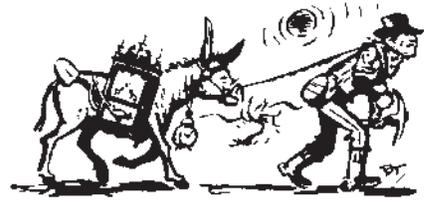


# THE Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

*Meeting Minutes: Feb. 6, 2004*

## High Seas Adventure

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Register at 8:00 p.m. We had three guests tonight: Robert Smith, Jerry Heart, and Ian Joseph.

The minutes were approved as printed in the Tic Talk Times. Bob Bryant donated a copy of the first newsletter published by Chapter 69. Copies will be made available for those wishing one.

Murray Lefkowitz was thanked for bringing in the goodies tonight.

Charles also announced the following: 7th Inland Counties Faire/April 17, Chap. 69 Goodtime Supermart/ May 15, and Pacific Northwest Regional/May 20-22. Chapter 69 is also having

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*This month*

## French Gilt Bronze

First of all, don't forget – THE MART DOORS WILL OPEN TWO HOURS BEFORE MEETING TIME this month. That's 6:00 P.M. We're doing a lot of promotion, so we expect a busy, busy mart. Bring your clocks, watches, and cash!

We have an outstanding program this month, given by a man who "knows whereof he speaks." Dean Armentrout will talk on the subject of "The Art of French Gilt Bronze," accompanied by projected images of over 30 clocks representing the pinnacle of this lost art.

We'll learn about the processes involved in casting, chasing, and gilding bronze statuary, and get a glimpse of the tools and workshops that were used in this work.

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*What every member should know*

## Changes to By-Laws To Be Proposed

At the March general meeting, the Board of Directors will present some proposed changes to the Chapter 69 By-Laws. Here is the "executive summary" (details will be presented at the meeting):

We currently hold elections in June of each year. This is also when we collect chapter dues. Every other year, there is the potential for turnover in the membership chair position. This turnover occurs concurrently with the process of collecting and keeping track of membership renewals, a perennial problem which has caused many headaches in the past.

The board discussed many options to alleviate this, and came up with the following proposal as the

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## SPRING INTO BUSINESS WITH CHAPTER 69

This spring is the time to buy and sell your clocks and watches!



**MARCH 5**  
**EXTENDED  
MART HOURS**

### SPRING HOUSECLEANING

Doors open at 6:00 P.M. for a two-hour pre-meeting mart!

**APRIL 2**

### LIVE AUCTION

**FORGET THE HASSLES OF EBAY!**

**BUYERS** – Inspect the items up close and take them home.

**SELLERS** – No shipping and you get paid right away.



**MAY 15**

Come to the  
Tenth Annual



### GOODTYME SUPERMART

**OUR SUCCESSFUL  
MINI-MART RETURNS**

with 40+ tables and our popular lasagna lunch at the Tustin Community Center.

## Meeting Minutes *(continued from page 1)*

EXTENDED MART HOURS in March; doors will be open at 6:00 P.M., both sellers and buyers are encouraged to show up early.

A live Auction will be the main event at our April meeting. Our own Larry Squires will be our esteemed auctioneer. Be sure and keep that one item that didn't sell at Pasadena or the March extended meeting for the auction.

The Chapter received a letter from the National Craft Committee chairman, encouraging submits for the competition at the upcoming National in Oklahoma City.

Gene Osten asks again for the person who inquired about the list of mentors on our mentoring program, but no one appeared to need help. Gene also announced that he will be giving a talk at the Pasadena Regional Saturday afternoon at 2:30p.m.

Long time member Hal Hoffman is back with us again. Five years ago he moved to the Cortez, Colorado area. He said it's nice there but too cold in the winter for his taste. Welcome back, Hal!

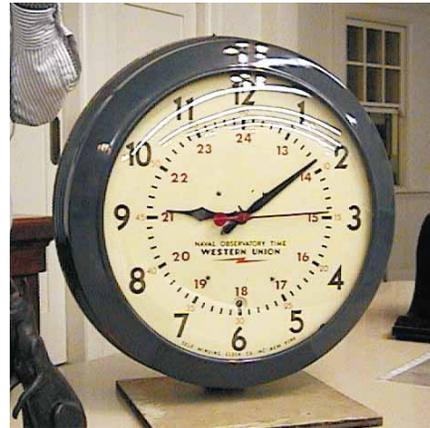
The program tonight was a video produced by Nova and shown some time ago on PBS called "Lost At Sea: The Search For Longitude." It describes the problems encountered by John Harrison, both technical and political, in designing a precision clock and collecting the prize money offered for establishing a method of finding one's longitude while at sea as described in Dava Sobel's book by the same name. Dave Weisbart is donating his copy of this video to the chapter library. Thanks Dave!



Show and Tell had Larry Squires sharing a Frank Buck Explorer's Sun Dial. He said he thought it was probably a give away prize in something like a Cracker

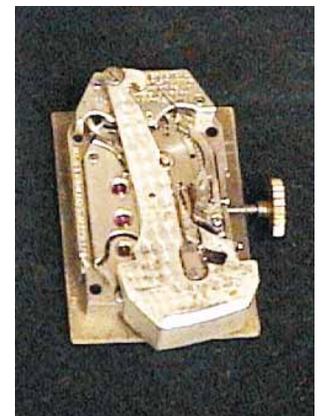


Jack box. Dick Pridam shared a Sessions camel back clock like one belonging to his grandfather.



