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

Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2006

Chime and Chime Again

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams. Doug thanked Pat Saiben for providing refreshments for this evening. Doug announced the upcoming marts:

May 6 – Chapter 69 GoodTyme SuperMart

June 21-25 – National Convention in Cleveland Ohio

The members welcomed guests Neil Tennyson, who became a new member; also Mark Tennyson, Steve Buck, Jim Bleecker and Bill Hoss. Doug announced that Marsha Cunningham had passed away on April 8, 2006. The Cunninghams had been members until they moved to Washington. Chapter financials for the first nine months of this fiscal year are posted for members review.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 2006 meeting be approved with one correction. Motion passed. Doug mentioned that Woody still has been doing double duty and that the Ways and Means position does need to be filled.

Larry Squires informed us that those in city hall were enthused with

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DUES ARE DUE!

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This Month



We are having a somewhat less technical meeting for June that should however be of interest to many of us. Bernie Pollack will provide us with a two part presentation called "Buying on Ebay; the Plus and Minuses." The first part is on bidding on Ebay which includes registration, selection of categories, bidding, paying and leaving feedback. The second part covers descriptions and pictures, pitfalls, truth embellishments, scams, good deals and bad deals. Bernie's presentation will be of value to any of us that have used or have been thinking of using Ebay for buying or selling of horological treasures!

Doug Adams will present the Beginners' Corner this month. He will get all the "dirt" on watch oils and how they deteriorate and cause problems. It should prove to be a very viscous discussion!



Dave Weisbart explained chime movements. Note the animated graphics. (lower left)

New Technologies

The Latest in Radio Controlled Clocks

from the *New Yorker*



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Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

the idea of restoring the city's sundial and wished the project to proceed.

New Business:

Charles Register informed us that an index of the books and videos in the chapter's library is available in the library as well as on the web site, <http://www.nawcc69.org>.

Doug mentioned that the board members had discussed a donation table on which members donate items that they no longer want and other members may take for \$1 which goes to the chapter's treasury. The members discussed setting up such a table and the possibility of raising the door fee. Bob Linkenhoker suggested that the members wait until July before making any decision as the full years financial data would be available by then.



For the Beginners Corner this month Charles Register informed us of "watch power". Wrist watches began as manual spring wound devices, and today there are quartz watches containing a battery and automatic watches which wind the spring by the motion of

the wearers arm. Solar power watches are also available. Charles claims that he neither has an LCD watch nor a surrey in his garage.

The main program for the evening was a presentation by Dave Weisbart entitled "Make it Chime" in which Dave hopes to demystify chime movements through diagrams, pictures, and computer generated graphics. Dave started by claiming that he is able to tear a phone book in half — one page at a time — that is how to approach understanding the operation of chime movements. Before disassembly take pictures and/or draw diagrams of the movement making note of any wheel that has "asymmetry". Dave defined asymmetry as anything that is not the same when rotated which could include a pin in a wheel or possibly a cam or a star wheel. In almost any strike or chime train there will be four events – lift, run to warning, run and lock. Dave proceeded to demonstrate each of these events through use of a computer generated video. Understanding these events aids in the successful reassembly of the movement. In brief, adjust the asymmetry between the plates, coordinate the quarter hour cam with the locked alignment of the chime train, with the lifting cam at the hour position align the rack and the eleventh hour plateau of the snail, stake the gathering

pallet to lock the train just past the last gong, finally, align the descending pattern on the music box to the end of the first or third quarter.

Show and Tell featured a kangaroo or "roo" casting by Bud Saiben who received the item at an Australia regional. Phyllis Adams displayed a Disney wrist watch that could be a doctor's watch with both



a Mickey dial and a Minnie dial. Doug Adams showed a pocket deck watch, probably a ships captain's chronometer. This particular watch is a keywind/keyset fusee watch made in the 1850's.

Door prizes were won by Bob Linkenhoker, Evelyn Buster and Derald Kliem.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

From the NAWCC web site

The Engle Monumental Clock

[This clock resides in the NAWCC museum in Columbia. It is a sight to behold! – Ed.]

Engle's clock had a single tower with twenty-six moving figures The twelve apostles issue from a side door, and pass in procession past the figure of Christ, who nods as each apostle passes. Peter turns away in denial as he passes Christ, at which time a cock flaps his wings and crows three times. Satan alternately appears from two windows above and follows Judas, the last apostle in the procession, from the side door.

From a door, which opens upon a balcony above, the three Mary's walk out, while on the battlement-type roof a Roman soldier continually marches back and forth. The figure of Justice raises her scale while the apostles are passing, and drops them as the last one disappears. Youth, Manhood, and Old Age appear above the dial at the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters. Father time, above 2 o'clock, turns an hourglass in his hand and strikes a bell with his scythe at the half hour. The figure of Death tolls the hour with a thighbone on a skull on the hour, as a corresponding bell rings inside the case.

