

# Tic Talk Times



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Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2008

## Watching Watches



Antoine Preziuso "bites the table" to steady his head during assembly of a tourbillon from April program.

Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00. There were no guests to welcome. He thanked Bill Acuña for bringing the refreshments. The minutes were approved.

Upcoming marts: Our supermart is May 17. Chapter 190 mart is May 18. The National is June 11-14, in Springfield, MO.

Dave asked that everyone who frequents antique stores take a stack of NAWCC brochures with Chapter 69 insert/invitation to leave behind.

Under new business, Dave announced that we don't want to raise chapter dues and everyone agreed. He said that if a member receives the Tic Talk Times by U.S. mail, the member may be charged a surcharge to pay for postage. The \$10/year dues barely covers the cost of producing the newsletter.

Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer, said the financial report was posted by

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This month

## Servicing Platform Escapements

By Doug Adams

This month Doug Adams will discuss the disassembly, examination, repair, cleaning, oiling, reassembly, and adjustment of platform escapements.



The platform escapement became popular with French manufacturers and was the principal advantage held by carriage clocks (derived from the French, carriage meaning 'carryable' rather than of carriages). The resulting clock was entirely portable without the restrictions of the pendulum and the system soon spread to German and English manufacturers, although the platforms themselves often came from the watchmakers of Switzerland.

Doug will demonstrate using a carriage clock and will supplement with a PowerPoint presentation.

Message from the president

## Triumph and Disappointment

You don't often think of these two words, triumph and disappointment, at the same time. Yet that is what I'm feeling as we get closer to our annual Goodtyme Supermart.

Our triumph is in what is shaping up to be the best mart we've had in several years. Advance table sales are good. The new venue is beautiful and will hold as many tables as we can sell. (And, by the way, it has the comfy-est chairs you've ever sat in for the mart tables.) The pancake breakfast is generating "buzz." Another triumph is that we've found people to take on the all-important tasks involved in making this happen.

Keep in mind, this is our biggest fund-raising event of the year. The profit from the Goodtyme Supermart allows us to keep our membership and admission costs artificially low. This, in turn, encourages more people to keep attending our meetings.

So with such a tremendously important event in the offing, seeming to be going well, what's there to be disappointed about? Well, remember I said we found people to take on the jobs of putting this on? They are the

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Whatever you're looking for...

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# GOODTYME SUPERMART

AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

May 17, 2008 • El Bekal Shrine, Anaheim

## Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

the library.

The program was a movie, “Masters of Time, the World of Swiss Complicated Watches.”

The program is about two watchmakers (cabineteers) preparing timepieces for the Basel Fair. Beside the incredible photography, the movie was interesting for everyone!



*Close-up of assembly of hands to a watch made by Phillippe Dufour*

The two cabineteers are Phillippe Dufour and Antoine Preziuso.

Bernie Peralta brought a Tourbillon for show and tell. The escape wheel rotates 360 degrees once every minute. This is a mechanical timepiece, not an automatic, made by the Sampson Watch Co, Hong Kong. He purchased the watch on eBay at a great price.



The door prizes were won by Joe Vanderuvedt, Julie Stevens and Jon Rosenbaum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

## President's Message *(from page 1)*

same handful of people that are already doing all the work of keeping the chapter going. And I ended up as mart chair – not an ideal fallback option.

I debated long and hard with myself about putting this next anecdote in my column. But I think it needs to be said. I asked an acquaintance who had not been to a meeting in quite a while why this was so. This person said to me (and I will clean up the language a bit), “I just got sick of seeing these [people] sitting on their [behinds] and never helping. All they do is take.” Whew! How does one respond to that?

Our immediate past president and current vice-president, Doug Adams, tells the story of another chapter of which he was president. When it was time for him to step down, no one was coming forward to take over the chapter. He threatened to simply shut the chapter down! Apparently that did the trick, because some members did finally come forward to volunteer.

My God! Is that what it takes? We are still a robust and active chapter! The wonderful people who are serving you as board members (and now mart committee members) all lead busy lives. Yet they find time to *help*.

We will be asking for volunteers to work at various jobs on the day of the mart. We need people to set up and take down the tables, to work registration and security, perhaps to help with the breakfast, etc. We will pass around sign-up sheets. I don't know if I can handle any more disappointment. Make this a triumph of volunteerism. If you can be there, if you can give a little of your time, sign up. Let's fill up the sign-up sheet.

Also, if you haven't registered for the mart yet, bring your completed forms to the meeting.

See you there!

—Dave Weisbart

### *Beginners' Corner*

## Dealing With Magnetism

For the Beginner's Corner this month, Dave Weisbart will discuss and demonstrate the process of magnetizing and demagnetizing your tools. He will also share some interesting facts about magnets.



**MART THEME THIS MONTH:**

**Men's Dress Wrist Watches**

## 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.

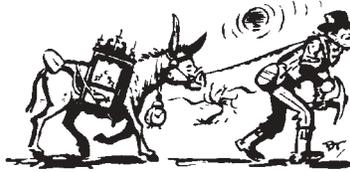
Starting this year, you will get the Tic Talk Times electronically. If you must get the newsletter by U.S. Mail, you will be charged a \$5.00 fee to cover postage.

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

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(check one)

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Check here to receive the Tic Talk Times by U.S. Mail. (\$5.00 extra)

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**Add \$5.00 for mailed newsletter.**  
**Please make your check payable to: "Orange County Chapter 69."**

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 Individual annual pass (\$44)  
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**Complete this form and mail to:**  
**Cora Lee Linkenhoker**  
**7186 Calico Cir.**  
**Corona, CA 92881**

### Board of Directors Meeting April 7, 2008

At the home of Dave Weisbart

Members in attendance: Dave Weisbart, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Bob Linkenhoker, Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams and Julie Stevens.

Supermart – Advance Planning

Who has the hats? Maybe Woody or Charles.

Dave has secured the facility, and will do the table layout and make phone calls to prior year table holders

Bob will accept the applications and money.

Doug will assign tables and print the badges.

Phyllis will solicit past table holders.

Dave will ask Debbie to do shopping for the breakfast

Julie will donate the coffee

Coffee Pots – we need large coffee pots

The Treasurers Report was given by Bob Linkenhoker. We are \$570 in the red since July 1, 2007.

The Tic Talk Times was discussed. The last printing order was for 50 copies and came to \$20.50 (41 cents each). A motion was made and seconded to increase the annual chapter dues to members who receive the Tic Talk Times by mail to \$15.

Doug said the May program may possibly be on clocks.

Dave will give the Beginners Corner on magnetizing/ demagnetizing.

Possible future programs may include:

Belgium Skeleton Clocks from Jim Cipra.

Larry Squires – quick repair tips

The video library: We discussed copying the videos to DVD. Julie said she has the blank DVDs to give to the club.

Next month pre meeting theme – Men's Dress Wrist Watches

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

—Julie Stevens



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**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
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7186 Calico Cir.  
Corona, CA 92881

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



**Our Next Meeting: Friday, May 2, 2008**

*Program:*

**LIVE PRESENTATION**  
**"Servicing Platform**  
**Escapements"**  
**by Doug Adams**

*Mart Theme:* Men's Dress Wristwatches

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

"Magnetizing/Demagnetizing" by Dave Weisbart

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "H"  
or a clock with a platform escapement.

*Board Meeting:*

To be announced

*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

