

Tic Talk Times



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Newsletter of Orange County Chapter 69 of the
National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2014

ITS MORBIER

Our Chapter 69 meetings are getting livelier this year. We have had guests attending each month, former members have returned, and new members have joined. Our mart before the meeting has been picking up speed and gives members an opportunity to discuss prices, history and usefulness of items.

This month, we thank Cora Lee Linkenhoker for the refreshments. Sally DiMino has returned this month, and Jerry Pieretti brought his wife, Colleen. There was one correction to last month's minutes to say that Paul Martyn brought the refreshments.

Upcoming Marts: April 5 – LaVerne

Our own Chapter 69 Goodtyme Mart will be on May 17th at the El Bekal Lodge

There is no beginner's corner this month.

The program tonight is about Morbier movements and is given by Jerry Kleeb.

He told us the clocks are French, evolved from the Lantern Style, and have a pendulum in the back. They date from the early 1700's and have a



segmented pendulum. Early clocks have iron parts.

Morbier is a city about 35 miles northwest of Geneva, and it is located in France.

The clocks also have wooden spindles. The piecework was done by farmers. The clocks were assembled by a few people. Work was done during the winter. By 1860, work was centralized in a factory.

There are many designs for the cast brass top pieces, and in the early 1800's, the Napoleonic era, eagles came into style. At this time, a person had to make holes in

This Month

THE CLOCKS OF OLD JAPAN

This month, Bob will show us a video of the old clocks of Japan. The video was created from a presentation given by Daniel Olsen in 2013. Daniel discusses and displays the very rare clocks used in Japan before that country was opened to the Western world. These unusual clocks that used pictures of animals on their dials instead of numerals were made obsolete overnight in the mid-1800s when Japan switched to the time keeping methods of the west.

Also this month—have you ever been confused by all those watch battery numbers, not knowing which is which or which one is interchangeable with another? Bob will also be giving a Beginner's Corner on watch battery numbers, including a fantastic cross reference guide.

TIME TRIVIA

Circa 1500, a spring powered mechanism was designed by Peter Henlein (1480-1542), a locksmith of Nuremberg. These replaced the heavy drive weights and permitted smaller (and portable) clocks and watches. Although they slowed down as the mainspring unwound, they were popular among wealthy individuals due to their size and the fact that they could be put on a shelf or table instead of hanging from the wall. These advances in design were precursors to truly accurate timekeeping. Henlein's clocks were made of iron and had no minute hand nor covering over the face.

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the dials to removed the brass pieces. The designs came be pressed brass later on, with examples such as “Repose of the Shepherds” or “Departure.”

The clocks have a crown wheel escapement so a standard pendulum but a different pendulum rate and a different number of wheel teeth.

From 1860 to 1800, 80,000 clocks were made including wall clocks. There were also picture frame clocks which were made of plaster and hard to repair in many different styles. They had repeat strike on the hour and then repeat 2 minutes later – perhaps for prayer. Some clocks had alarms. The names on the dials are the buyer’s names and also the pendulums were sometimes painted.

Show and Tell: Larry Squires brought in a paper plate clock designed by his granddaughter. Paul Martyn brought in a reproduction Morbier. Jerry Pieretti showed a wooden clock he bought at an estate sale. The movement is from the late 1700’s to the early 1800’s. It has 12 soldiers on it, and is an early ratchet.

The raffle prizes were won by Gene Osten, Larry Squires and Sally DeMino.



June 17 to 21

Wisconsin Center
400 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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UPCOMING MARTS

APRIL 2014

[2014 Southern Ohio Regional](#)

When: Apr 10 - 12

Where: Roberts Convention Centre, Wilmington, OH, US

MAY 2014

[2014 AR Razorback Regional](#)

When: May 9 – 10

Where: Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, Eureka Springs, AR, US

[2014 Pacific Northwest Regional](#)

When: May 15 – 17

Where: Hotel Murano, Tacoma, WA, US

[2014 North Coast Regional](#)

When: May 16 – 17

Where: Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, US

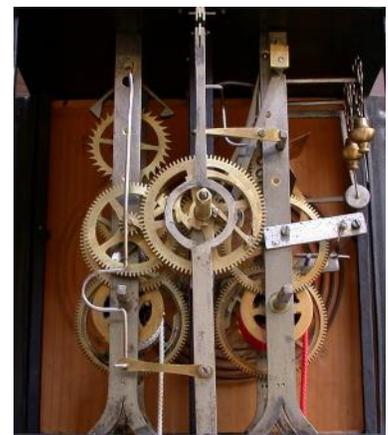
JUNE 2014

[2014 National Convention](#)

When: Jun 17 - 21

Where: Delta Center, Milwaukee, WI, US

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Full details for all upcoming marts:

<http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>

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The National
ASSOCIATION OF
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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2014

Program

**THE CLOCKS OF OLD
JAPAN**

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:

Identifying watch battery numbers.

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with letter "J" including any Japanese clock or watch

Board Meeting:

No Board meeting this month

