



Meeting minutes Feb. 1, 2008

Horological Soap Opera

President Dave Weisbart opened the meeting at 8:00 after a busy mart. He thanked Debbie Abbott for the refreshments and welcomed our guest, Bob Owens.

The Directors Meeting is Monday, February 4 at the home of Ray Brown. All members are welcome to come to all Directors meetings.



Doug Adams & Ray Brown at GLAR

Upcoming marts:

- Greater L.A. Regional is February 7-9.
- The National is June 11-14, in Springfield, MO.
- Our own Goodyme Supermart is May 17, 2008 at a new facility, the Shriners hall in Anaheim, located at Ball Road at the 57. This facility has great lighting, carpeting and a big parking lot.

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This month

“Repeating Watch Mechanisms”

by Doug Adams

Doug’s presentation will explain how several of the various types of repeating watch mechanisms work. This topic was motivated by the many questions asked when Doug brought a minute repeater to a recent show and tell. Doug will present examples of various watches using a computer presentation along with examples from his collection.

Since the 14th century, clocks on public buildings and churches rang the hours, half-hours and quarter-hours, which allowed people in the vicinity to know the time even if they could not see the clock’s dial.

Several were the clockmakers who tried to invent a mechanical system, which could give the precise time upon request, even during the night. This was intended particularly for people with weak eyesight, but also for the most sophisticated and demanding watch lovers. The first to develop a quarter repeating mechanism for pocket watches, practically at the same time, were the English makers Daniel Quare (1648-1724) and Edward Barlow (1636-1716). King James II of England (1633-1701) decided in favor of Quare’s quarter repeater, granting him the patent in 1687.

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Message from the President

Mart Theme *American Clocks!*

What a great group of people we have on our board of directors! At the last board meeting, we hashed out lots of great ideas to improve the operation of our chapter.

For example, when I asked for ideas on stimulating activity at our pre-meeting marts, someone came up with the idea of mart “themes.” Here’s the concept: Each month, we will announce an emphasis we’d like to see at the upcoming mart. For the March meeting, we decided on American clocks. The idea is that people who have American clocks for sale can bring their inventory knowing that there will probably be additional people there who are looking for American clocks to add to their collection.

Now this certainly doesn’t mean that we don’t want Swiss wrist watches or German clocks at the March mart! We just want to add another dimension to the mart activity. In future months, we’ll probably have themes such as men’s dress wrist watches, Swiss pocket watches, French clocks, etc. If you have a particular inventory of timepieces you’d like to sell, let us know and we’ll see if we can make a theme out of it.

Our Show & Tell at the last meeting was really excellent. We want to keep the momentum going on that

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Thank you to Phyllis Adams for taking charge of the library. We still need a mart person. The mart person will coordinate our annual mini mart and the monthly mart.

The chapter has donated \$100 toward the Drager clock project. Last month, National asked our chapter for \$500 for the Presidential time clocks and watches exhibit. Dave sent an email to the California presidents asking if they wanted to join resources. As of today, he hasn't heard back from any!

Bob Linkenhoker announced that Chapter 4, Bellflower, meets the third Sunday of the month and this month, there will be three tables of clocks that were donated to the chapter. All clocks are priced between \$5 to \$15.

Program

Ray Brown presented the evening program, "It Winds Itself. The Rise and Fall of the National Self Winding Clock Company." The NSWCC made both office and mantel clocks, early use of the battery for self winding clocks (1898), the mantel clock had time and strike capability. The factory was in Champaign, Illinois.

There is very little documentation about the company. Ray found three notations in the bulletin, a picture of ONE in the book, "150 Years of Electric Clocks." The clock was missing a hand! He found a few comments in the NAWCC message board and a few examples for sale at auctions, Mark of Time and eBay.

Some key indentifiers for the mantle clock are no key holes in the dial, an emblem in the center, a wheel to use your finger for rate adjustment (instead of a key), and a big give-away, the dial says, "Manufactured by the National Self Winding Clock Co."



When Ray went to see his Uncle Virgil in Neoga, Illinois, he started poking into the history of the company. The rest of this story will hopefully be an article in the Bulletin! This took us from controversy, insolvency, to "Sanatology", to restaurants, to two wives! An interesting horological soap opera!

Show and Tell was the letter "E".

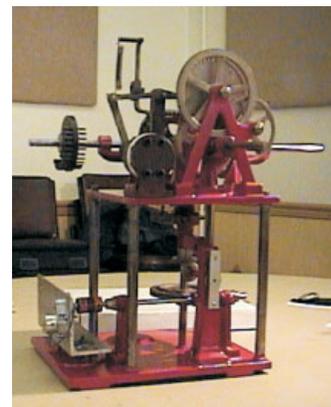
Doug Adams brought two "E" items. The first was a pocket watch made by the E. Howard Watch Company. It has umbrella hands, unique to the Howard watch made prior to 1904. Chances are, if you see a pre 1904 Howard watch without the umbrella hands, then they are not original to the watch. Howard also had unique size movements. If there is a gap between the case and



movement, it was probably recased. Doug's watch has 15 jewels and a jumping deer. Doug thought the jumping deer meant a medium grade movement. Gene Osten thought the jumping deer is the high grade and the hound is medium grade. The movement is a ¾ plate. A split plate is a Series 7. Doug also brought an Elgin,

BW Raymond, a triple sunk dial with an up-down indicator. It has 23 jewels and the motor bearings are jeweled. It has gold jewel settings.

