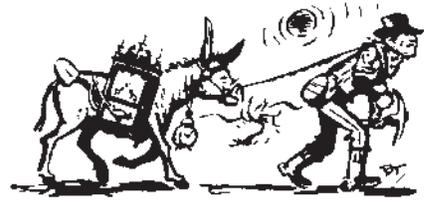


THE Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes - Apr. 4, 2003

Passion for Deco

President Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Bill Schmidt and Kirk Edgar were announced as guest. They're being no additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the Tic Talk Times they were accepted. The Directors meeting will be held at the home of the Linkenhokers.

Murray Lefkowitz passed around a paper for people to sign that wished to volunteer to bring refreshments for up coming meetings.

Our Goodyme Supermart will be held May 17th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Charles Register is in charge of security and asks for volunteers to help him. Please let him know at the May general meeting if you are able to help.

Upcoming events include: Inland Counties Minimart April 5, our own Goodyme Supermart May 17, and the NAWCC National Convention July 2 thru 6 in Charlotte, NC.

Dave announced the street clock at Chapman College is coming down while a new library is being built. The college is asking for a volunteer to see to any repairs the clock may need. The college will store

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This month

That *&@#! Strike Train

Anyone who has taken on the task of reassembling a clock movement that has a strike train knows it can be a very frustrating experience to get everything working again. There are lifting levers, testing levers, locking levers, run-to-warning levers, asymmetrical cams, and "what-the-heck-is-this" parts. Well, after this month's meeting, the workings will be illuminated for all.

Charlie Davis, who teaches clock repair up in Pomona, will take us from beginning to advanced handling of strike train movements. A core set of principles covers nearly all strike trains, and once you understand those principles, then it becomes more a matter of applied technique to reassemble the train with some semblance of efficiency. And Charlie is certainly the right man to teach

both the principles and techniques.

So don't miss this meeting! If you're a beginner, you'll gain more confidence. If you've been doing this for a while, you'll probably still pick up some pointers.



Jana Smith showed her Elgin deco watches with charm and a true collector's passion

Message from the President

Puzzle Over This

First, the good news: We now have several new volunteers to take over all the vacancies on the chapter's board of directors. We have volunteers for Secretary and Treasurer, and Charles has agreed to continue as Vice-president. And then there's the not-so-good news: No one has come forward to take over the presidency.

I find this both puzzling and ironic. Puzzling because being chapter president is a very interesting and fulfilling job, and it's certainly not as hard as some people seem to think. For one thing, you are surrounded by a fantastic group of volunteers who keep things running smoothly. Apart from setting meeting agendas and presiding over the meetings, there isn't all that much that the president is required to do. This allows the president to think about the big picture and propose new ideas to benefit the members.

Yes, when problems arise, the buck stops here, but that only points out the irony. Chapter 69 has gone through some tumultuous times over the last few years. But at this point, thanks to my predecessors, the board, and our members, the chapter appears poised for smooth sailing for the foreseeable future. It is very well-established, has its financial and operational house in order, and has its largest membership base in many years. This is going to be the *easy*

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the clock until completion of the library. See Dave for further info.

Dave stated that he hadn't received results of the NAWCC elections yet. The National executive committee did vote to provide free of charge two full page and two half-page ads in the Bulletin advertising the National Convention in Charlotte.

Cards for Bud Saiben and Hoke Dillon were passed around for all to sign. Jay McAlister has now moved to Kansas to be near his family.

Dave spoke on the importance on everyone giving their best to the good of the chapter and asked for

volunteers to be on the upcoming new board. The board still needs a president, secretary, and two directors.

Jana Smith gave the program on Art Deco women's wristwatches and their advertisements (left). Jana said the advertisements were important in her research as they showed her the different style watches, their names, and the original retail price. She said her favorite style is the "Parisienne" which retailed originally for \$35.00. Thanks to Jana for sharing her wonderful collection with us.



Internationally famed Paris creator now designs six new cases.

