

Tic Talk Times



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

General Meeting April 2, 2010

Getting Horological!

President Doug Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. We had no visitors but saw a couple of our old friends, Dennis Woodson and Charles Register. It was reported that Bud Saiben is still doing ok.

Upcoming events:

May 22 – Our Goodtyme Mart will have 50 tables, and already 20 are sold. Sign up sheets will be passed around tonight. There will be early and late registration, 2 kitchen shifts, security, set up and tear down. As Doug said, we need this mart for a shot in the arm for our finances this year.

- May 22–24 – Spokane, WA Regional
- Apr. 18 – Ventura Chapter 190 Mart will be held at the Camarillo Airport.
- Apr. 24 – Inland Counties Ch. 81
- June 16–20 – NAWCC National, Pennsylvania
- August 14 & 15 – Reno, NV Silver Dollar Regional

NOTE: Our November meeting will be held the second week, on November 12th, this year.

New Business: We still have vacancies that need to be filled – One board member and the Vice Presidency. We really need a

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Show & Tell

Show Me A “J”



A “J” clock from Jaeger, see story p.3..

This month, we will feature watches and clocks associated with the letter “J”; hints, Jefferson, Jerome, Junghans, Japy Freres, Jaeger, etc. We can always learn a lot from members who bring an horological item that is unusual or has a special story. Show & Tell is not limited to watches and clocks. Tools, advertisements, jewelry, pottery etc. with horological themes are also welcome. If you still can’t find an item related to our monthly “Letter” but have something new to share, please bring that also. And don’t

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Dues are Due!

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 Sixteenth Annual

GOODTYME SUPERMART

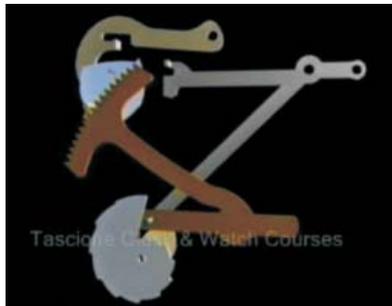
May 22, 2010 • El Bekal Shrine, Anaheim



Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

program director.

Beginner's Corner for tonight is Bob Linkenhoker showing slides of a clock collection which is being sold by a member. He needs help in identifying the clocks.



Details of rack & snail strike mechanism from the Tascione video.

Our program for April was a video by Bob Tascione on Clock Repair. We will see the second part at our May meeting. In the video, he demonstrated the differences in mainsprings between the 8 day and the 30 day Ingraham. He also noted that horology used the

compound pendulum, not the simple pendulum. Pendulums use the center of oscillation; the lower the center of oscillation, the slower it goes. Don't alter the rate of the pendulum before you check the rest of the clock.

Show & Tell:

Steve Rini showed us a #1 "Italian" Welch clock. The came in 3 sizes and were called "The Italians".



Doug Adams showed his finds from the Arizona Sunshine Regional:

First an Atmos which is silver, not gold, which is uncommon. It was made for a limited time from 1938 - 1940 and has a lower serial number. It is regulated by a knob in the back and has an intergral bellows which is attached to the back plates.



Second an Illinois Bunn Special - 60 hour Railroad Montgomery dial and a 161 movement.



(Above) Doug Adam's "Bunn Special" from Show & Tell

Doug Lynn showed a Model #5, the first Railroad type watch made by Illinois in the 1870's, 20 years before Railroad watches. It has a silver case, stem-wind.

The raffle was won by Dave Wiesbart, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, and Bob Selene.

~Phyllis Adams



Doug Lynn's early Illinois "Railroad Watch" c. 1870.



Smart Time

A man is strolling past the mental hospital and suddenly remembers an important meeting. Unfortunately, his watch has stopped, and he cannot tell if he is late or not. Then, he notices a patient similarly strolling about within the hospital fence. Calling out to the patient, the man says, "Pardon me, sir, but do you have the time?" The patient calls back, "One moment!" and throws himself upon the ground, pulling out a short stick as he does. He pushes the stick into the ground, and, pulling out a carpenter's level, assures himself that the stick is vertical. With a compass, the patient locates north and with a steel ruler, measures the precise length of the shadow cast by the stick. Withdrawing a slide rule from his pocket, the patient calculates rapidly, then swiftly packs up all his tools and turns back to the pedestrian, saying, "It is now precisely 3:29 pm, provided today is August 16th, which I believe it is. The man can't help but be impressed by this demonstration, and sets his watch. Before he leaves, he says to the patient, "That was really quite remarkable, but tell me, what do you do on a cloudy day, or at night, when the stick casts no shadow?" The patient holds up his wrist and says, "I suppose I'd just look at my watch."

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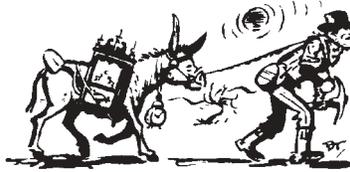
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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 2010-2011 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:
Cora Lee Linkenhoker
7186 Calico Cir.
Corona, CA 92881

Give Me A "J" *(from page 1)*

forget you get an extra door prize ticket for participating in Show & Tell!

In keeping with the "J" theme here is a short write up on an unusual movement that was used in automobiles from the early 1930's until the 1960's. The Jaeger Watch Company developed an electric automotive clock that was significantly different than all the others. Their clock used a directly impulsed balance wheel to drive the clock works.



Jaeger "Magnetric" movement showing three lobed balance wheel.

All the other companies used a spring driven movement that was periodically rewound using a simple electromagnet.

Jaeger named their new movement Magnetric™ and used the trademarked name on the clock dials in place of Electric.

Frank Conrad, a remarkable person who worked for Westinghouse Electric Co., was a major contributing

inventor of the Jaeger movement. Conrad, developed watt-hour meters for Westinghouse and was awarded the Edison Medal from the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, now IEEE, for his pioneering work in radio and electronics. Conrad was also the first person to develop a commercial



Frank Conrad one of the inventors of the Jaeger electric clock movement.

broadcasting station in 1916 broadcasting from a garage in Pittsburgh, and had the first call sign, KDKA, issued in 1920. Frank filed his invention for a directly impulsed movement in 1927 but the patent was not issued until nearly six years later in 1933. Jaeger soon began to provide clocks based on Frank's patent to high-end cars such as Cadillac and soon many GM cars had clocks using Jaeger movements. These movements did not have the noise associated with the periodic winding of the spring driven clocks and were overall much quieter too.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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



Our Next Meeting: Friday, May 7, 2010

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION
"Tascione Clock Repair
Part II"

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

None due to length of Main Program

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "J"

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

