

# Tic Talk Times



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*Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2017*

## ENGLISH HOROLOGY

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Martyn at 8:00 PM. The minutes for the March 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

### Upcoming Events

Chapter 133 is having a one-day Mart, May 7, 2017 at the El Bekal Shrine in Anaheim (1320 Sanderson Ave.) from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### Beginner's Corner

Paul Martyn informed the group of methods to polish small metal parts. Using either a Dremel tool or a Flexshaft, a circular felt pad charged with Tripoli can be used to remove scratches as a first stage in the process. The part can then be polished with a similar felt pad (or stitched cotton pad) charged with jewelers rouge. In this process, keep the two pads separate as they serve, different purposes and contamination of buffing compounds should be avoided. If this process is followed on a larger scale, ventilation in the work place is critical, as the dust involved can be significant.

There are other polishing tools that can be used in hand held rotary devices that are relatively new and can provide very

satisfactory results with little dust. One of these is the Advantage Polisher that comes in different geometries and grits ranging from 332 to 600; another is a 3M rotary disc that can be stacked (either 3 or 4) on a small mandrel. Both products can be obtained from Rio Grande in Albuquerque.

As with all cleaning processes, final particulates removal can be pursued using an ultrasonic cleaner. If small parts are to be immersed, it is wise to use a small metal basket inside the cleaner.

### Swiss Pocket Watches

Jerry Kleeb brought an extensive collection of Swiss pocket watches to the meeting for review. Some of these were exquisite timepieces that were tailor made for specific markets. One was a Chinese duplex (two teeth with no kick pin) and a standard duplex with a motif for sales in India. The enamel work on these cases was very well done. Other watches told a different story, as the watch made for the Turkish trade (with Arabic numbers) that employed fake cap jewels covering brass pivots (which resulted in a watch that was impossible to lubricate). Another watch was labeled MJ Tobias which was a cheap reproduction of a well known English watchmaker MI Tobias of Liverpool. Hand engraving of a watch did not insure a quality product as this labor was relatively cheap at the time.

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*This Month*

## PENDULUM DESIGN

This month we will have a fascinating video that discusses the many factors that need to be considered in a truly accurate pendulum clock. Prior to the video, Paul Martyn will begin with a live overview of some of the basic elements of pendulum design and also provide examples of some pendulums that attempt to portray themselves as temperature compensation devices, when in fact they are nothing more than decorative features! This will be a very informative meeting for all things pendulum related.

See you at the Meeting!



## TIME TRIVIA

*The phrase in a New York minute refers to a very short period of time or an instant. Legend has it that the phrase originated in Texas in the late 1960s. The phrase was popularized by TV personality Johnny Carson who joked that a New York minute was the time between a traffic light turning green and the car behind one's car honking.*

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Other efforts to deceive, included phony 18k hallmarks, "jewels" installed in movements that served no purpose and were likely actual glass. Another effort to deceive included changing the winding direction so that a watch appeared to be an English fusee. Probably most outlandish of all was a pocket watch that used red paint as "jewels".

### Show and Tell

There was no show and tell.

Door prizes were won by Paul Martyn and Larry Squires.

## UPCOMING MARTS

### MAY 2017

[2017 North Coast Regional](#)

When: 5/19/2017 - 5/20/2017

Lakeland Community College  
7700 Clocktower Dr  
Kirtland, OH 44094

### JUNE 2017

[2017 Greater St Louis Regional](#)

When: 6/2/2017 - 6/3/2017

Moolah Shriners  
12545 Fee Fee Rd  
Saint Louis, MO 63146 United States Dr  
Kirtland, OH 44094

[2017 National Convention](#)

When: 6/28/2017 - 7/1/2017

Arlington Convention Center  
1200 Ballpark Way  
Arlington, TX 76011

### JULY 2017

[2017 Pacific Northwest Regional](#)

When: 7/14/2017 - 7/16/2017

Portland Expo Center  
2060 N Marine Dr  
Portland, OR 97217

[2017 Rocky Mountain Regional](#)

When: 7/14/2017 - 7/15/2017

Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
15200 W 6th Ave  
Golden, CO 80401

Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Events/NAWCC/Events/Events.aspx>

## Thomas Bruce Clarke

February 17, 1923-April 15, 2017



Bruce was born and raised in Upland, in a house that was the original San Antonio Community Hospital. He attended Chaffey High School and Chaffey Jr. College, where he loved playing clarinet in the band.

In Bruce's early years he worked as a machinist. His talent and personality got him noticed by Mt San Antonio College, who invited him to come to work for them as an instructor. As he started back to school to earn his BA and MA he also started his teaching career. When he retired 25 years later he was Dean of Applied Sciences.

Bruce spent hours and days in his workshop. He was an expert craftsman whether it be with wood or metal. He built a car from scratch, fabricating everything from customized doors to reupholstering the seats himself. He made a Sterling Engine (400hours of labor) which runs on hot water. As a master wood worker he crafted vases, clocks, tables and chairs using any piece of wood he found. Everything he made was always dated on the bottom of the piece and included the type of wood and his initials TBC. His largest project was building the house where he raised his family. He completed the house himself, working after "work" until dark and on weekends. There was nothing he couldn't fix or build.

He was married 4 days short of 75 years to the love of his life, Julia Eller. He was 19 and Julia was 16 when they eloped. They began their family 2 years later with son Tom, followed by daughters Pamela (Redman), and Linda (Moore-Whitehead). They can boast of 10 loving and devoted grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Bruce was active in many groups. He sang many solos and sang in church choirs. He surprised his wife and sang the song Always (acapella) at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. He repeated that solo at his daughter Linda's wedding as well as two of his grand daughters weddings. He was a Fellow in The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He never met a clock he couldn't charm into working.

He won The Outstanding Educator of The Year and many many other awards recognizing excellence.

The Upland High School Bagpipers honored Bruce (a Scotsman by birth) and his family a week ago playing a beautiful concert on the lawn outside his bedroom window, ending with Amazing Grace, a song Bruce sang many times.

Bruce amassed a loyal group of friends who loved sitting with him in his workshop. He always had a smile and quick, endearing laugh. He won the heart and enriched the lives of all who knew him, friend or relative. He was a beloved man.

There will be a memorial service at The Purpose Church, formerly Pomona First Baptist, 586 N. Main St, Pomona 91768, 909 629-5277 April 29 at 11:00 and a private family graveside May 1.

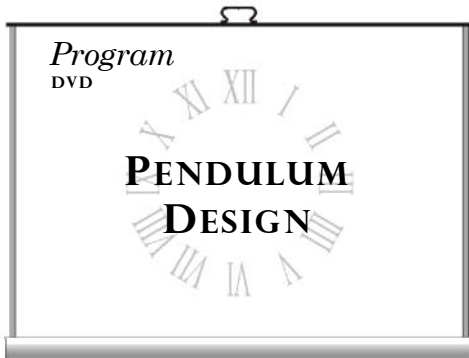
**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF  
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**OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY MAY 5, 2017**



***Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:***

Polishing small metal parts

***Show & Tell:***

Any horological item beginning with the letter "U"

***Board Meeting:***

TBD

**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

