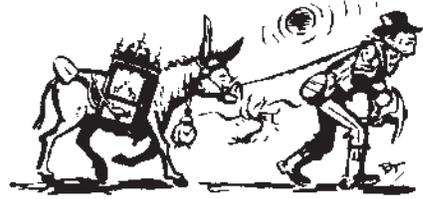


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes

Well, Polish My Pivots!

Dave Weisbart opened the meeting at 8 p.m. He welcomed our guests: Bob Vander Poel and Adrian Morrison. He brought the healthy refreshments for all. The April minutes were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

Announcements

Upcoming Marts:

The Central Coast Watch & Clock Show and Sale will be on Saturday, May 11, at the Arroyo Grande Community Center and Women's Club at 211 Vernon Ave., in Arroyo Grande. Sellers will begin set up at 8:30 a.m. For information, call Donna Lehman at 805-349-2030.

Pacific Northwest #31 Regional is being held on May 16-19, in Clackamas, Oregon. For additional information, call Johnnie & Mike Robinson, 503-640-5769.

Chapter 136 will host their *Annual Picnic Mart* on June 1 in Chula Vista.

2002 National, The NAWCC Southern California Adventure, will be July 3-7 in Anaheim. For on-line registration go to nawcc2002.org. Dave Weisbart asked that everyone who has not registered for the National, to please do so.

The quarterly Financial Report was on display for review.

This Month

Phinney Walker Who?

Chapter 69 member Dick Duwe will present a program on "The fun of collecting inexpensive clocks and the *mystery* that is Phinney Walker."



Due to the number of items on the agenda, including chapter elections, there will be no Beginner's Corner this month.

Old Business

Gene Osten gave an update on the nominations for officers and directors. He also thanked those who volunteered. We have the Vice President's spot open.

The Clock and Watch Museum donated a book to the Library.

New Business

Dave Weisbart displayed a chart of all the people in charge of various functions for the National. He

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Message from the President

30 Years is a Long Time

On June 10, 1972, the charter for NAWCC Chapter 69 was signed. It's amazing to look back at that year to see what else was going on in 1972.

- Richard Nixon was in the White House – The break-in at the Watergate took place just one week after our charter! On that same day, U.S. discontinued ground operations in Viet Nam.
- Intel introduced its 200-KHz 8008 chip, the first commercial 8-bit microprocessor.

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What Every Member Should Know

Chapter dues are due! See page 4.

There will be no chapter meeting in July! Don't go to the Ebell Club – no one will be there.

We will have our traditional **Director's Pot Luck** at the Saibens' on July 10. See page 4.

Our **beginners clock repair course** is on! See page 3.

The **LAX Exhibit is coming down** June 28. If you have a clock in it, see page 4.

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asked for help in Registration, Exhibit, and Security. Les needs strong men to help check the permit numbers at the door for the mart table holders. The shifts are for two hours at the package pick-up area for Wednesday. He also will need help from the ladies for Thursday morning at the package pick-up area from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Julie Stevens, Exhibit Chairperson, needs clocks and watches for the exhibit. She will also need volunteers for people to sit at the exhibit/craft room during the open hours. Jay McAllister will need help for policing the hallways and giving out directions to the mart set-up at the National. Dave also had posters about the National and asked for people to deliver them to the antique stores near them to put in their windows. Bud Saiben showed an apron that the 1979 National used to distinguish the workers at the National for a possible idea for the July workers.

LAX exhibited clocks are due to come out of the display on June 28. You can go out to the Bradley Annex that day between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to pick up your clocks if you so choose. Discussion was held on where they might be delivered and one possibility was to have them delivered at the National on Wednesday, July 3, at the Exhibit room for pick-up.

Renewal forms were mistakenly left out of the Tic Talk Times. Please see Mary Ann Wahlner for your renewal forms.

Bob Linkenhoker reminded us that there would not be a meeting in July (National).