THE ELGIN PARISIENNE

\$35.00

Now Lelong puts into watches that same chic you find in a frock that bears his noted label. The same flair for style, the same air of worldly charm. And the vast efficient ELGIN factory makes a stylist's dream a reality to gleam upon your wrist.

And such versatile watches, these Lelong models. Harmoniously in the picture, whether the golf course, or the tea table is your background. Then, too... it's so simple to have extra ribbons to match the colors of your evening gowns

ELGIN WATCHES ARE AMERICAN MADE
WATERPROOF RESISTANT TO ACTUAL SHOCK
CHANGING CASES - ALL OTHERS SIMPLY MIMIC IN DESIGN

give a true Parisian flair to your formal hours.

Three are plain; three are inlaid with lustrous hard enamel. And all are brilliantly smart. Ask any jeweler to show you his sparkling tray of ELGIN Parisiennes. And not only Lucien Lelong, but Agnes, Jenny, Fremet, and a group of equally prominent leaders of the Paris-Grande Couture are represented.

A Parisienne costs but \$35, there is no duty on designs. Style genius pays no fees at the customs house. Paris style...

Show and tell had Charles Register sharing a Heuer diving watch. Bernie Peralta brought a watch with a unique dial he purchased at a museum in Italy (above). Phyllis Adams shared her house clock because it was

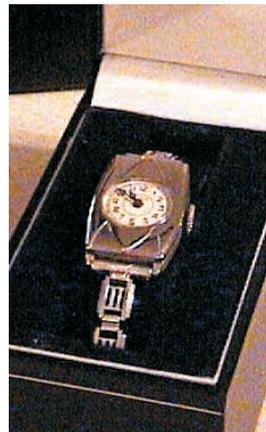
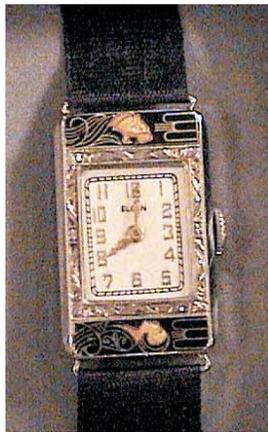


"cute". Doug Adams had a French watch with a quarter second jump hand, a predecessor to the modern stopwatch (below). He also had a Hamilton ships

chronometer, and a letter he received from the Hamilton Watch Company thanking him for the resume he mailed them after his graduation from college. The letter stated they were sorry but they no longer produced movements in this country and therefore had no need for a mechanical designer/engineer. Les Lesovsky had a balance wheel clock with a Hatot movement.

Door prizes were won by Julie Stevens (book and stamps), Bob Linkenhoker (bottle of wine and stamps), Pete Bower (book and stamps), Dick Pridham (ladies pin and stamps), Jana Smith (stationary and stamps).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.



Whatever you're looking for...

Come to the Ninth Annual

GOODTYME SUPERMART

May 17, 2003 • Tustin Community Ctr.



Tic Talk Times On Line

Would you prefer to receive the Tic Talk Times over the Internet?

Send an email request to webmaster@nawcc69.org.

We'll Miss You, Jay

As we learned at the last meeting, Jay McAlister has moved back to Kansas to be with his family. A few months ago, Jay suffered a stroke which, while it left him physically OK, has interfered with his ability to care for himself. It is possible that the Jay we knew may never be the same, and it is a sad loss.



Jay with one of his curiosities

Jay was on the Chapter 69 board of directors when I took over Bud Saiben's board position. He struck me as a no-nonsense kind of guy, but he still exhibited a dry wit. I subsequently got to know him better, largely during our carpooling trips out to meetings at the Linkenhokers' house in Corona.

In addition to clocks, Jay's interests included odd and old scientific instruments, as well as brass musical instruments. He could talk almost endlessly on double-bell euphoniums and other rare instruments I'd never heard of before – and he could play them, too! Jay was active in several NAWCC chapters including #133, Western Electrics. He presented several programs to our chapter on early battery-driven clocks, and was a major contributor to a slide program on Tiffany Never-Wind clocks that is now in the national lending library. He could frequently be counted on to bring interesting horological oddities to our Show & Tells, too.

