

Tic Talk Times



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Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2016

EXPERIMENTAL AMERICAN

After the mart started at 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Secretary Phyllis Adams. Thanks for Larry Squires for the refreshments.

Old Business: We were informed by our Treasurer, Bob Linkenhoker that the Chapter's rent and insurance are paid and up to date. Dave Weisbart moved to approve the minutes of December and January and Ken Lynn seconded.

New Business: It was announced that this year's Chapter 190 sponsored mart in Ventura will be held for one day only on February 19th. (That is good news for all who miss the former GLAR meeting in Pasadena). Good luck to all attendees!

It was also announced that Chapter 133 will hold a mini-mart at our former mart location, the El-Bekal lodge, in May.

Health & Welfare: Bob Linkenhoker informed us that a member of the Vista Chapter, Brad Johnson, has passed away and we offer our condolences.

Tonight's program is a video from NAWCC entitled "A History of Experimental American Clocks". This is narrated by Dorothy Glenk and shows her extensive collection as well as the collections of some of her friends. Words in quotes are from Dorothy Glenk's narrative.

The colonists had to make do with what was available to them and the "early Americans" used wood for many parts. Eli Terry in Pennsylvania had some background in Black Forest Clocks, and there was the influence of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" in the area also. This use of wood also might have started in Boston with the early background. The Willards were in Boston; Simon Willard was born in 1753. His brother was Benjamin. They created the Banjo and Lyre styles and also their "Lighthouse" alarm clock was experimental. In Connecticut Eli Terry family was producing a 30 hour, \$15.00 clock with wooden works. These clocks were carried by Yankee Peddlers and were sold to Seth Thomas so they are marked S. Thomas.

Brass was scarce after the Revolutionary war so wooden works were used. The Pillar and Scroll sometimes had an American Eagle on top and other clocks were made by other makers with differences so they could get around using the patent.

We saw a rare concentric movement by S.B. Terry, N.Y.; and a "Swiss Cheese" movement by Philip Smith, N.Y. The year 1837 marked the last of the wooden clock movements. Joseph Ives made a new type around 1825, a Steeple on

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This Month

LONDON MUSEUMS

This month, Paul will be sharing with us information he acquired last month on his recent trip to London. He will provide an overview of two museums in London that are known for their clock collections. One is the London Science Museum; this collection was formerly the Clockmakers Museum in Guildhall and is known as the world's oldest clock and watch collection (founded in 1814). This collection covers the period from the 15th century to the present and contains approximately 600 watches, 80 clocks and 25 marine chronometers. The other museum is the Wallace collection. This London museum contains an extensive collection of 18th century French clocks that were acquired by Lord Hertford in the 19th century. These clocks are presented as fine examples of French furniture and many were owned by King Louis the 16th. The entire collection was bequeathed to the British nation in 1897. See you at the meeting!

TIME TRIVIA

*The seven day week did not become part of Roman life until late in their history (321 AD). Before this time, the Romans had a division of the month based on a market day recurring every eight days. The market day was called *nundinae* (*novem dies* = "nine days," - the Romans counted both ends of a series), but this unit of time did not seem to shape the lives of the ancient Romans the way our week does for ours with its regular recurring rest days at the "end" of each week (Saturday and Sunday), a.k.a. the "weekend" days.*

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Steeple clock with no weights. Chancy Jerome made a Fusee with cord. In 1815 Silas B. Terry made an oscillating dumb-bell pendulum which was experimental (he was the grandson of Eli).

Show & Tell:

First was a Rockford pocket watch Model 1 from Illinois, about 1870 from Doug Lynn. Second was a Railroad Hunter watch form the 1870's, key wind and key set, not allowed before that time; third: a key wind/key set American Watch Co. (Waltham) which is the first advertised Railroad watch also from Doug Lynn.

Raffle prizes were won by Bill Clark, Cora Lee, and Christopher Mabry.



UPCOMING MARTS

MARCH 2017

[2017 Arizona Sunshine Regional](#)

When: 3/24/2107 - 3/25/2017
Fountain Hills Community Center
13001 N La Montana
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

[2017 River Cities Regional](#)

When: 3/31/2017 - 4/1/2017
Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak St
Lenexa, KS 66215

APRIL 2017

[2017 Southern Ohio Regional](#)

When: 4/6/2017 - 4/8/2017
Roberts Centre
123 Gano Rd
Wilmington, OH 45177

[2017 Memphis King Cotton Regional](#)

When: 4/29/2016
Bartlett Station Municipal Center
5868 Stage Rd
Bartlett, TN 38134

MAY 2017

[2017 North Coast Regional](#)

When: 5/19/2017 - 5/20/2017
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr
Kirtland, OH 44094

JUNE 2017

[2017 Greater St Louis Regional](#)

When: 6/2/2017 - 6/3/2017
Moolah Shriners
12545 Fee Fee Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63146 United States Dr
Kirtland, OH 44094

[2017 National Convention](#)

When: 6/28/2017 - 7/1/2017
Arlington Convention Center
1200 Ballpark Way
Arlington, TX 76011



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Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Events/NAWCC/Events/Events.aspx>

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**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2017



Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Any horological item beginning with the letter "S"

Board Meeting:

TBD

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

