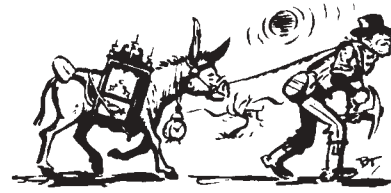


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes, Apr. 1, 2011

Something's Different

President Ray Brown opened our April meeting by welcoming our guest and thanking the provider of our refreshments. (Both names escaped our secretary as he was, at that time, working to activate the microphone in the podium.)

The minutes of the prior general and board meetings were approved as published in the April Tic Talk Times. Ray announced that he would be unable to give the Beginner's Corner in May. This was reported in the board minutes, but Ray will be out of town for our May meeting.

Upcoming marts:

- Chapter 81's Inland Counties Faire, April 16 in Pomona
 - Chapter 190's Seaside Watch, Clock and Jewelry show, April 17 in Ventura
 - Chapter 69's Goodtyme Supermart, May 21 in Anaheim
- Goodtyme Supermart Chairman Doug Adams announced that flyers were available, and encouraged anyone who wants a table should register soon since tables sell out each year. He also passed around a sign-up sheet for "worker bee" volunteers.

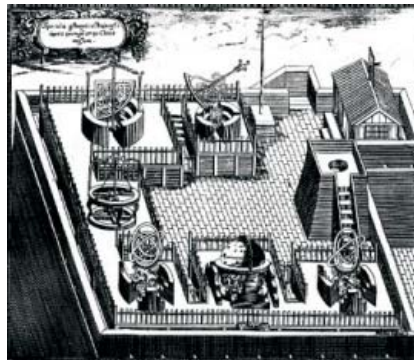
Ray then informed the membership that chapter 69 is 40 years old this year! In honor of the milestone, the board had discussed the possibility of holding a special banquet. Ray polled the members in attendance to

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This month

Beijing Ancient Observatory

Friday's talk is titled "Ancient Beijing Observatory" The observatory was built in 1440, with most of the instruments on the observation deck dating from 1673.



*17th century rendering
of the Beijing Observatory*

One of the oldest observatories in the world, the Beijing Ancient Observatory grounds cover an area of 10,000 square meters. The observatory itself is located on a 15 meter tall brick platform and about 40 x 40 square meters wide, an extant portion of the old Ming Dynasty era city wall that once encircled Beijing. Several of the bronze astronomical instruments are on the platform, and other armillary spheres, sundials, and other instruments are located nearby at ground level.

The talk will feature photographs of the observatory taken by Doug Adams supplemented by historical sketches and descriptions of the instruments.

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President's Message

\$ Financial \$ \$ Accounting \$

May is the month our chapter traditionally makes a financial recovery from running in the red for the year. The best way is through our Good Tyme Supermart which is held this year on May, see our web site for details and directions (nawcc69.org). As I write this in late April, we have already sold half our tables and if they go like last year we will sell out so don't wait till the last moment to get a table or you will likely be disappointed. Also, don't forget to mark the date on your calendar to attend. There are always a good deal of watches and clocks that we don't see at our monthly marts so here is a chance to find something special.

The other part of our financial recovery comes from our annual dues, which are due by June. The form for renewal is included in this newsletter and you can renew at the May or June meetings. Also, you can pay for an

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Whatever you're looking for...

Come to the Seventeenth Annual

GOODTYME SUPERMART

Sponsored by NAWCC Chapter 69

Saturday, May 21, 2011
El Bekal Shrine

Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

ascertain the level of interest. Most of our members indicated they would like to attend the banquet, so plans will be made. Stay tuned!

Our Beginner's corner was given by Tony Baker, a.k.a. "Tick Tock Tony." He brought with him and demonstrated several test stand fixtures he has fabricated in his own shop. He showed stands that were suitable for American time & strike movements, cuckoo clocks, grandfather clocks with seat boards, and Vienna regulators with pendulums that attach to the case. He showed slides of a few more stands including a multi-movement stand that's in his workshop. Asked about resonance problems that can result from having several long pendulums on the same stand, he pointed out that the stand is anchored into the wall to minimize such problems.