In a long and distinguished chapter membership, Jay held many board positions in Chapter 69, and volunteered for many other tasks besides, including chairing our mini-mart. Despite his sometimes brusque exterior, Jay was always helpful, willing to share time, effort and knowledge with his fellow collectors.

I hope that Jay will heal and return to our collecting community. He's the kind of person we need more of.

— Dave Weisbart

President's Message *(from page 1)*

presidency!

Some members have suggested that Charles Register, our current V.P., would make a good president. And they're right, he would. However, Charles' current medical condition makes him justifiably reluctant to take on the added responsibility. It is to his great credit that he has agreed to continue in his present position.

At the last meeting, Murray Lefkowitz tried to enter my name into nomination for a third term. While it was a nice gesture, it has two things against it. First is the term limits that are built into the chapter by-laws: You cannot hold one office for more than two consecutive terms. But more importantly, I can't do as much as I've been doing for the chapter any longer. I now have four jobs that are not part of being president: I produce the newsletter, I run the web site, I set up and run the audio-visual equipment, and I now maintain the mailing database. *Enough!* I have a business to run, too, and doing all these things takes away from my ability to make a living (much less buy clocks).

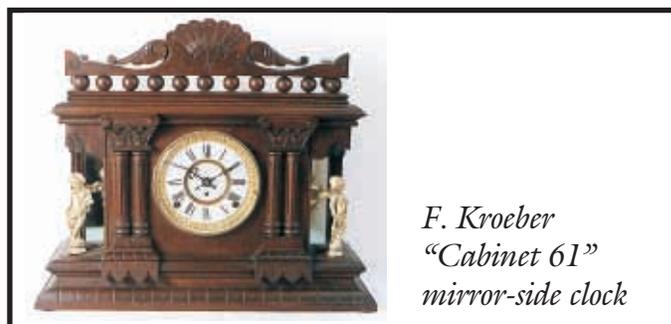
Don't get me wrong – I really do enjoy contributing to the chapter. It's in my nature. This also contributes to my aforementioned puzzlement. I don't fully understand why so many are so averse to contributing to something that they obviously enjoy so much.

Another complicating factor: With one exception, our new board volunteers are first-timers. No one on the current board can take on the presidency. But the consensus is that it would be best to have someone with some board experience in the position. So this is an open and urgent call to all past board members and officers to consider taking over as chapter president for the upcoming year. I know many of you feel you've "paid your dues," but the chapter needs you now. Please give it some serious thought.

Speaking of puzzles, putting together a strike train can be a very frustrating experience, even for those who understand the operational theory. Charlie Davis is going to make it all clear for us at this month's meeting. Right, Charlie?

See you there!

Dave Weisbart



*F. Kroeber
"Cabinet 61"
mirror-side clock*



Whatever you're looking for...

Come to the Ninth Annual

GOODTYME SUPERMART

Sponsored by NAWCC Chapter 69

Saturday, May 17, 2003
Tustin Community Center
300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA



- Doors open at 9:30 A.M. for trading (earlier if building is ready).
- On-site registration starts at 8:30 A.M.
- Table holders admitted at 8:30 A.M.
- Mart closes and security leaves at 1:00.
- Plenty of convenient free parking.
- Easy loading.
- **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!** One free voucher per tableholder application. \$2.00 for all others.
- Limit 2 tables.

For more information, call Mart Chairman Doug Adams at (714) 870-1644

Pre-Registration Form

NAWCC Member Name _____ NAWCC# _____

Guest(s) _____ Guest name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

IMPORTANT!

Pre-registration forms *must* be received by Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Table fee *does not include admission*.

Table holders *must* be NAWCC members.

Table holders are *requested* to remain until closing (1:00 P.M.).