Charles Register acknowledged Fred Sparks for his large donation of clock books to the library.

Jay McAlister informed every one of the Scientific and Technical Show being held May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX.

Beginner's Corner

Gene Osten gave a short talk on how to find information on getting springs for a watch. He used an Elgin mainspring for his example.

Program

Ray Marsolek, Terry Cunningham, Doug Adams and Larry Squires gave the program, on Pivot Polishing. Ray started with the most rudimentary method for people who do not have a lathe. Terry gave a second method with a homemade pivot polisher made



by Charlie Davis (top left). Ray then demonstrated an electric pivot polisher. Next Doug talked and demonstrated his hardened steel pivot polisher that is used for French clocks and chronometers. Lastly, Larry gave his demonstration with his "expensive" polisher that is made specifically for polishing pivots.

Show and Tell (V)

Terry Cunningham brought a cobalt blue Royal Bonn clock with the name of La Verdon.

Roy Irick brought an 1880 French clock with the name of Vincenti on it.

Les Lesovsky brought an 1829 Vocheron Swiss watch with a sterling silver case.

The raffle prizes were won by the following: Dean Armentraut, Dick Gillich,

Marsha Cunningham, Ed Henderson, and Derald Klein.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Marsha Cunningham, Secretary



President's Message *(from page 1)*

- The last of the Apollo moon landings took place.
- *The Godfather* won the Academy Award for best picture against such films as *Cabaret*, *Deliverance*, and *The Poseidon Adventure*.
- A terrorist attack at the Munich Olympics shocked the world.
- Rocker (and NAWCC member) Alice Cooper released "School's Out."
- HBO and *Ms. Magazine* got their start.

As for me, I had just turned 19 eleven days earlier. It would be another two years before I would be enchanted by my first look at an antique clock collection.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating: This chapter has a distinguished and important history. Additionally, I think it's absolutely remarkable that we still have several charter members still among our ranks. And now, with 30 years of programs, marts, and contributions to the NAWCC under our belt, we are on the cusp of probably the most significant contribution a chapter can make, hosting a national convention.

Every volunteer organization has its ups and downs. The trick is to maintain a sense of purpose and to avoid complacency. There are some in the chapter who decry the perception that we are nothing more than a social club. I think a well run social club, bringing together people with common interests for networking and sharing, is a worthy goal in and of itself. But Chapter 69 is much more than that. We are educators, historians, mechanics, appraisers, and artists. We come together each month not just to wheel & deal and to schmooze, but to share what we know and what we've learned.

As of press time, we still do not have a candidate for chapter Vice President. This important officer is primarily responsible for arranging our programs each month. Terry Cunningham is certainly a hard act to follow in this regard – he has put together an absolutely stellar two years of programs. I believe it is crucial to the continuing momentum of our growth to have programs that appeal to as wide a cross section of our members as possible. If you're been sitting on the fence about whether or not you'd like to get involved, it's time to get off the fence and come forward.

One of our own long-time members is giving an all-new presentation this month. I'm really looking forward to it. See you there!



Every Member Should Know *(from page 1)*

Please note that you must be a chapter member to sell at the mart tables at the beginning of our meetings. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Elections!

At this month's meeting, we will elect the board members and officers who will guide the organization through the coming year. The nominating committee's current slate includes:

- Dave Weisbart, President
- Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer
- Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Secretary
- Ed Athey, Patrick Espe, Murray Lefkowitz, and Saul Zitter, Directors

Sally DiMino, Doug Adams, and Charles Register are continuing in the second year of their terms as Directors.

Notice something missing? We still need someone to come forward and take the position of Vice President. Nominating Committee Chair Gene Osten will open the floor for nominations at the meeting.

