

# Tic Talk Times



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## Meeting Minutes May 1, 2009

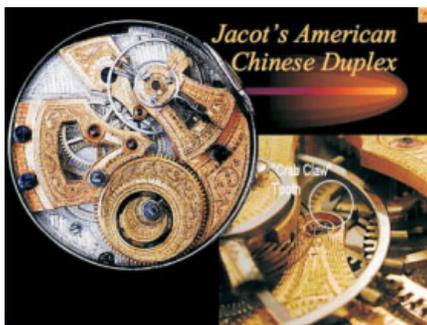
### American Watch Innovators

President Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The answers to the riddles in the Tic Toc Times were given. The board meeting will be at Ray Brown's on Monday, May 4, 2009.

Upcoming marts: Our own Goodtime Supermart is May 16; Chapter 190, Ventura is May 17, Chapter 75 is July 26.

We need help at the Supermart. Need one more shift for registration and one more for security.

There was no new business or announcements.



Jacot Star Duplex Movement

The program was a video, "Early and Late American Watch Inventors and Inventions," by Tom McIntyre. He discussed three watchmakers, Charles Edward Jacot, Ezra C. Finch and Charles E. DeLong. Jacot hold the first American patent for a watch mechanism. Jacot's company, SJ& Co, stands for Saltzman, Jacot and Company. They made the star duplex

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## Message from the president

### My Time Is No Longer My Own

This is, without a doubt, the most difficult president's message I have written for the Tic Talk Times. I'm afraid the time has come when I can no longer serve among the leadership of Chapter 69.

My 89-year-old mother has been in failing health this year. Since late January, one crisis after another has distressed our family. My father, at 91, no longer has the mental acuity to cope with either my mother's health situation or even many day-to-day tasks. And since I am an only child, it falls upon me to help them through the remainder of their lives. This I am doing with every resource I can devote.

If you were to call my clock repair business during off hours, you would get a message saying that I am not currently accepting any new repairs. Given that I am turning away business, affecting both my current and future income, I can no longer justify volunteering the time and thought I need to adequately run Chapter 69. The fact is, to put it in computer parlance, I just don't have the bandwidth.

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**DUES ARE DUE!**

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## This Month

### How GPS Works by Gene Osten



Although the Global Positioning System or GPS is a means for finding our location, it works through the use of a system of extremely accurate clocks that are in addition "flying" around in earth orbits.

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### Supermart Success!

Our May Goodtime Supermart showed continued improvement in all ways. Table sales was up over 40% from 2008, attendance was up 10% and our income from the mart increased over 20% from 2008 which is a major improvement over the last few years!

This year we had subs catered from a local Subway which kept Debbie and Ellie busy placing orders!

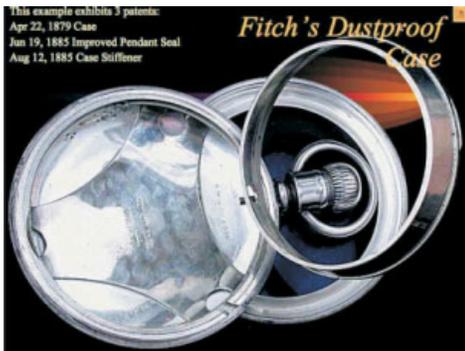
Overall we had a very successful mart thanks to our vendors, attendees and of course the mart committee headed this year by Doug Lynn.

*Look for Mart pictures pg. 2 & 3*

## Meeting Minutes (from page 1)

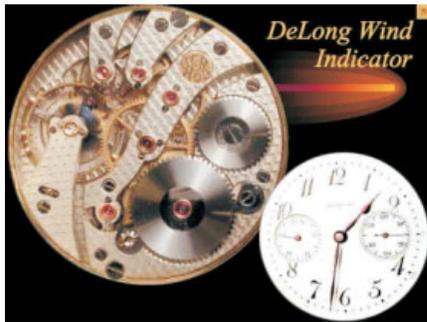
movements.