[The clock has] a large organ movement that played three sacred hymns and a Christmas carol. The movements are of exceptional quality, made from an alloy resembling bronze, probably developed by Engle himself, and show little wear and tear despite their long and

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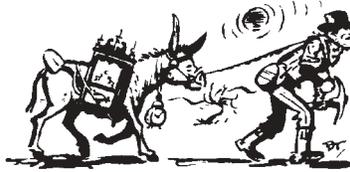
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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)

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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 electronically.
Saves postage and printing! Get the newsletter in color!

Dues for 2006-07 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)

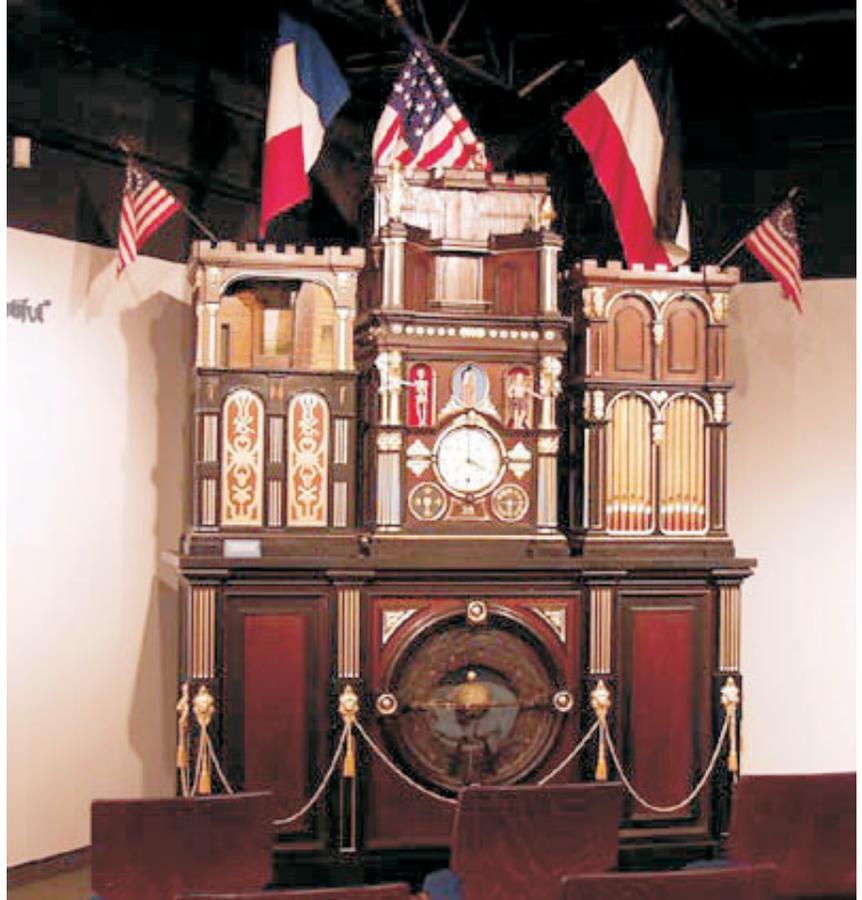
Complete this form and mail to:
Cora Lee Linkenhoker
7186 Calico Cir.
Corona, CA 92881

Engle Clock (from page 2)

rigorous use. The main clock movement has three trains, the middle for the time and quarter hour figures, the left for Father Time and bells, and the right for Death and bell.

The indicators surrounding the clock dial-day of the week at 3 o'clock, axis of the earth at 4:30, day of the month at 6, tides at 7:30, and month at 9 o'clock-are manually operated with no indication of mechanisms ever being attached to the movements. The day of the month is an especially curious arrangement, in that two hinges can be seen below and on either side of the window showing the date. These hinges open the small area trimmed around the window to reveal a small stack of cards in a pocket behind the window, numbering 1 to 31. The proper number for the day of the month is merely put in the front of the stack and the small door shut. The hand showing the phases of the moon on the dial is also manually operated.

For more (and there's *lots* more), visit www.nawcc.org/museum/engle/engle.htm.



**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Collectors, Inc.*

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Our Next Meeting: Friday, June 2, 2006

Program:

LIVE PRESENTATION
"Buying on Ebay"
by Bernie Pollack

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:

"Watch your watch oil" by Doug Adams

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "E"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 P.M. at the home of
Charles Register
3023 S. Rita Way
Santa Ana – (714) 545-8135