Starting Out In Clock Repair

There are still a couple of openings in Ray Marsolek's class for those who are thinking about getting started in clock repair. The class is limited to eight people and will take place on Saturday, June 15, starting at 9:00 A.M. at Ray's house in Lomita. This class will cover the investments the beginning mechanic will need in tools, time and training to perform satisfactory repairs. Upcoming classes will cover disassembly and re-assembly of movements, and bushings and pivots. See Ray at the meeting or call him at (310) 326-2999 to reserve your spot.

Our Sympathies

Gay Tanner, wife of Chapter 69 member John Tanner, passed away in the early part of May. She was very supportive of John's penchant for acquiring wonderful, high end regulators and would have to be consulted when ever John hang up a new one in the house. Gay was diagnosed with terminal cancer about a year and a half ago, and put up a gallant fight to the end.

Dorothy Koch, wife of John Koch, passed away on May 21. Until recently, wherever John went, Dorothy went too. Until a couple of years ago, they were regulators at the Chapter 69 meetings. Dorothy had been having trouble breathing for some time and spent her last week in the hospital comforted by her family.

No General Meeting in July!

A reminder that there will be no July meeting. We'll all have our hands full at the National! Of course, meetings will resume the first Friday of August.

But mark your calendars for July 10 at 6:00 P.M.! That's when our Directors' Pot Luck will be held once again at the lovely home of Bud and Pat Saiben. It's open to all chapter members and their guests. A pot luck sign-up sheet will be circulated at the June meeting.

LAX Exhibit Comes Down

The exhibit of international clocks at Los Angeles International Airport will be taken out on June 28. For a year now, travelers have been enjoying our chapter members' clocks, and many people have become aware of the NAWCC for the first time.

Jim Olsen of JDO Exhibits will be removing the clocks between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on June 28. Those of you who have clocks in the exhibit may pick them up at the LAX Bradley Terminal, lower level, during those hours. Alternatively, Jim and his assistants will carefully pack the clocks (as they did at our Tustin mini-mart when they picked them up) and will store the clocks until July 3, at which time he will bring them to the Anaheim Marriott. He will be in the Exhibit & Crafts area between 10:00 A.M. and noon to return the remaining clocks.

If you have clocks in the LAX exhibit, you are encouraged to come to one of these pick-up locations. If you cannot be there, please assign someone to pick up your clocks for you! To do this, you should provide the person with your original lending agreement and a note from you authorizing the pick up.

If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Olsen at (818) 762-9011.



Dues are Due!

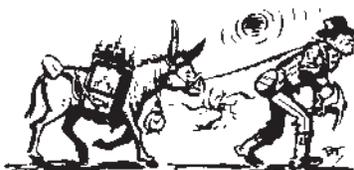
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is more important than ever, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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. Since there's no July meeting, this pass gets you into 11 meetings for the price of 10.

For an individual pass, include \$40 plus your dues (\$50 total). For a couples pass, include \$60 plus dues for two (\$80 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

Dues for 2002-03 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 (\$40)
 Couples annual pass (\$60)

Complete this form and mail to:
Mary Ann Wahlner
28897 Paseo Sabatini
Mission Viejo, CA 92692-5900

URGENT!

Volunteers are needed for several key functions at the national convention. Note that your shift(s) will be only two hours. This is a small sacrifice that everyone can make! You may contact the appropriate committee chairpeople at our chapter meeting or by calling the numbers below:

- Mart – Jay McAlister, (714) 963-1627
 - Security – Dick Duwe, (714) 970-0111, or Angelo DiMino, (714) 557-1876
 - Exhibit – Julie Stevens, (949) 493-7613
 - Registration – Les Lesovsky (626) 289-5641
- Be a part of the action. Call NOW!
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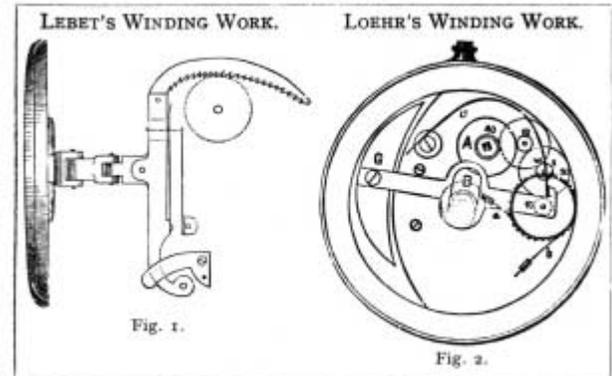
Self Winding

The following article (defining “Selfwinding”) and its accompanying illustration appeared in Britten’s Watch and Clockmakers’ Handbook, originally published in 1915.

