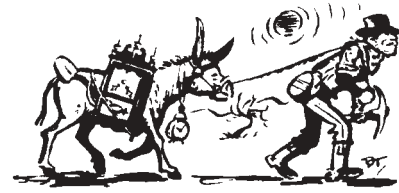


# Tic Talk Times



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*Meeting minutes, April 7, 2006*

## Conservation Lesson

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

- April 15 – Inland Counties Mart
- May 6 – Chapter 69 GoodTyme SuperMart
- June 21-25 – National Convention in Cleveland Ohio

Doug announced that Carl Carlson's wife Pat passed away last month. Doug also informed us that he had received a letter from Bob Bryant who has been a member of NAWCC since 1966 and now intends to let his membership lapse.



*A busy, busy mart at the last meeting!*

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed. Doug mentioned that the Tic Talk Times can be received online and doing so would save the chapter postage each month. It was mentioned that the on line version has the pictures in color rather than in black and white as is the mailed

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*This month*

## Make It Chime

The Beginner's Corner will be presented this month by Charles Register who will discuss methods for providing driving power for wrist watches. His talk will be "Wrist Watch Power" and will cover the various methods for powering wristwatches from conventional spring power, to self-winding designs and electrics.

For the main program, Dave Weisbart will share with us a talk on "Understanding Chime Movements." Dave is preparing to produce a video, which he hopes to sell, that will demystify the 3-train movement for beginning clock repairers. He will cover the functions of all the levers and cams that can be confusing at first glance.

To illustrate his talk, Dave will include some exclusive animations he is creating for the video. These will illustrate the workings of a movement with visual isolation of the gears and levers taking part in each action. He believes this approach will help narrow the focus on each event in the sequence and make the whole procedure easier to understand.

So if you've worked on time and strike clocks, and are ready to take on the more complicated ones, come to the meeting this Friday!

*Don't forget...*

**GOODTYME SUPERMART  
THIS SATURDAY!**

*Sad News*

## Remembering Marsha

At 3:30 A.M., April 8, a long-time friend and active member of our chapter passed away. Marsha Cunningham was a much loved and respected figure, not only in Chapter 69, but several other chapters as well. She volunteered in several capacities, and accompanied her husband, Terry, to marts and clock events all over the country.



*Terry and Marsha Cunningham  
at their mart table*

Marsha had been enduring a difficult time with her health for many months. She had recently been hospitalized with Necrotizing Fasciitis, a flesh-eating disease. Although facing future reconstructive surgery, she was apparently responding so well to treatment that she was discharged from the hospital earlier than anticipated. Her sister was attending her at home, and she was receiving daily visits from a nurse to continue her treatment. In the wee hours of

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## Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

version.

Doug announced that Ellie Clark has agreed to take on the duties of Hospitality. Thanks Ellie. The position of Ways and Means still needs to be filled.

### New Business:

Dennis Woodson mentioned that help is needed in the areas of setup, cleanup and take down, registration and refreshments for the upcoming GoodTyme SuperMart. He passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Charles Register informed us that the index for the videos in the library is available on line at [www.nawcc69.org](http://www.nawcc69.org).

Doug announced that a letter was received from American Watch and Clock Museum thanking us for our contribution of \$100 to the museum.



Dennis reminded the members that the GoodTyme SuperMart is the major fund raiser for the chapter and that the support of all of the members would be appreciated.

This month's board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at the home of Doug and Phyllis Adams.

For the Beginners Corner this month Ray Brown informed us of soldering techniques for

electronic assemblies and how he applied this knowledge to clock repair. Ray mentioned that a clock could have such wear that soldering would provide the best approach to accomplish repair. There are basically two types of solder readily available, tin-lead and lead free tin-silver which melts at a higher temperature. To form a good



solder joint one needs to start by cleaning the pieces to be joined very well. This can be done by abrasion with steel wool or fine sandpaper. Flux is required while soldering to protect the metal from oxidation. To obtain a good joint use a minimum of solder being sure to heat the



*Les showed his pendulum while Doug tried to get Tweety to come out of the clock!*

parts to be soldered rather than the solder. Be sure to remove any residue with alcohol after soldering.