Gene Osten then presented our main program on "Unusual Pocket Watches." Gene brought many of the pocket watches from his own collection to show. Each has some feature or complication that sets it apart from other, more common watches.



Gene speculated that many of these watches were manufactured in short runs to see if their novelty would capture an additional share of the market. The features ranged from elaborate damaskeening, to unconventional dial numbering, to 60-hour movements, to 5-minute repeater mechanisms. (Examples below, see sidebar for more complete list.)

As always, Gene provided a wealth of knowledge regarding his chosen collecting specialty, delivering it with wit and enthusiasm. Our thanks for a great program!



Our Show & Tell letters this month were "U" and "V". Doug Adams brought an Elgin "Veritas" watch that featured a triple-sunk dial with a 24-hour indicator. It had a 23-jewel movement and he thought it probably was made for the Canadian market.

Bob Selene showed an advertisement he had acquired for a rare solar-powered clock.



He had previously displayed this clock, which came from the estate of Red Skelton, at a chapter meeting many years ago. Now he has this advertisement for the "Royale Electronique Clock" to

go with it! He also showed a WWII vintage Hamilton Chronometer. It was stamped "U.S. Army," not the designation one expects for a marine chronometer. Doug said these were used by the Army Signal Corps.

Ray Brown showed an electric clock by United that was supposed to look like a clock with a huge balance wheel and jeweled escapement. It wasn't quite working.

Door prizes were won by Joan Wolcott, Tony Baker, and Bob Selene. In a nod to April Fool's Day, Sally DiMino, who provides our door prizes, sealed each prize in a brown paper bag, so the recipients wouldn't know what they were getting beforehand – a little fun at the end of the evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Weisbart, Secretary



Dues are Due!

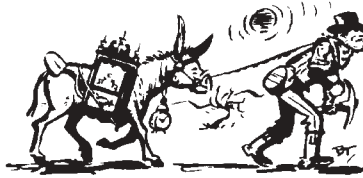
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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 2011-2012 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

Some of Gene Osten's Unusual Watches

Maker	Features / remarks
Hampden	Interesting damaskeening on plate
Elgin	Decorative dial w/ radial Arabic numerals
Illinois	Steam locomotive on plate – rare for American
Illinois	Transition movement – both key & stem wind
Illinois	"5th pinion" converts to hunter or open face
Waltham	Chronograph, no minute register
Hamilton	Chronograph with minute register (military)
Waltham	Stopwatch w/ 10bps "jitterbug" movement
Waltham	Non-factory "Abbott" key wind conversion
Elgin	Convertible stem, moves from 3 to 12 easily
Elgin	After-market dial, seconds bit at 3:00
Waltham	Vanguard 23J, Montgomery dial, up-down indicator
Illinois	60-hr. Movement, Bunn Special (c. 1929)
Hamilton	Two hour hands for adjoining time zones
Illinois	Ferguson dial – big minutes outside, hours inside
Keystone	Covered balance wheel - sm. plate w/ mica window
Waltham	5 minute repeater – fewer than 600 made
Palard	Non-Magnetic, no ferrous metals in balance assy.
Ansonia	Dollar watch by famous American clock company

The Most Expensive Stopwatch Ever?



This Bulova stopwatch was used to time engine burns on the Apollo 15 Lunar Module "Falcon." It's from the collection of astronaut Dave Scott and is being auctioned this week by Bonhams. Auction estimate: \$120,000 to \$180,000.

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annual pass, which gives you twelve admissions for the price of eleven and lets you avoid paying each time at the door.

So we need your help in keeping financially sound; buy a table at the mart or just attend if you have nothing to sell. Also, renew your dues and help keep the chapter going with all the meeting activities that our board works so hard to arrange.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Corona, CA 92881

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Collectors, Inc.



Our Next Meeting: Friday, May 6, 2011

Program:

LIVE Presentation

**"The Beijing Ancient
Observatory"**
by Doug Adams

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

TBD

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "W"

Board Meeting:

Monday, May 9, 7:30 P.M. at the home of
Doug & Phyllis Adams
1483 Paseo Grande
Fullerton, CA 92833
(714) 870-1644