A watch or clock fitted with apparatus for winding it automatically. Fig. 1 shows an arrangement of mechanism by M. Lebet for winding a watch by the action of closing the hunting cover. There is a short gold arm projecting beyond the joint. This arm is connected by means of a double link to a lever, one end of which is pivoted to the plate. To the free end of this lever is jointed a scythe-shaped rack, which works into a wheel with ratchet-shaped teeth on the barrel arbor. A weak spring fastened to the lever serves to keep the rack in contact with the wheel teeth. Instead of the ordinary fly spring there is a spring fixed to the plate and attached by means of a short chain to the lever. As this spring pulls the cover open, the teeth of the rack slip over the teeth of the wheel on the barrel arbor. Each time the wearer closes the cover, the watch is partly wound. By closing the case eight or nine times the winding is completed. The ordinary method of hooking in the mainspring would be clearly unsuitable with this winding work, because after the watch was fully wound the case could not be closed. M. Lebet places inside the barrel a piece of mainspring a little more than a complete coil with the ends overlapping, and to this piece the mainspring hook is riveted. The adhesion of the loose turn of mainspring against the side of the barrel is sufficient to drive the watch, but when the hunting cover is closed after the watch is wound, the extra strain causes the mainspring to slip round in the barrel.

The method of winding just described can be applied only to a hunting watch. Fig. 2 represents an

invention of Herr von Loehr, in which the motion of the wearer’s body is utilized in winding. There is a weighted lever (c) pivoted at one end, and kept in its normal position against the upper of two banking pins by a long curved spring so weak that the ordinary motion of the wearer’s body causes the lever to



continually oscillate between the banking pins. Pivoted to the same centre as the weighted lever is a ratchet wheel with very fine teeth, and fixed to the lever is a pawl (a) which engages with the ratchet wheel. This pawl is made elastic, so as to yield to undue strain caused by the endeavour of the lever to vibrate after the watch is wound. A is the barrel arbor, and the connection between it and the ratchet wheel is made by a train of wheels as shown. b is a second pawl to prevent the return of the ratchet wheel. For setting hands there is a disc (B) which has a milled surface slightly cupped to suit the point of a finger.

Tic Talk Times On Line

Would you prefer to receive the Tic Talk Times over the Internet? At the last board meeting, our Directors decided to offer this service to willing participants as a way to cut publication and mailing costs. (Note that postage rates are going up again on June 30!)

Here’s how it would work: If you opt in to the program, you will receive an email when the Tic Talk Times goes to press. The email will contain a link to an Adobe Acrobat file on the [nawcc69.org](http://www.nawcc69.org) web site. That file will contain the complete Tic Talk Times which you can then either view on your computer screen or print on your printer. The advantages, apart from saving the chapter some money, are that you’ll get the publication a couple days sooner and the photos will all be in color!

To give it a try now, point your browser to: <http://www.nawcc69.org/current.htm> and click on the old prospector. We’ll discuss this proposal at the June meeting.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Our Next Meeting: June 7, 2002

Program:

**"THE MYSTERY OF
PHINNEY WALKER"**

by Dick Duwe

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "W"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Charles Register

Time: 7:00 – Doors open
8:00 – General Meeting

Admission: \$4.00 – General
\$6.00 – Couples

Location: The EBELL CLUB
625 French Street
(at Civic Center Drive)
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 547-6331

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