Les Lesovsky had a Western Union Clock, but told us it was actually owned by the Self Winding Clock Co. and was leased to Western Union.

Julie Stevens showed us two self winding wrist watches circa 1925 and 1935



made by the Perpetual Watch company

Bud Saiben shared a German made swinger with an Australian theme, and a picture taken at a talk he gave recently on horology at the Ebell Club.



Garret Graves showed us the back of a fake Rolex watch with some strange spelling, the writing was a bit off color if you looked at it real close. Phyllis Adams had a funny picture

of a group of girl clocks from a recent magazine, Dick Pridham said it looked like half time material to him!

The door prizes were won by Sally DiMino/ ladies clock pin and box of candy, Evelyn Buster/ book and box of candy, Phyllis Adams/NAWCC shirt and box of candy, Murray Lefkowitz/8" dial calipers, and Garret Graves/wine set.

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## Meeting Minutes *(continued from page 2)*

President Charles stated that the subject of the Chapter sponsoring a Regional had been discussed at the last board meeting and it was decided not to attempt to do so now but for the members to continue gathering data and the subject can be looked into sometime in the future.

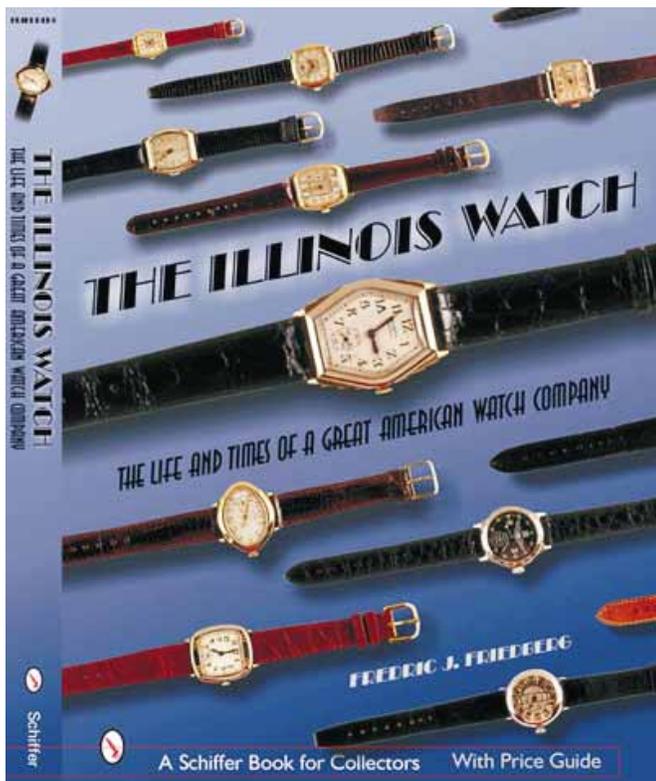
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

*Submitted by Cora Lee Linkenhoker for Recording Secretary Jana Smith*

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## Our Own Fred Friedberg Authors Watch Book

Fred has written a book on Illinois watches. You can preview his book at <http://www.illinoiswatches.com>. In the introduction Fred said, "I recently completed THE ILLINOIS WATCH: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A GREAT AMERICAN WATCH COMPANY, a book to be published in early 2004 by Schiffer Publishing. For lovers of Art Deco and Streamline Modern design as well as watch collectors, this unique volume comprises a complete cultural and technological history of the Illinois Watch Company (1870-1928), the leading American manufacturer of Art Deco/Modern-designed wristwatches."



## This Month *(continued from page 1)*

We'll also get to see examples of various styles or genres of French artwork used on these clocks. I've had the pleasure of attending Dean's presentation once before, and I can honestly say I am looking forward to seeing it again. It is packed with both wonderful art and fascinating information. Don't miss it!

Also this month, in lieu of a Beginner's Corner, chapter members will be asked to approve changes to the chapter By-Laws.

— Dave Weisbart

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## What every member should know *(continued from page 1)*

least disruptive:

We are proposing that, from now on, elections be moved to the November meeting, with new officer and director installation to take place at the start of the new year in January. A majority of the current board has agreed to continue serving through December as a temporary measure to fill in the gap.

Also proposed are some changes to the committee structure which should more accurately reflect the needs of the chapter today, as well as goals for future growth especially in the areas of publicity and education. These will be discussed in detail at the meeting.

If the changes to the By-Laws are approved, we will entertain two additional motions: (1) to extend the term of the existing directors and officers through December, and (2) to postpone the implementation of the new committee structure until the new board is installed in January.

In order for the changes to be approved, we must have a quorum of chapter members in attendance. Please do your duty as a member and attend!



## Results of merger vote

For: 3671

Against: 143

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**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF  
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13077 Springdale St.  
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## Our Next Meeting: March 5, 2004

*Program:*

**LIVE Presentation**  
**"The Art of French**  
**Gilt Bronze"**  
**by Dean Armentrout**

*Time:* 6:00 – Doors open  
8:00 – General Meeting

*Admission:* \$4.00 – General  
\$6.00 – Couples

*Location:* The EBELL CLUB  
625 French Street  
(at Civic Center Drive)  
Santa Ana, CA  
(714) 547-6331

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

No Beginners Corner this month

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "T"  
or items purchased at the Pasadena Regional

*Board Meeting:*

**Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 P.M.** at the home of  
Murray Lefkowitz  
19432 Barrett Hill Circle  
Santa Ana, CA  
(714) 544-7638

*Parking and entry  
off Mortimer St.*



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available