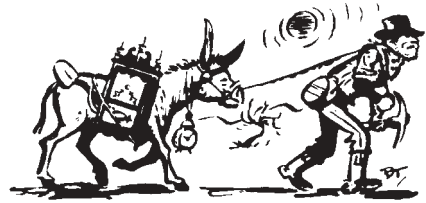


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes, May 6, 2005

Westclox History Revealed

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Charles Register. We had four guests present, Frank LaRue, and three brothers, Robert, John, and Henry Marin. Charles announced upcoming events: the Nov. 11th and 12th regional in San Jose, just a week before the Del Mar regional; our own Merrimart Sat. May 7; and the National Convention in Fort Lauderdale June 7th, 8th and 9th. The Steelhead Brewery Show will be held May 18th with setup time at 6:00 p.m. and show starting at 7:00p.m.



*Lots of Westclox at
May's Show & Tell*

Our June meeting will feature an extended mart with doors opening at 6:00 P.M. It's time to renew your Chapter membership. Dues will be collected by membership chairman Dean Armentrout at the June meeting.

Beginner's Corner was given by Bernie Peralta regarding what to look for when buying a watch. He listed

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This month

Domestic Cuckoos

The Beginner's Corner this month will be given by member Don Buster. Don has been a Watchmaker for over 60 years starting his apprenticeship in the late 30's, early 40's and later after WW II attending the Bradley School on Watchmaking in Chicago. He will briefly discuss how he goes about disassembling and cleaning a watch. Bring any watch related questions you may have.

The program this month will again be a video from National. Did you know that Lux made some weight driven clocks or that there were Cuckoo clocks made in this country? If you didn't know this maybe you should come to the meeting and watch the video 'Lux-Cuckoo Clocks' by Paul Kostelny and Douglas Tinguie. This is a video taping of a lecture given at the Syracuse National.

Again I ask all of you to think about coming forward and share some of your knowledge by offering to give a Beginner's Corner or a live Program. Contact me at the meeting or call me at home anytime.

See you all at the meeting on Friday night.

—Bob Linkenhoker

***Mart Doors Open
at 6:00 This Month!***

DUES ARE DUE
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Visit us on the web at www.nawcc69.org

Message from the President

Members Make The Difference

To all of you who gave of your time, services and energy to make the Good Tyme Supermart a success, I'd like to thank you on behalf of the officers, board, and members of NAWCC chapter 69. We'd especially like to thank Dennis Woodson for chairing the event, and Dean and Robbyn Armentrout for donating the delicious lasagna. Thanks!

Let us now regain focus on increasing our membership. As you know, it is now time for us old members to renew our memberships and encourage our friends to join us. If we continue with the same resolve, our chapter will not weaken.

Also remember that Bob Linkenhoker could and will use your input on new programs. This is also an excellent forum to hone your public speaking skills.

See you at our next meeting.

Charlie

Charles A. Register

Overheard at the GoodTyme Supermart.

Jan Duwe bought a working clock for 10¢! She found a jewelry box with a Phinney Walker clock in the lid that and the seller was asking \$5.00 for it. Jan countered with an offer of \$3.00. He jokingly responded with \$3.10. Jan said,

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three items that are important to have with you when inspecting a potential buy; a ten power magnifier, a knife, and a suction type cup. He also passed out a list of things to look for before deciding to purchase a watch. Thanks for all the great info, Bernie.



The program was a short video on the Western Clock Manufacturing Company, makers of the Westclox Big Ben alarm clock. At the height of its popularity in the 1930's two of every three homes in the U.S. had a Big Ben alarm.



Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written in the TIC TALK TIMES.

Show and Tell had Doug Adams sharing a Big Ben Alarm-m-m-m!! Gene Osten showed us his New England chronograph pocket watch. Dick Pridham had a Big Ben and a Baby Ben with a radium dial. Bernie Peralta had some Westclox pocket watches: a Scottie model (top left), a Pocket Ben and a modern style one without numbers. Roy Irick (left) brought in a carriage clock and

was trying to discover who the manufacturer might have been. Ray Brown shared some Westclox advertising sheets he got off the Internet dating from 1919 through 1941. He also had a New Haven electric clock dated 1928 (top right). Don Buster brought two Baby Bens and a travel alarm by Westclox. Bob Linkenhoker shared some arbors that demonstrate the manufacturing method that made Westclox successful for so many years.