The main program for the evening was a video entitled Conserve or Restore. Conservation is defined as "protection from loss, waste or deterioration" and restoration is defined as "putting back to a formal,

normal or unimpaired condition".

Cleaning and polishing are two aspects of restoring/conserving an object. In determining whether or not to clean an object one determines if what is seen is the original surface or is it dirt. One then needs to determine if the object can tolerate cleaning – what will affect the dirt but not the object and what is the final result of cleaning to be. How to go about cleaning is also a consideration. Is there a suitable treatment? Is the treatment safe? When does one stop treatment? Finally, can the treatment be reversed? An object can be clean and still be dull in appearance. Also an object can appear to be shiny and still have engrained dirt.

Polishing can be done by buffing or spraying on some kind of finish. French polish is a good method of polishing that can be reversed.

Other repairs such as replacement of teeth, mainspring repair and pivot polishing were also addressed.

Show and Tell featured some 400 day clocks brought by Larry Squires. Larry warned us not to try buffing the newer clocks as they will easily split. Dick Pridham brought a Cloister 400 day clock (left) that originally had a special battery in the bottom which Dick had modified to



## Dues are Due!

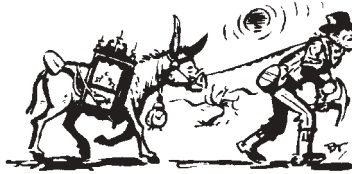
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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!

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## Orange County Chapter 69 Membership Application

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Corona, CA 92881

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accept C cells. Doug Lynn brought his Cartoon Character clock in which Tweety Bird and Sylvester appear. Ray Brown showed us his Chelsea ships bell clock. Les Lesovski brought a 9 pound pendulum for a schools master clock that appears to contain mercury but given the mass of mercury and the dimensions of the pendulum it is not likely to be mercury. Doug Adams brought a pocket watch made by Joseph Sewal that is convertible, going from a closed face watch to an open face watch.

Door prizes were won by Bob Selene, Derald Kliem and Warren Newal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

### Marsha Cunningham (from page 1)

Saturday morning, she got up to use the bathroom and suffered a massive pulmonary embolism. According to Terry, "It was very quick and she didn't even have a chance to call out. ... We feel that God took her to end the difficulties that she was enduring and would have to endure in the future."

Friend Kim St. Dennis summed it up well: "I know we will all miss her cheery smile and pleasant disposition." Our hearts go out to Terry and his family.

### Board Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Doug Adams at 7:50 PM. In attendance were Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Annette Dimino, Derald Kliem, Bob Linkenhoker, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Ellie Clark and guest Bill Clark.

Doug thanked Ellie for accepting the position of Hospitality. Doug noted that the chapter still needs to fill the position of Ways and Means.

Bob reviewed the chapter's financial situation noting that it is in the red by \$1500 over a nine month period. He stated that it appears that this year may be a deficit year depending on the proceeds from our Super Mart. A number of ways to increase income were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to move the chapter's checking account from Washington Mutual to the Commercial Capital Bank in Orange. Motion passed.

Doug announced that NAWCC was soliciting candidates for fellowship awards.

Phyllis informed the group that a chapter in Colorado places a table at their meetings on which items are placed that members can take for \$1 which goes to the chapter's treasury. The board members thought that this was worth pursuing.

It was reported that preparations for the mart were proceeding as scheduled. Ellie suggested that a 50/50 occur at the mart. It was decided that tickets would be \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Establishing 1 1/2 hours as the desired length of the chapters general meeting was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**Our Next Meeting: Friday, May 5, 2006**

*Program:*

**LIVE PRESENTATION**  
**"Understanding Chime**  
**Movements"**  
*by Dave Weisbart*

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

"Wrist Watch Power" by Charles Register

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "D"

*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

