

Tic Talk Times



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Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2012

MICROSET...

The meeting was called to order by our President, Sally DiMino. She thanked Dave Weisbart for the refreshments. Upcoming Events are listed in the Tic Talk Times: Inland Counties, Chapter 81, April 7th in Pomona. We have flyers.

The April 9th board meeting will be held at the home of Sally DiMino. Sally told us the sad news that one victim of the Craig's list killer in Ohio was someone she had contacted about horological items.

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved motion accepted by Bernie Peralta and seconded by Annette DiMino.

The refreshment sign-up sheet will be in the back, and you will be reimbursed for what you bring in.

We need volunteers to do some Beginner's Corners at future meetings.

The wooden podium has been expertly fixed and wheels have added on by Leon Coufal. Sally said "It looks real downtown"!

Bob Linkenhoker gave a Beginner's Corner on the 2012 National. There will be four field suitcase classes. You can register through the National Website.

There will be one day classes on Thursday. The official website is 2012NAWCCconvention.com.

Bob asked us to vote on whether to donate \$5,000 to the Ward Fransillion "Time for Everyone" event to be held in the fall of 2013 at Cal Tech. Dave

moved and Annette seconded. This year Chapter 190 is doing a display of 2012 Milwaukee Carriage Clocks.

The main program by Tony Baker was on MicroSet Applications and their use with Windows program. The system was designed by Brian Mumford and Tony has used it every day for the past 8 years, but only for clocks. The website is www.bmumford.com. You can use it with a computer and it will pick up noises and tell you beats per hour. You can set a mid-point, can show beats as a graph, a target rate or use it as a beat/strike/rate finder. You can also use a magnet to get the rate. You can use the optical sensor to put a flag on the strike or use the acoustic sensor to show chimes. "Its' use with the computer is a multiplier of its efficiency". It can also be used in the field to hear the beat. You can turn off the ticks with a "blinking window". On 400 day clocks, you can only listen to the first hit on the escape wheel if you want. If you use the optical on 400 day clocks you can do it in

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*Seth Thomas Submarine clock with
Radium Hands*

This Month

RESTORATION!

In June last year a member of Vista Chapter 136 was contacted by a resident of San Diego about a French statue clock she had inherited. The information sought was:

1. Could anyone identify the maker?
2. Could someone give an approximate value of the piece?
3. Did anyone want to purchase it?

Jim Glidewell has restored many statue clocks, both the movements and the statues. He is a local collector and expert on this type of timepiece. The piece was brought to the Chapter's minimart in August, and after a thorough inspection by Jim, he and the owner arrived at a price. Per Jim the statue needed a great deal of work, the finish was greatly tarnished and there were broken and missing parts. He has developed techniques to make these kinds of repairs and although it would be a great deal of work it was nothing that he hadn't done in the past. Luckily the movement was in reasonably good condition, just needing a thorough cleaning after many years in storage. All the work has been completed and as Jim states it is now a prized piece in his extensive collect of statue clocks. This month he will take us step by step through this restoration.

TIME TRIVIA

Piezoelectricity was discovered by Pierre Curie and his brother Jacques in 1880.

Warren Marrison invented the first quartz clock in 1927.

Juergen Staudte invented a method for mass-producing quartz crystals for watches in the early 1970s.

WAIT JUST A SECOND THERE...



Clock stops short on temporal debate Time almost changed forever earlier this month when the International Telecommunications Union (the United Nations agency responsible for timekeeping standards) nearly voted to abolish the "leap" second-the extra second added to the time signal once every few years. Delegates from 100 countries recently gathered in Geneva to debate the issue. The leap second, first introduced in 1972, is used to keep astronomical time (based on the rotation of the Earth) in synchrony with international atomic time. Leap seconds were introduced because the rotation of the Earth is slowing down by about two thousandths of a second per day. Many organizations, including Britain's Royal Observatory, are satisfied with the leap-second solution, which maintains the relationship between timekeeping and Earth's astronomical position. But other organizations, such as the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris, disagree, citing the importance of perfectly accurate measurement in the event of human error. Time experts are deadlocked over the issue. With no agreement, delegates have agreed to shelve the decision until 2015.



*Huguenin quarter second jump watch
(also upper left picture)*

MEETING MINUTES (FROM PAGE 1)

½ hour instead of a day. Accessories are available for watches and Brian has been working on watch related applications. Another good tool is The Beat Book by Jack Hamilton which has pictures of watch escapements made in the USA. (Available at www.clockmaker.com)

Show & Tell letter H: Bob Selene was at the Vancouver BC Chapter Picnic. The customs officials stopped him due to the radium hands on his Seth Thomas clock from a submarine. He said "don't put it under your pillow"! Dave showed a "Habana" style Ansonia with glass front 1890. Phyllis Adams showed a House clock and a Handbag made from clock fabric. Doug Adams showed an E. Howard bank vault clock from the 1880's with twin movements so the door couldn't be opened until the morning and robbers couldn't force employees to open it. He showed a Huguenin Quarter-Second Jump Watch used to time racing. It was a precursor to a stop watch and has a two train movement. Tony Baker showed a Tiffany Swiss transistor which has a motor to drive the platform escapement, probably from the 60's.



E. Howard Bank Vault Clock from the 1880s

Door prizes were won by Dave Weisbart, Phyllis Adams and Doug Adams.

UPCOMING MARTS

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

MAY 2012

[2012 North Coast Regional](#)

May 18 - 19
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, OH, US

JUNE 2012

[2012 NAWCC National Convention](#)

Jun 13 - 16
Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, CA, US



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**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.*
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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY MARCH 2, 2012

Program:

**RESTORATION OF A
FRENCH STATUE
CLOCK**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

A beginners guide to live auctions

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "T"

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