Door prizes were won by Don Buster, Joe Van Derveldt, Dick Duwe, Elaine Irick, David Weisbart, and Dick Pridham.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cora Lee Linkenhoker for Jana Smith, secretary



Overheard at the Mart *(continued from page 1)*

“Sold.” She gave him the dime and told him she had to get the \$3.00 from her husband. The seller laughed and said the dime was enough payment.

Julie Stevens sold all of her big items and was able to take home what was left at the end of the day in a single box.



It was a busy Goodyme Supermart!

Jon Clark sold a tall case clock for \$800.00. What was unusual was that the clock wasn't sold until around 11:00 o'clock. The buyer was a lady from West Los Angeles that has more than 10 tall case clocks in her house. And they are all keeping time and striking the hour.

It Never Fails Dept. and Other Facts of Life.

Supermart chairman Dennis Woodson (left) went to the Masonic Hall Friday to meet the truck delivering the tables and while he was waiting he got out a ladder and replaced the burned out bulbs in the room. Saturday morning rolls around and, you'll never guess: four more bulbs were burned out!



Tic Talk Times On Line

Save the chapter some money each month and get the newsletter earlier and in color! Send an email request to webmaster@nawcc69.org to get it on the web.

Dues are Due!

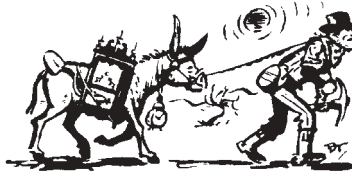
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. We count on your support each year to maintain the high level of our meetings and activities. Your prompt renewal also saves us the trouble and expense of sending reminder notices. Don't put it off!

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

Dues for 2005-06 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:

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

Local Chapters Advertise

At our last board meeting, Charles Register reported that the Los Angeles Times was going to be doing a Sunday magazine on clocks and watches in the June 12 issue. Feeling that this was an opportunity to make collectors aware of our group, the board expressed an interest in advertising and/or getting some editorial space in the publication.

Dave Weisbart took on the task of investigating the possibilities. It turned out that display advertising was prohibitively expensive. NAWCC headquarters had no funds to help, so Dave approached other local chapters to see if they'd be interested in participating. Nearly all the local chapters expressed a willingness to do so.

So, in the 6/12 L.A. Times Magazine, a small ad will appear that invites the reader interested in timepieces to either visit a web page or call a phone number. If they visit the web page (www.nawcc69.org/latimes) they'll get a list of all open chapters in the L.A. Times area, along with meeting times, locations, and even maps. The chapters shown are 4, 69, 75, 81, 116 and 130. If they call the phone number, there will be a recorded message with the same information as the web page. (The use of the phone number was generously donated by Julie Stevenson.) If the reader brings the ad to any of these meetings, he or she will get one free admission.

With the cost spread over several chapters, we hope that each chapter will be able to recover some of their investment in new membership. According to the Times, readership of the Sunday magazine is 2.5 million. If we can get a 0.0024% response rate, that would mean ten visitors at each of the six participating chapters.

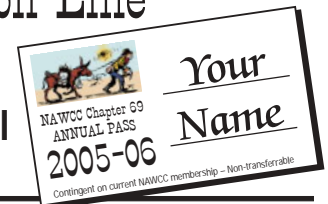
We have also sent information on NAWCC and its local chapters to the editor of the magazine. Editorial content would be much more effective than the ad, but at our press time, we have not heard back on this.



Breeze Through the Admission Line

and show pride in
your chapter with a

**Chapter 69 Annual
Admission Pass**



This colorful, permanent badge will get you into the next 12 monthly meetings – for the price of 11 – if you buy this month! It will also let members and guests know that you're a regular participant at Chapter #69 events.

Good from 7/1/05
through 6/2/06
\$44.00

Does not include \$10.00
annual chapter dues.

Buy Now and Save!

Badge is non-transferrable, non-refundable, and contingent on current NAWCC membership.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

The National
ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.
Orange County Chapter No. 69
c/o Dean Armentrout
332 Forest Avenue, Suite 6
Laguna Beach CA 92651



Our Next Meeting: June 3, 2005

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION

"Lux Cuckoo Clocks"

(see page 1 for details)

Time: **Two Hour Mart!**
Doors Open at 6:00
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:

"Disassembling and cleaning a watch" by *Don Buster*

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "O"
or Lux Cuckoo Clocks

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Sally & Angelo DiMino
581 Sturgeon Drive
Santa Ana (714) 557-1876

