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

Meeting Minutes April 4, 2009

An Eureka Moment!

President Dave Weisbart opened the meeting at 8:00 and introduced guest Nelson and Erica Faiivac. Also, three long time members, including charter member Vern Lewis, Steve Rini and Bill and Beverly Bruce were introduced. He thanked Julie Stevens for the refreshments. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

Upcoming marts are Chapter 181, Inland Counties, April 4, 2009; Our Chapter 69 Goodyme Super

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Don Buster



It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the death of chapter member Don Buster. He succumbed to heart failure on March 11th.

He and his wife Evelyn were regular attendees at chapters 69 and 4 meeting until his failing health prevented him from getting about.

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This Month

“Early and Late American Watch Inventors and Inventions”

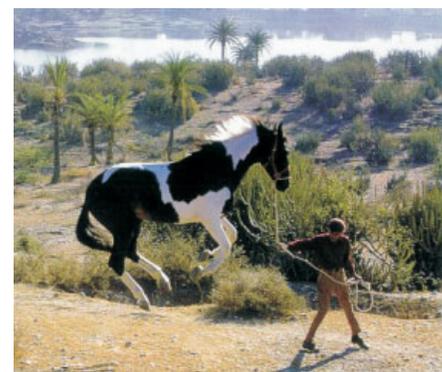
The inventions and patents of three nineteenth-century watch-making innovators are examined in this presentation by Tom McIntyre. The first is Charles E. Jacot, who developed 12 patents, five of which, including the star duplex movement, were created in America between 1840 and 1858.



Walthams's Ezra Fitch, salesman, manager, president and inventor

Dr. McIntyre next discusses the inventions of Ezra Fitch, first a salesman, then general manager, and finally president of Waltham, and also an inventor of the dustproof case and other product enhancements.

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OK, what does a levitating horse have to do with this newsletter? Well, it got your attention, and it's our way of saying, “It's time to *Pony Up!*” Yes, it's time for you to show your support for Chapter 69 by renewing your membership.

It's no secret that membership in the national has been on a slow decline for many years. Our chapter has been holding its own with a proven combination of interesting monthly programs, marts, a fine library, fun door prizes at each meeting, and great camaraderie. But without your yearly contribution of just \$10, we would be forced to cut back and put all this in jeopardy.

So please don't delay. If you will be attending this month's meeting, please bring the completed application and dues to the meeting. If you can't make it this month, take a moment right now to send in your renewal. We're all counting on you.

Whatever you're looking for...

Come to the Fifteenth Annual

GOODYME SUPERMART

May 16, 2009 • El Bekal Shrine, Anaheim



Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Mart, May 16, 2009; Chapter 190, Ventura, May 17, the National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, June 10-13, 2009; and Chapter 75, Mini Mart, 4th Sunday in July.

Dave passed around a sign up volunteer sheet for the mini mart with duties including setting up tables, taking down tables, registration (2 shifts), and kitchen duty (2 shifts). A deli lunch will be available for \$4 around 10:30 to 11:00.

The Beginner's Corner was presented by Bob Linkenhoker. Bob discussed the history of chapter charters.



*German Eureka c. 1920 courtesy
Dave West Clocks*

Dave Weisbart introduce the evening's program, Eureka: A brand of Clock AND what you say when you get it to work! Doug Adams presented his program, "The Mechanical Aspects of Electric Clock Repair."

Doug brought a German Eureka to show us – it looks like an oversized watch, people like to look at it. He pointed out the 2 balls that support the pivot.

The balance drives the gear train. The balance is driven by magnetic attraction of the wheel to a stationary armature.

A common repair to this clock is a broken pivot. The pivot is pressed in and easily breakable. A new piece of high quality steel is cut. It is then hardened, polished and pressed in. A common problem with this clock is that it runs fast. He made some timing washers.



A poorly shaped hairspring is reshaped. He also showed us how playing with the gap between the pins can slow the clock down (spread them apart) or speed up the clock (closer together).

Doug Adams makes repairs look simple!

Dave mentioned how he had a Seth Thomas Metronome that he was having trouble repairing. He googled Seth Thomas Metronome Mechanism. That took him to the NAWCC Message Board. Someone had posted photos of the movement and from those photos, Dave was able to see what was missing in his movement. He was also able to answer the question of the poster.

Show and Tell began with the letter S. No one brought a Show and Tell.

The lucky winners of the door prizes were Larry Squires, Paul Martyn and Phyllis Adams.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Finally, the highlights of Charles DeLong's inventions are presented, including the DeLong winding indicator and escapement.



Don Buster *(from page 1)*

Don was a long time watchmaker having learned the trade when in his teens and early twenties. During the Second World War Don told me he was assigned to a destroyer in the south Pacific. When he tried to get a transfer to a repair ship so he could put his watch repair skills to greater use, in typical Navy tradition the Captain told him he was a valuable part of the crew and was needed just where he was. He therefore served his whole time as a deck hand and lookout.

Our sympathy goes out to Evelyn and her family. We all wish them the best.

~Bob Linkenhoker

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!

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

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

Dues for 2009-10 are \$10.00.
Add \$5.00 for mailed newsletter.
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:
Cora Lee Linkenhoker
7186 Calico Cir.
Corona, CA 92881

Program Schedule for 2009

The following programs are being scheduled for the remainder of 2009. We have a mix of watch and clock related topics with both live and video presentations. A Beginners' corner will also be selected to compliment the main program. We may also substitute or rearrange the presentations if members suggest an alternate topic. Please let us know of any program you would like to add as we do have an opening in November!

May: Video Presentation by Tom McIntyre, "Early and Late American Watch Inventors and Inventions"

June: Live Presentation by Gene Osten, "How GPS Works"

July: Video Presentation, "Gear Trains 101"

August: Live Presentation by Les Lesovsky, "Resurrection of the Church

of the Angels Seth Thomas Tower Clock."

September: Video Presentation by René Rondeau, "Inventing the Electric Watch"

October Live Presentation by Dave Weisbart, "Dating of Ansonia Clock Styles"

November: (open for suggestions!)

December: Holiday Theme and Refreshments: "Time Trials" (aka Jeopardy) with contestants and prizes!

Horological Riddles

- When is the time of a clock like the whistle on a train?
- Why did the man hit the clock?
- What time is it when the clock strikes 13?
- Why are clocks considered freaks?
- A radio station had a 20-minute newcast that started at 9:50. What did they call it?
- What did the Tower of Pisa say to the tower of Big Ben?
- What do you call the affliction when a clock's bell strikes before the minute hand reaches the 12?

*Come to our May meeting for
the answers!*

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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



Our Next Meeting: Friday, May 1, 2009

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION
"Early and Late American
Watch Inventors and
Inventions"

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

None due to length of Main Program

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "T"

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

