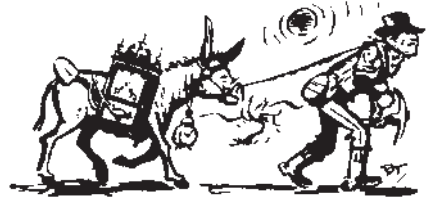


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Newsletter of Orange County Chapter 69 of the
National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes: May. 7, 2004

The cutting edge

Our April general meeting was called to order by President Charles Register at 8 p.m.

We welcomed our guests Ray Brown, Jon Rosenbaum, and Gordon Uber.

The minutes from the last general meeting as printed in the Tic Talk Times were voted on and approved by the membership.

Charles reminded us that our Goodtyme Supermart is on May 15th! We have flyers for the appraisal clinic available. Let's get the public interested!

Other dates to remember are July 25th for Chapter 75's mart at the Granada Pavilion and July 1-4th for the National in Oklahoma City. They're having a bid barbeque at the National...it should be lots of fun!

A big "Thank you!" to Pat and David for bringing this month's refreshments!

This month our Beginner's Corner is the piercing saw by Dean Armentrout.

Dean told us that while the piercing saw is among the simplest of tools it is one of the most useful.

The saw can be used to make a wide variety of parts. A broad range of blade sizes can be purchased for different applications. (Dean showed us a chart with blade sizes.)

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This month

Modern Marvels

Do you know how Albert Einstein answered the question, "What is time?" He said, "Whatever the clock says it is." June's program won't answer that question either! However it will give some insight. The program will be a video from the History Channel's Modern Marvel series, "Clock." Even if you have seen this, it is better the second and third time around.

There are commentaries from David Lanes, the author of "Revolution In Time," and Seth Atwood, the owner of the former Time Museum in Rockford, Illinois. In fact, many of the featured clocks are from the Time Museum.

This video takes us through the evolution of timepieces from Stonehenge to John Harrison to Eli Terry, railroad watches, wristwatch development, quartz and to the charismatic Dr. Ramsey and his invention of atomic time.

This is a fascinating and well told story that you are sure to enjoy. Don't miss it!

(Due to the length of the program, there will be no Beginner's Corner this month.)

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To place a blade in the saw, tighten the desired blade into the top clamp of the blade. Brace the top edge of the saw against your workbench. Place the handle against your chest and apply some pressure. You can now tighten the other end of the saw into the bottom clamp of the saw. Once you release the pressure you have applied to the saw, the blade will have sufficient tension for you to begin working.

Bench pins are really helpful when working with a piercing saw. You can place your item on the pin and move the piece around as you saw. Hold the saw at right angles to your work surface. Try to use as much of the length of the saw as possible.

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This type of saw is called a piercing saw because you can drill a small hole into the metal you are working with, “string” the item onto the saw blade and then pierce out the metal any way you want.

Dean then showed us a beautiful snail that he fabricated using a piercing saw.

Thank you, Dean for another great demonstration!

Charles announced that Murray Lefkowitz has been in the hospital. He is home now. Also, Jim Glidwell recently had a stroke. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Murray and Jim!

For this month’s program, we had a video double feature!

The first was, “Vienna Regulator Fakes, Marriages & Miniatures.” This was a charming little video done by a couple who collect Vienna Regulators.

The video was informative. They showed several clocks from their collection and reviewed, in turn what to look for when determining if a clock is all original or not. The first clock shown had inlay that was a bit crooked. Apparently this is unusual as these clock cases are usually meticulous. The glass looked original but when the hood was removed, it was found that some Phillips head screws had been used!

A list of things to look for was provided. Among the many items on the list are, checking the size of the weight, making sure the pendulum hangs in the right spot, and how the dial is centered.

The second video was, “What Makes a Fine Watch Fine?” The video opened at a retirement party. Of course the honoree received a fine gold watch. The video then moved on to show a young woman getting a fine watch from her parents for graduation.

