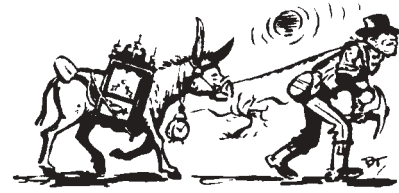


# Tic Talk Times



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*Meeting minutes, May 2, 2008*

## Platform Escapements

Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00. There were no guests to welcome. He thanked Larry Squires for the Root Beer Floats. The minutes were approved.

Our supermart is May 17. It was noted that 32 tables are sold and we can set up to 50 tables. Dave passed around a sign up sheet for help with the mini mart.

A special thank you to Richard Duncan, who donated \$100 to our chapter.

A \$5 surcharge has been added to the annual dues for the mailing the printed version of the Tic Talk Times. At present, 57 members receive the Times by email and are not charged the surcharge.

Dave Weisbart gave the Beginners Corner, Magnetizing/Demagnetizing. The issue – tools that have become magnetized. We don't want magnetic fields anywhere near a watch. To demagnetize, you put the tool in the Degausser, push the button and hold it while you pull the tool away slowly. Release the button when the tool is an arms length away. To magnetize, hold the piece in the unit, push the button. Release the button and keep the piece in the Degausser.

The evenings program was "Servicing Platform Escapements" by Doug Adams. Doug removed the

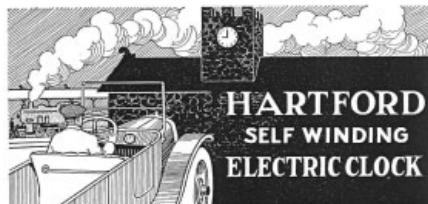
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*This Month*

## Time Travelers

*A Presentation on Electric  
Automobile Clocks*

by Les Lesovsky



As the dawn of the 20th century, the automobile was to become one of the most, if not the most, influential factor in the advancements in technology that revolutionized ordinary life. The automobile was unique as an enabling technology that replaced in short order the old ways of animal driven transportation.

With those changes came a desire to add conveniences and to personalize the car to the owners taste. Clocks were an accessory that were added early on and have become a ubiquitous part of the car from its beginnings.1

The first clocks were more like large watches and were hand wound and driven by a spring. The introduction of Kettering's Delco system in 1911 was the beginning of the end of coal oil headlights and the wind-up car clock! Several inventors and new companies introduced self

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**DUES ARE DUE!**

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*Message from the president*

## Sweet Success

(with maple syrup on top)



All I can say is, WOW! The 2008 Goodtyme Supermart certainly exceeded my expectations. More tables, more attendees, and lower overhead helped us put on the most successful mart in recent chapter history. How successful? Well, you'll

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## Thank You!

We'd like to thank the El Bekal Shrine for their assistance in hosting the Goodtyme Supermart, Berkley's Backyard BBQ for the use of the griddle, and the following volunteers for making it all possible:

- Cora Lee & Bob Linkenhoker
- Phyllis & Doug Adams
- Debbi & Ron Abbott
- Ray Brown
- Julie Stevens
- Ellie & Bill Clark
- Larry Squires
- Annette DiMino
- Charlie Lowry
- Randy Ema
- Douglas Lynn

## Meeting Minutes (from page 1)

movement from the case, suggesting not to have the glass fall out, especially the back door. Lay the case down flat.

As with any timepiece, let the power down. Use a let down tool, push the detent to the side. Do both trains. Shake the barrels to make sure they are free. Remove the



balance assembly by removing the screws that hold the platform down.

Move the balance platform forward. It will disengage from the contrate wheel.

Use a bullspoint to hang. Put the

platform in a movement holder. Remove the pallet fork. Doug's example was an English lever movement – the escape wheel has pointed teeth. He mentioned that a Swiss movement escape wheel has club feet.

He uses a 14 power loupe to examine the pivots. Are they straight? Need polishing? Any scoring? Next, take the balance assembly apart. On this one, the stud was friction fit, and it had a twist type regulator pin. Examine for condition. This one had some rust on the pivots. Normally, Doug would polish the pivots in a lathe. Doug showed us how to remove the hairspring so it doesn't go in the cleaner with the rest of the assembly. Then, turn the platform over. Remove end stones. Examine for condition. Ready to clean. Tonight, Doug brought "One Dip," a high powered cleaner. Sharpen pegwood. Take jewel in tweezers and polish with pegwood. Jewel dust can cause a rut in the jewel, by being cut by the pivot over and over.

Resharpen pegwood to a really fine point. Stick through holes in plates and polish until absolutely clean. Balance bridge was cleaned in One Dip. The rust came right off, luckily. One thing to be cautious of – the cap jewel is not attached to its holder, so be careful not to lose the cap jewels. Use pithwood to clean pivots and dry parts. Press the pallet fork into pithwood with the jewels facing downward so the jewels get cleaned. You want the solvent to dry as quickly as possible so as not loosen the stone. To put back together, place a spot of oil in the center of the jewel. Put jewel in the plate. Put a small drop of oil on the opposite side of the hole jewel, and push pointed piece in through the hole to distribute the oil. The trickiest cap jewel to replace is the one the regulator goes around; you need to get the bridge on top and line up the holes. Leave first screw just a



## President's Message (from page 1)

just have to attend this month's meeting to find out. I'll be giving a complete run-down on the numbers.