ADMISSION

Advance purchase # _____ x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

After May 8, 2003 or purchase at the door # _____ x \$ 6.00 = \$ _____

SUPERMART TABLES

Eight-foot (8') tables # _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Four-foot (4') half-table # _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

LUNCH # _____ x \$ 2.00 = \$ _____

Indicate table area:

- Clocks & Parts
- Watches, Parts & Supplies
- Other horological

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to
"Orange Co. Chapter 69" and mail to:
Tony Baker
20892 Porter Ranch Rd.
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679-3342

Dues are Due!

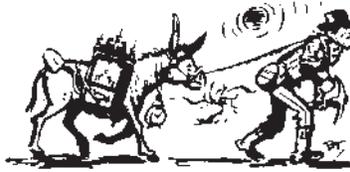
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is more important than ever, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

Please fill out the form on the right and bring it with you to the meeting. If you can't attend this month's meeting, please mail your dues today!

Don't Like to Stand in Line?

Get the annual pass option! This permanent badge gets you into every regular meeting without having to pay at the door. This pass gets you into 12 meetings for the price of 11.

For an individual pass, include \$44 plus your dues (\$54 total). For a couples pass, include \$66 plus dues for two (\$86 total).



Orange County Chapter 69 Membership Application

New Member Renewal
(check one)

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name

First Name

Spouse Name

Street Address / P.O. Box #

City, State, ZIP

NAWCC #

Phone

Email Address

Dues for 2003-04 are \$10.00.
Please make your check payable
to: "Orange County Chapter 69."

Check below for options. Amounts
are in addition to dues.

- Individual annual pass (\$44)
 Couples annual pass (\$66)

Complete this form and mail to:

Gene Osten
1426 E. 20th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705-2075

Clock Repair Class

The LAUSD Adult Education Program is sponsoring a clock repair class. The class meets Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Woodrow Wilson HS in Los Angeles.

The semester fees are: \$10.00 for tuition and \$2.50 for registration. If you are over 60 years of age, the tuition fee is waived. There is also an additional fee of \$1.00 per year for the student body card (to defray general expenses).

The focus of the instruction provided in this class is how to clean and repair clocks primarily using hand tools. The class is an open workshop wherein the students bring their own clocks to work on. The instructor provides guidance and assists the student in identifying and solving problems with their clocks, as well as with repairs. There is no lecture associated with this class.

At present there are two of us that belong to the Orange County Chapter that attend this class on a regular basis. We are looking for any one else that might be interested to sign up, as the enrollment is approaching the minimal level that the School Board requires to sustain the class.

— Dennis Woodson

National Election Results

Total ballots counted were 3015.

For President- Judy Draucker the winner with 2761 votes out of a total of 2791.

For 1st. VP- John Hubby the winner with 2804 votes out of a total of 2819.

For 2nd VP- Tom McIntyre the winner with 1118 votes. Lehr Dircks received 1107 votes and Doug Minty received 790 votes.

For Treasurer- Bill Curtin the winner with 2588 votes out of a total of 2762.

For Secretary- Hugh Overton the winner with 1727 votes. John Connolly received 1225 votes and Others received 2 votes.

For Director:

Five candidates elected:

Steve Berger - 1714 votes

Mark Butterworth - 1286 votes

Phillip Priestley- 1267 votes.

Wm. Keller- 1198 votes

Ray Fanchamps- 1147 votes

Vote to approve a Bylaws addition to allow proxy voting for major corporate changes (Bylaws Article XVII); Yes-2618 votes No-173 votes

— Doug Cowan, NAWCC President

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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c/o David Weisbart
18471 Mt. Lamley St., Suite R
Mountain Valley, CA 92708

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



Our Next Meeting: May 2, 2003

Program:

LIVE Presentation
"Clock Strike Trains"
by Charlie Davis

Refreshments by the DiMinos

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

Main program will cover beginners topics.

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "P"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Sally & Angelo DiMino

Time: 7:00 – Doors open
8:00 – General Meeting

Admission: \$4.00 – General
\$6.00 – Couples

Location: The EBELL CLUB
625 French Street
(at Civic Center Drive)
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 547-6331

*Parking and entry
off Mortimer St.*



Ramp
available