This video was actually a wonderful look into the Hamilton Watch Company. We were taken into the watch factory and laboratory for a look at all the qualities that make a fine watch fine! According to the film, it has all to do with “people, machines and metal.” We were shown



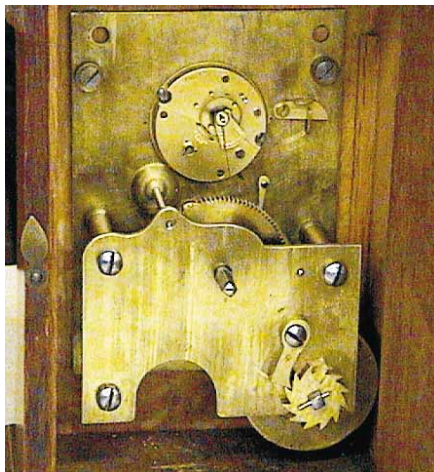
many fine people doing very precise work on watch movements. We were shown how special metal alloys were made and used for these watches and we were shown the technological advances that allowed the manufacture of the most accurate time-keepers.

It was a wonderful look back at a classic watch company.

This month’s Show and Tell was horological items beginning with the letter “W”.

Gene Osten brought in a Waltham to share with us. It’s 37 size, 8 day, double barrel car clock! This Waltham Workhorse was probably installed into the car at the factory. If you have a Workhorse that has a seconds hand or an up, down indicator it is rare!

Larry Squires brought in an unusual 20 day watch in a case making it look like a clock. This fusee watch is by an unknown maker and has a square shaft in the front that is used with a key to set the watch.



John Meiling showed us two of his watch stand/holders. One was quite modern, while the other was an antique.

Julie Stevens brought in an unusual watch chain that was given to her by a co-worker. This watch chain is made

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Would you prefer to receive the Tic Talk Times over the Internet?

Send an email request to webmaster@nawcc69.org.

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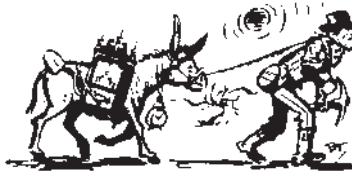
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is more important than ever, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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!

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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

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Spouse Name

Street Address / P.O. Box #

City, State, ZIP

NAWCC #

Phone

Email Address

Dues for 2004-05 are \$10.00.
Please make your check payable
to: "Orange County Chapter 69."

Check below for options. Amounts
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- Individual annual pass (\$44)
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Complete this form and mail to:

Dean Armentrout
2683 Victoria Dr
Laguna Beach, CA 92651-3948

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out of intricately woven human hair! Hair-worked items were commonly made and given during the Victorian era. They were often worn as mourning jewelry and made with the hair of the deceased, but they were also given as love



tokens to be worn and cherished.

Bob Linkenhoker shared a "what is it?" Well, it's a log line. You might have seen one used in the movie "Master and Commander." This line had knots tied in it at specific

intervals and at the end was a log. On ships, the log was tossed overboard and, using an hourglass, a shipman timed how many knots passed through his hands. From this, speed could be calculated hence we have the origin of "knots" as a measure of speed at sea!

Bud Saiben had Dave read a wonderful old poem called, "Little Old Clockmaker."

Roy Irick shared a "watch out!" He recently looked at a Vienna that was supposed to be for 1840-1850. The seller swore that the clock was all original and had been in his family for generations. The clock had a 90 day calendar with moon dial. Problem is that Roy found that the movement has signs of modern day machining. Watch out for really good reproductions!

This month the door prizes were won by Jana Smith, Paul Martyn, Roy Irick, John Meiling and Dick Duwe. Congratulations!

Respectfully Submitted by
Jana Smith, Secretary



**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Collectors, Inc.



Our Next Meeting: June 4, 2004

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION

"Modern Marvels – Clock"

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

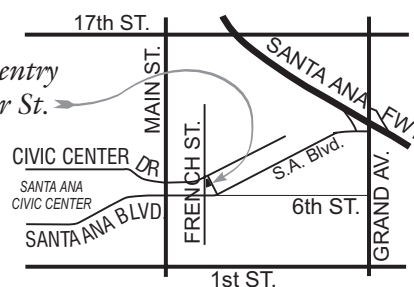
Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "A"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Charles Register
3023 S. Rita Way
Santa Ana
(714) 545-8135

*Parking and entry
off Mortimer St.*



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