Notwithstanding my inexperience with a propane-fired griddle (with its infuriating hot-spots and unpredictable hills and valleys), all our volunteers came through in fine form to create an event that went very smoothly and provided an excellent venue for buyers and sellers alike. (See box for a list of volunteers.) My informal

polling indicated that nearly all the sellers felt the mart was worthwhile, and I did see many nice timepieces leaving with happy buyers.



I want to impress upon all our members how incredibly important this event is to our chapter. Each month, the chapter runs an operating deficit – we do not take in enough at our monthly meetings to pay for the hall, refreshments, door prizes, etc. The Goodtyme Supermart makes up the difference so we don't have to increase our admission price at the door! And without volunteers, we can't put on a mart. So the syllogism goes like this:

- The mart keeps door admission low.
- Without volunteers, we cannot have a mart.
- Without volunteers, we must raise door admission.

So, when you see one of our volunteers at the meeting, thank them for donating their time and energy to the chapter.

See you at the meeting!

— Dave Weisbart

little loose. Get the second screw started and tighten both down.

Put balance wheel back in with no hairspring. Does it turn freely? Find the two vertical banking pins, then look in from the side where the pallet fork would be. Line up the roller jewel between the pins, then observe where the stud should be located in relation to the balance wheel. This will position the hairspring so that the arc of swing is even on both sides. Replace the balance spring. You want the it to be flat and concentric with the pivot. When putting back in the movement, pay special attention to the screws. Doug added that the best place to buy tools is from Dennis Contreras at the marts.

Door prizes were won by Ellie Clark, Randy Emma and Paul Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

— Julie Stevens

## Dues are Due!

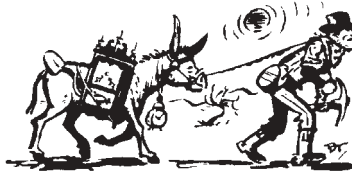
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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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First Name

Spouse Name

Street Address / P.O. Box #

City, State, ZIP

NAWCC #

Phone

Email Address

Check here to receive the Tic Talk Times by U.S. Mail. (\$5.00 extra)

Dues for 2008-09 are \$10.00.  
Add \$5.00 for mailed newsletter.  
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

## This month *(continued from page 1)*

winding clocks soon after. On February 16, 1916, the Hartford Courant reported on the Hartford Automobile Show noting, "Automobile accessory dealers are cutting a far wider swath at this show than any of its predecessors... (as) people have come to realize that an automobile improperly equipped is just a little worse than no automobile at all..." The Courant goes on to say, "...the self-winding clock, made by the Hartford Clock Company, which, with its finely adjusted mechanism and perfect construction, exactly meets all the demands which are made upon it. It is not affected by the atmosphere nor by vibration, is dust proof and requires absolutely no attention after it has been installed. The face only is exposed on the dashboard, putting it safely out of the way and out of temptation to the meddlesome."

The story of the development of electric car clocks has been poorly documented with a belief that electric automotive clocks did not come into common use until the middle of the century. Many of these early companies had short histories and were combined or absorbed by competitors. The Thompson Electric Clock Co., Hartford Clock Co, Sterling Electric Co., to name a few are hardly recognized today. Les' presentation will show some examples of these early clocks and describe some of the innovations introduced in these early "time travelers."

## BOARD MEETING May, 12, 2008

The board meeting was held on May 12, 2008 at the Adam's home. In attendance were: David Weisbart, Phyllis Adams, Doug Adams, Debra Abbott, Ron Abbott, Cora Lee Linkenhoker and Bob Linkenhoker.

The first order of business was a discussion to finalize all responsibilities for the upcoming Supermart:

- Dave will handle the cooking of the pancake breakfast with Debbie helping.
- Debbie will purchase all the supplies needed for the breakfast.
- Bob will provide cash to Debbie for change at the breakfast and to Cora Lee for door change.
- Julie Stevens will provide the coffee and coffee pots will be provided by Bill Clark, Phyllis Adams and Bob Linkenhoker. One pot will be used for hot water and tea will be provided by Debbie.
- Ron Abbott will help Dave collect and bring tables from the Masonic Lodge as needed.

We now have a secure storage locker at the Masonic lodge for the library and other supplies.

The question of what to do about the annual potluck at the Saiben's in July was discussed. It was decided that due to his failing health it would not be wise to expect Bud Saiben to host this year. Dave will ask at the next meeting what the membership thoughts are on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45



**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**Our Next Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2008**

*Program:*

**LIVE PRESENTATION  
"Time Travelers"  
by Les Lesovsky**

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

*No beginners corner this month.*

*Show & Tell:*

*Horological items beginning with the letter "G"  
or any type of automobile clock.*

*Board Meeting:*

*No Board Meeting in June.*

**OUR JULY MEETING WILL BE ON  
FRIDAY, JULY 11, TO AVOID CONFLICTING  
WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*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

