



Meeting Minutes, Mar. 3, 2006

Silent Running

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams.

The members welcomed guest Don Hosford. The members thanked Phyllis Adams for providing this evenings refreshments. Doug announced the upcoming regionals and marts:

- March 25, 26 – Arizona Sunshine Regional
- April 15 – Inland Counties Mart
- May 6 – Chapter 69 GoodTyme SuperMart
- June 21-25 – National Convention in Cleveland Ohio



Ray Brown's Seth Thomas "Bee"

Charles Register requested volunteers for security duty at the SuperMart.

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This Month

Conserve or Restore?

The Beginners' Corner this month will be presented by Ray Brown. Ray will discuss some ideas about the use of solder for repair and assembly of clock components. He will cover the use of different solder alloys and the role of fluxes in achieving a good solder joint. Some different tools and techniques will conclude his presentation.

Often we are uncertain when we should attempt the repair of a clock or watch to remove some aspect of its aged condition. Will refinishing a case or polishing tarnished metal improve it or should we leave well enough alone? Some thoughts on this matter are explored by Doug Minty in a presentation recorded at the 24th NAWCC Ward Francillon Symposium in 2003. Doug's presentation, "Conserve or Restore?", explores the valuation for insurance, market value, wholesale price, collectors groups and finally as determined on Ebay! He discusses the ideas of "reversible" restoration and when it the right time to stop, or start, a restoration.

Doug then gives some examples, using 400 day clocks, to illustrate ideas on how to accomplish a restoration. He discusses repair of wheels and springs and describes how French polish may be a good reversible restoration technique. During the question and answer at

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Message from the President

Our Paradigm

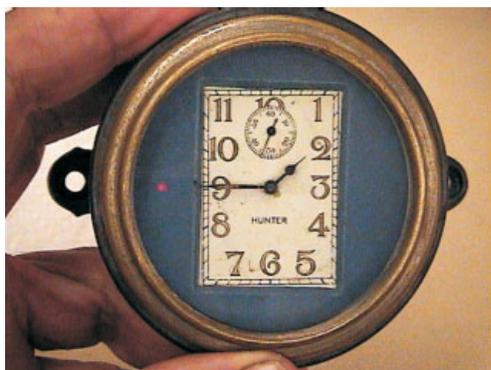
Pondering something profound to say in my first Chapter 69 president's message, I find myself reflecting back to our primary purpose for existing. As I understand, it is to promote and preserve the art of horology. Within our own chapter there are a number of ways we can fulfill this purpose.

The first is by sharing the knowledge through presentations. The Beginner's Corner is especially key to this goal, along with the main presentations. Sharing of personal knowledge and experience is irreplaceable, and my objective is to ensure that, in addition to the Beginner's Corner, over half of our presentations are live.

The second is through the medium of show and tell. In our chapter, this is already healthy and working, and simply needs to be fed and kept growing.

The third is through collecting and exhibiting timepieces. Frankly, this is the most contentious area of our organization. One perspective is that we've become a private collector's club. While this may be true to some degree, the advent of Ebay and the electronic world has stood most of our existing paradigms upside down: I've seen our marts become anemic in the aftermath. Recently I think I've seen them rebound some. However, my observation at the Sunshine Regional

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Doug announced that one of the founding members, Bob Murray, had passed away.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed

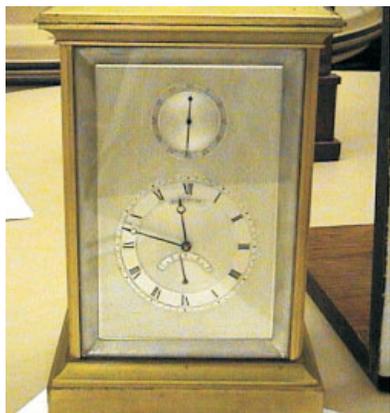
New Business:

This month's board meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at the home of Dennis Woodson.

Doug had received correspondence from National announcing the formation of an employment web site by the NAWCC School of Horology. Doug also received a letter from the NAWCC Crafts Committee soliciting chapter participation in a clock restoration competition as a new section of the crafts contest.



Larry Squires informed the members that there is a sun dial in the lobby of the city hall which had been in place at the old city hall prior to its demolition. Larry suggested that chapter 69 sponsor the restoration and/or the installation into a sunny location. It was moved and seconded to investigate costs, etc. to place the sun dial back into service. Larry agreed to follow through with the investigation and report back to the chapter. Motion carried.



Bud Saiben mentioned that Chapter 69 had not appeared in the NAWCC Bulletin Chapter Highlights

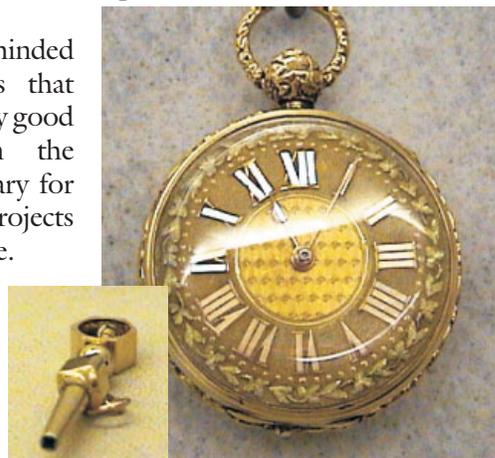
for some time. Phyllis Adams informed us that a write-up will appear in the April Bulletin. Bud then told us that he has a stack of video cassettes which includes one from the National that gives the history of clocks as well as watches.

