.org

For full registration information, visit the link below:

[Time in Office Webinar](#) (click on link from within Adobe)

(or visit <http://community.nawcc.org/Home/> and look for the link in Events)

MEETING MINUTES *(FROM PAGE 1)*

Show & Tell: Phyllis Adams showed the photo from the O.C. Register of the KitKat clock from the Rose Parade (*right*). Doug Lynn showed a sundial clock from 1921. For the letter G, Doug Adams showed a George Prior watch from the 1800's with Turkish numbers and a verge escapement. He added that Marvin was a partner with Prior.

The Door Prize Drawing was held and prizes were won by Doug Adams, Bill Clark and Ken Lynn.



UPCOMING MARTS

FEBRUARY 2012

[2012 Florida Mid-Winter Regional](#)

Feb 9 - 11

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

March 2012

[2012 Lone Star Regional](#)

Mar 2 - 3

Mesquite Convention Ctr, Mesquite, TX

MARCH 2012

[2012 Arizona Sunshine Regional](#)

Mar 9 - 10

Fountain Hills Community Ctr, Fountain Hills, AZ, US

[2012 Pacific Northwest Regional](#)

Mar 30 - Apr 1

Kent Commons, Kent, WA, US

APRIL 2012

[2012 Southern Ohio Regional](#)

Apr 12 - 14

Drawbridge Inn

Ft Mitchell, KY, US

[2012 River Cities Regional](#)

Apr 20 - 21

Lenexa Community Center
Lenexa, KS, US

[2012 Memphis Annual Regional](#)

Apr 27 - 28

Bartlett Municipal Center

Bartlett, TN, US



National Association of
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

*The National
ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.*
Orange County Chapter No. 69
c/o Cora Lee Linkenhoker
7186 Calico Cir.
Corona, CA 92881



OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Program:

**ADVANCED USE OF
MICROSET AND HOW
IT CAN INTERFACE
WITH THE COMPUTER**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "H"

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