Larry Squires brought a tower clock movement from a 1913 building located in Santa Ana at 4th and Spurgeon that had been electrified. Dick Pridham made a shaft for this exact clock about ten years ago.



Les Lesovsky identified the stamp, SET as the initials for the Standard Electric Time Company.

Phyllis Adams brought a silver charm made by Bob Bryant's son, Edwin. The charm is the NAWCC man looking at a watch and a sundial.



Bob Selene brought a rare New

England Watch Company clear cased skeleton movement watch. 16 size.

Dave Weisbart brought a Gilbert pendulum – the letter E, for Ephemera. He had the pendulum in his shop, didn't think much of it, then when thumbing through the bulletin, came across the same pendulum.



Doug Lynn brought a great looking 18 size Elgin pocketwatch.

Patrick Kreeger brought a 1968 timer, perhaps an Elgin.

Door prize winners were Derald Kliem, Doug Lynn and Bob Owens.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Patrick's Timer in artillery shell

This Month *(from page 1)*

The first minute repeating watch known can be dated to circa 1710. This watch was made in Friedberg, Germany, and signed Marquich, London, probably an alias for the German name in order to sell more easily on the English market.

However, it was only around 1792, when bells were replaced by gongs, which were first introduced by François Crespe, that the minute repeating mechanism became widely used.

Historical Background adapted from article by Etienne Leménager, Watch Expert, Wikipedia Online

Board of Directors Minutes Feb. 4, 2008

Members in attendance: Dave Weisbart, Ray Brown, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Bob Linkenhoker, Debbie Abbott, Ron Abbott, Phyllis Adams, Doug Adams and Julie Stevens.

The Treasurers Report was given by Bob Linkenhoker.

We are on the calendar at the Masonic Lodge for July 11 instead of July 4. The March program will be given by Doug Adams on repeating movements. For the April program, Bob has a DVD, Masters of Time. This is about Swiss watchmaking and is 50 minutes. We may continue this into the May meeting.

Dave reported that we now have the meeting hall to ourselves on Friday nights. The noise problem is taken care of.

Phyllis Adams is now in charge of the library. Ron has the box of tapes and will hand over to Phyllis. To keep the video tapes safe, we will now store them inside the locked bookcase.

For pre-meeting marts, we discussed having a theme. For March, the theme will be American Clocks. If all the

Mart Themes *(from page 1)*

as well. So we will be bringing back the “extra ticket” policy. If you bring a Show & Tell item, you’ll get an additional ticket for the door prize drawings!

We know there have been problems with noise and parking since we have been sharing the building with the church group upstairs. I want you all to know that we made several good-faith efforts to communicate to them that the noise was interfering with our enjoyment of our meetings. The lodge management offered to “evict” them before our last meeting, but I wanted to give them every opportunity to be good neighbors. Well, despite the promises they made to me personally, they were unable to control their members. They will not be returning on the first Friday of the month from now on. On one level, it’s

Beginners’ Corner

This month Dave Weisbart will cover one method for handling what is often a vexing problem in disassembly and assembly of many German and English clock movements. To clean and oil a movement properly, you must remove the “canon pinion” — the pinion that typically carries the lifting cam for the chime or strike — from the front of the movement. Often, prying them off causes problems, as does staking them back on with a hammer and staking tool. Dave’s method uses a tool found in nearly every workshop. It works for most movements, and never leaves marks on the plates.

board members would participate and bring an American Clock for sale, we’d get this going.

The Goodytyme Supermart is scheduled for May 17, 2008. After discussion, it was decided that we’d set up at 8:00. Allow multiple table holders in at 8:30, other table holders in at 8:45 and open to everyone at 9:00. The pancake breakfast will start at 9:30. Close at 1:00. There are 36 tables at the facility. We own eight tables, plus Ron has four and Dave has two. Doug will do the table assignments. The cost is \$360 for the hall, plus \$30 for the other room, the Oasis.

The Buena Park Historical Society sent a thank you letter for the \$100.

Anyone know where the stack of NAWCC applications went after the last general meeting?

Ray Brown had some ideas, one being having a chapter project.

Door prizes were discussed and decided to leave it status quo.

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2008 at the home of Julie Stevens.

regrettable, but we have the strong backing of the lodge management who recognizes that we’re good tenants and that “we were here first.”

Finally, it wouldn’t be a president’s message if I didn’t beg for volunteers. We still need someone to take on the mart duties. We already have a great location locked in, we have publicity underway, the flyer is done, we have someone to take the checks (thanks, Bob) – now we need someone to coordinate the operation. This will entail making a floor plan (that’ll be easy – it’s a big, square room), assigning tables, handing inquiries, and drumming up volunteers for things like security, registration, and table setup and tear-down (that part’s always easy, too). Time to step up and help!

See you at the meeting!

— Dave Weisbart

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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



Our Next Meeting: Friday, March 7, 2008

Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"Repeating Watch
Mechanisms"
by Doug Adams**

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

Mart Theme for March: "American Clocks"

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Easy Canon Pinion Removal" by Dave Weisbart

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "F"
or a Repeating Watch

Board Meeting:

Monday, March 10 at 7:30 PM at the home of:
Julie Stevens
31266 Flying Cloud Drive
Laguna Niguel (949) 487-9080