Old Business:

Doug reminded the members that the positions of Ways and Means and of Hospitality are still vacant. Door prizes are available this evening only because John Meiling donated items for door prizes.

Charles Register reminded the members that there are many good resources in the chapter's library for whatever projects they may have.

Doug announced that there would be no Beginners Corner this month due



to the length of tonight's video, "Story of a Watch". The video was filmed at the Illinois Watch Company in 1928 and produced under the direction of the Department of Interior and showed many of the steps in producing a pocket watch. The machines used in making the parts were mostly belt driven – pre-OSHA no doubt. One scene showed chairs that would slide on rails so that the operators could easily move from one operation to another. Many of the screws and jewels were extremely small, a teaspoon held 36,500 jewels. The filmed operations included a number of the 3500 operations required to complete a pocket watch. Those shown included drilling, staking, poising, punch press, truing balance staffs, hairspring testing and even damascening of the plates. The finished watches were then put through initial tests, temperature compensation and finally tests in six positions. There was even an observatory on the premises so that the master clocks could be checked against stars crossing the meridian.

Show and Tell featured an after market car clock made by the Elgin Clock Company brought by Ed Lackey (*top left*). Bud Saiben brought a "Bud's Choice", an interesting Disney animated clock made in China (*opposite*). Doug Adams brought a Berthoud traveling clock with a detent chronometer escapement (*bottom left*) and a Brequet key for a Robert Roscoe watch (*above*). Ray Brown showed us his Seth Thomas "Bee" clock which has a 15 day movement (*page 1*). Ray also brought another Seth Thomas clock that has the original brass springs (*next page*). Amazingly the clock will still run for 14 days even though it is an 8 day movement.

Thanks to John Meiling, door prizes were available to be won by Dave Weisbart, Phyllis Adams and Ellie Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.



Board Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Doug Adams at 7:45 PM. In attendance were Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Derald Kliem, Bob Linkenhoker, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Charles Register and Dennis Woodson.

Doug noted that there will be a board meeting in July and that it will be at the home of Bud and Pat Saiben as usual.

Doug reminded the board members that there are still open positions on the board that are important and need to be filled. After discussion it was resolved that the members of the board are to review the membership list and contact those that may be receptive to becoming board members.

The desirability of two hour marts was discussed. August and November were selected as the target months with advertisements in the upcoming Tic Talk Times. Flyers are also to be prepared for distribution at upcoming marts.

Phyllis advised the board that chapter 69's input to the "State of the Chapters" will appear in the April Bulletin.

Dennis reported that flyers for our May Super mart were sent to various chapters within the area as well as to last years table holders. He mentioned that some requests for tables have been received already. Dennis is in the process of renting tables and working on a duty roster and feels that progress is being made.

Bob mentioned that expenses are exceeding receipts at present. It was suggested that the chapter try to attract more of the watch buyers/ sellers to increase the monthly door take.

It was resolved to allow Ray to use the video equipment at his home for a chapter 133 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

SAD NEWS

Pat Carlson suffered a ruptured cerebral aneurysm on Wednesday .March 8th and passed away peacefully on Friday March 10th at 9:15 P.M. A memorial service was held on March 21 at the Waverly Chapel in the Fairhaven Memorial Park.

Carl and Pat have been members of the chapter for many years and we all will miss her at our gatherings. The members of Chapter 69 send their deepest sympathy to Carl and his family.

Synchronicity

The great Swiss psychologist, C.G. Jung, defined "synchronicity" as a meaningful coincidence. I think we had just such an event at our last meeting.

During the showing of "The Story of a Watch," a silent film from the late 1920s, an extraordinary thing happened. We had come to the part of the film where the lives of the factory workers were being described. This section of the film showed things like the factory cafeteria, group calisthenics, and the company baseball team.

The particular scene of note had a caption something like "Twelve o'clock and the workers leave the factory." The image on the screen showed the Illinois Watch Company's clock tower. At that exact moment, in the silence of the room, the sound of a factory steam whistle was heard. It was so synchronized with the visual image, both in timing and substance, that it took a couple of seconds for the group to realize what had happened.

A clock that Bud Saiben had brought for Show and Tell was a Disney animated motion-and-sound clock. One of the sounds it makes on the hour is that of a steam whistle! It wasn't until the group heard Donald Duck asking Mickey Mouse, "What time is it?" that everyone finally realized what was going on. The room erupted with laughter. What a coincidence!

— D.W.

President's Message *(from page 1)*

last month was that, although the tables were sold out, the show was primarily incestuous with few non-exhibitor attendees. One of the solutions put forth for this is to invite the general public (i.e., non members) to our shows. While I personally find the concept somewhat unsettling from the aspect of currently being in a comfortable environment where I can wander off from a table with thousands of dollars worth of goods and expect to return finding them intact, I think we need to consider what is best for our overall objectives.

This year should be interesting in setting the course of our organization.

— Doug Adams

This Month *(from page 1)*

the conclusion of Doug's talk an alternative of using waxes for protection of polished metal parts is presented.

"Conserve or Restore?" won't answer all your questions on this thorny matter but it does provide additional insight on when to start or when to stop the conservation or restoration of your antique clock or watch.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.*
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332 Forest Avenue, Suite 6
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Our Next Meeting: Friday, April 7, 2006

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION
"Conserve or Restore?"
by Doug Minty

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Using Solder" by Ray Brown

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "C"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 P.M. at the home of
Doug & Phyllis Adams
1483 Paseo Grande
Fullerton, CA (714) 870-1644