Dr. McIntyre next discussed the inventions of Ezra Fitch, first a salesman, then general manager, and finally president of Waltham, and also an inventor of the dustproof case and other product



enhancements.

Finally, the highlights of Charles DeLong's inventions are presented, including the DeLong winding indicator and escapement.



Show and Tell began with the letter "T". Ray Brown brought a Telechron Radio. 1200 of these were sold for \$26 between the years 1927 to 1930. The earlier bronze clocks sold for \$75 between 1923 - 27. Only 40 of them sold.



*Telechron Model 455 "Radio" 7,670 sold for \$26.00 from 1927 to 1930. Case aluminum case with "Verde-Antique" finish and 5" silvered dial. Design is based on an earlier model the "Mantel Telechron" model 402 made with cast bronze priced at \$76 in 1923.*

Door prizes were won by Annette DiMino, Dave Weisbart and Ray Brown.

## President's Message (from page 1)

Serving on this board of directors has been one of the most fulfilling tasks I have ever undertaken. I've made many friends, and seen many changes and improvements in the operation of the chapter. I will forever value the NAWCC Fellow award for which this chapter nominated me. I will certainly continue to support the chapter from behind the scenes with tasks that I can perform in my own time.

So, at the June meeting, I will hand over the presidency to our current vice-president, Doug Adams. He has agreed to serve the remainder of my term. I want to give my sincere thanks to everyone on the board for their dedication, support and hard work.

I can't leave, though, without once again bringing up a theme that has appeared in many of my messages: volunteerism. This chapter is far too reliant on a core of volunteers who serve year after year after year. My departure after 12 years on the board points out that nothing is forever, and complacency will only lead to an eventual vacuum of leadership. Get involved. Yes, you. Get involved now.

On a happier note, preliminary numbers for this year's Goodtyme Supermart indicate that it exceeded even the tremendous success of last year's mart. We should have final numbers at the upcoming meeting.

See you there!

— Dave Weisbart



## This month (continued from page 1)

How are these clocks used to determine our position and how does your module use these orbiting clocks to calculate its position? How many clocks are needed to determine a location? How accurate is the location and how is speed and altitude determined?

Gene's presentation will provide us answers to these and other questions on "How GPS Works."



# Dues are Due!

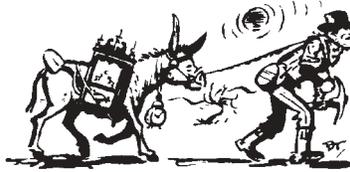
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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)

PLEASE PRINT

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 by U.S. Mail. (\$5.00 extra)

Dues for 2009-10 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

## Directors Meeting May 4, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Ray Brown. In attendance, Dave Weisbart, Doug Adams, Bob Linkenhoker, Julie Stevens, Debbie Abbott, Ron Abbott, Ray Brown and Doug Lynn.

Dave Weisbart opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dave's first order of business was his resignation which was regrettably accepted. Family matters are taking up Dave's time right now. Vice President Doug Adams will step in as President for the remainder of Dave's term (December 2009). We need to fill the Vice President position.

The Goodtyme Supermart. Ellie Clark will bring two 40 or 50 cup coffee makers. Debbie Abbott is bringing the donuts and will pick up and bring the Subway sandwich and chips. We are planning on 40 for lunch. So far, 43 tables are paid for and 57 people have paid to attend. Dave will pick up tables at the club. Set up is at 7:30 a.m.

The video library. Dave brought the video library and Ray will take them to the next meeting. Dave suggested the librarian keep the VHS tapes and have them available upon request.

Bob Linkenhoker said we need to begin asking for candidates for the next term.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

~Julie Stevens



**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF  
WATCH & CLOCK  
Collectors, Inc.*  
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**Our Next Meeting: Friday, June 5, 2008**

*Program:*

**LIVE PRESENTATION  
"How GPS Works"  
by Gene Osten**

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

Beginners' Corner TBD

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letters "U or V" or clocks or watches purchased at the Goodtyme Supermart.

*Board Meeting:*

*No Board Meeting in June.*

*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

