

# Tic Talk Times



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*Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2012*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Sally DiMino.

We have one guest, Michelle, who is a graduate of the NAWCC School of Horology. Thanks to Ellie and Bill for the refreshments.

We will be installing officers; Present, Vacant; Vice President, Paul Martyn; Secretary, Phyllis Adams; Treasurer, Bob Linkenhoker; Directors: Membership, Cora Lee Linkenhoker; Door, Dave Weisbart; Prizes, Doug Lynn; Refreshments, vacant. We do have a new coffee pot and Phyllis Adams will make coffee at the February 8th meeting.

Upcoming events: GLAR January 31, February 1, February 2 in Pasadena.

Health and Welfare: Bernie is recovering and doing better and Leon is at home with relatives.

Last month's minutes were approved by Annette and seconded by Bob.

Tonight we will begin selling our library books at a bargain price of \$2.00 each. This is progressing very well, with \$278 brought in tonight along with additional donations from Randy Ema and Frank.

Sally brought in a special Waterbury clock. Larry Lieber, who was visiting, and bought the clock for \$82.60. Larry then donated it to the chapter for a raffle. A motion was made by Bob to have a special raffle in March and was seconded by Annette.

New Business: From Dave: This year's Symposium will be a world class event with Nobel Laureates speaking at Cal



*Waterbury Clock – Will be Ruffled in March*

Tech. It will be from November 7 to 9, 2013 and the title is 'Time for Every-

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## TIME TRIVIA

*The reason why clocks and watches with roman the number 4 usually noted as IIII rather than IV because when mechanical clocks were first invented in the 14th century, they were displayed in public places – usually cathedrals. The faces themselves were only ornamental at first and the early models had no hour or minute hand. They merely gonged once for every hour of the day.*

*Clocks were thus of special value to the common people, most of whom were illiterate. Most peasants, even in Italy, could not read roman numerals, and they could not subtract. They performed calculations and told time by counting on their fingers. Four slash marks were much easier for them to contend with than "IV", taking one away from five.*

*This Month*

## FORBIDDEN...

This month, by way of DVD, we will enter The Hall of Clocks and Watches in The Forbidden City of Beijing.

Built in 1656 (the 13th year of Emperor Shunzhi's reign), it is now the home to a fantastic collection of Qing Dynasty (Eighteenth Century) timepieces.

The exhibition hall displays about 200 clocks and watches from the imperial collection. These clocks and watches were mostly made in Switzerland, England, France, and Japan, with some Chinese made timepieces on display as well.

The clocks and watches display various styles and exquisite workmanship, and their artistic value makes



them very precious.

One of the clocks which attracts the greatest attention can easily be seen when entering the Hall. It is a chiming clock, made during the Qing Dynasty, about 1797, by royal clockmakers. The clock is 5.85 meters high and it stands on a 2.6 meter-high square base. It can still run up for to 72 hours after it is well wound, regularly striking hours and quarters.

## JANUARY MEETING (CTD)

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one'. Our chapter has already donated \$5,000.

Dave made a motion to donate 3 library books to the GLAR for door prizes and this was seconded by Annette.

BEGINNER'S CORNER – Bob spoke about and showed us dephing tools, including a Keystone with accessories. He showed us how the teeth mesh, and the place where the pivot goes. He also showed one for watches. Larry commented "You keep the tool because you hope you never have to use it." Paul showed us 'knock-off' hand made one.

PROGRAM by Paul Martyn – Paul spoke about repair of many types of French Mantel clocks including slate, mantel, wood case, alabaster and marble. He used brass rods to form a skeleton to fix a corner; then he used slate black from Time Savers; and finally hand painted with liquid gold leaf.

For the French mantel clock, he replaced the movement, this one had a gong. The movement has to fit by diameter, length of pendulum and also depthwise. There is a formula but it is in French inches. He paid \$15 for a case, made the base with a mitre saw and oak molding to fit the pendulum. Larry reminded us to lift these clocks by the base only.

SHOW AND TELL: Larry showed us T for tools he had a poising tool which is used to balance a balance wheel. He also showed a railroad watch which is balanced in 6 positions, otherwise it won't run the same if it is upside down, for example. He also brought a spring winder which is used to remove springs. He made his own spring winder from aircraft parts. He also made a small size from a muffler, and you have to adapt to the spring. He spent \$1.25 on parts.

RAFFLE: raffle prizes were won by Steve Kookich, Paul Martyn, Gene Osten and Ellie Clark won the Krispie Kremes.

Michelle was asked to provide some background and she told us she is a NAWCC member originally from Pennsylvania who took the Horology courses after completing her four year college degree and is now working in L.A.

The next board meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at Phyllis Adam's House on January 9th. Members agreed the mart would be May 18th, since that date is approved by the El Bekal lodge. Larry moved to adjourn and Annette seconded.



Paul Martyn - French Mantel Clock Case Repair

## UPCOMING MARTS

### FEBRUARY 2013

[2013 FL Mid-Winter Regional](#)

When: Feb 14 - 16

Daytona Ocean Ctr, Daytona Beach, FL

### MARCH 2013

[2013 Lone Star Regional](#)

When: Mar 1 - 2

Where: Mesquite Convention Ctr, Mesquite, TX

[2013 Arizona Sunshine Regional](#)

When: Mar 22 - 23

Where: Fountain Hills Community Center, Fountain Hills, AZ

### APRIL 2013

[2013 River Cities Regional](#)

When: Apr 5 - 6

Lenexa Community Ctr, Lenexa, KS

[2013 Southern Ohio Regional](#)

When: Apr 11 - 13

Where: Roberts Convention Centre, Wilmington, OH, US

[2013 Memphis Annual Regional](#)

When: Apr 27

Where: Bartlett Station Municipal Center, Bartlett, TN

### MAY 2013

[2013 Pacific Northwest Regional](#)

When: May 16 - 19

Where: Monarch Hotel & Conference Center, Clackamas, OR, US

[2013 North Coast Regional](#)

When: May 17 - 18

Where: Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, US



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Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

*Program:*

**VIDEO:  
THE HALL OF  
CLOCKS AND  
WATCHES IN  
BEIJING**

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

No Beginner's Corner this month

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with letter "U" or anything acquired at the GLAR

*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

