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Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2012

UNIQUELY SETH THOMAS

The meeting was called to order. President Sally DiMino thanked Norton Widerich for supplying the refreshments. She reminded us the National will be held in June, and our Goodtyme Mart will be held on September 1st.

New Business: Health and Welfare: Larry Squires reported that Norm Punim is recuperating from major leg surgery, but he is doing fine now.

With great sorrow we report the death of one of our longtime members, Irene Kliem, wife of Derald, who died recently. She was a very intelligent, courageous, and sweet lady, having survived brain cancer in the past, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

A board meeting will be held on July 9th, location To Be Determined. Discussion on whether to have a potluck at our regular meeting time will be put off until then. There is no beginner's corner today. Gene Osten reported the Chino Air Show will be held tomorrow. He also reported he has had two Waltham repeaters stolen so keep your eyes open for

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THE NATIONAL IS LOCAL THIS YEAR

As you may already be aware, the 2012 NAWCC National convention will be in the Los Angeles area this year. The event will be at the Pasadena Convention Center in only two weeks from now. Tables may still be available, so you might be able to purchase a table or two.

Opening day is Wednesday June 13 and the event will run through Saturday June 16th. Full details including the daily schedule of events, online registration, parking and hotel information can be found on the website set up just for the 2012 National:

<http://2012nawccconvention.com>



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WATCH & CLOCK
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This Month

TIME MACHINE: 1981 REGIONAL

This month, join us in our time machine and see the past!

A real time machine, you ask? No, not really, but we will be taking a trip down memory lane to the 1981 Regional held at the Disneyland Convention Center.

Paul Martyn will be firing up his Magic Genie Lamp – an honest to goodness carousel slide projector filled with slides – to take us back in time. The slides were generously provided by Les Lesovsky, and they con-



Magic Genie Lamp

tain many photos of unique clocks that were at the show, unique watches and best of all, pictures of Chapter 69 members from thirty years ago. Time certainly flies by, but thankfully we can capture the memories to share.

TIME TRIVIA

The first reported person to actually wear a watch on the wrist was the French mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal (1623-1662). With a piece of string, he attached his pocket watch to his wrist!

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them. Sally reported only 10 surveys have been returned, so fill one out by hand at the meeting or go online and do it. Thanks!

Tonight's program, a video on "Seth Thomas, a Unique way of doing business" by Ralph Pokluda. Seth Thomas started in Connecticut when Eli Terry went into business with the help of Seth Thomas and Chauncey Jerome. They manufactured 1 day and 8 day brass movement clocks, and after the War of 1812, shelf clocks. Through the years they manufactured pillar and scroll clocks, 1827; cheap brass movements in 1838, manufactured brass in his own factory, shipped to England after the 1842 depression ended, became incorporated in 1853. Seth Thomas died 11 days after he turned the company over to his son, in 1859. He introduced regulator clocks, mantel clocks, open offices across the United States, and opened a London office in the 1870's. He made tower clocks in 1873 and began making watches in the 1880's. The song "My Grandfather's Clock" was in sync with making grandfather clocks in 1888. In the 1900's the company made Sonora chimes, steeple clocks for 40 years, tall case and electric clocks in 1928. In 1932, the family lost control of the company. Seth Thomas will always be remembered for making clocks that were superior but also inexpensive.

Show & Tell: Sally asks "what is gilding wire?" That is our homework for the next meeting. Phyllis Adams showed a clipping regarding how hours are calculated in the Bible, and a larger clipping from the LA Times featuring Dean Armentrout. Dave Weisbart commented that the article was originated by a LA Times reporter who was fascinated with the work Dave was doing repairing one of his clocks. Unfortunately he was not allowed to do the article on Dave, due to conflict of interest, so Dave generously suggested he contact Dean. Bob Linkenhoker showed us a Seth Thomas 15 day movement which has an odd beat of 16,200/hour. For the letter 'K', Doug Lynn showed a key wind, railroad, Waltham crescent pocket watch; a double key wind 1859 pocket watch that winds in the back; and a stem-wound Illinois transition Waltham that sets in the back. Paul Martyn showed a Seth Thomas 1939 mantel clock with Westminster Chimes. Doug Adams showed a Hamilton Model 22 chronometer in a wooden case which was made in San Pedro, says "US Army" and probably came from a lab. Les Lesovsky showed a 24 hour Bank Protection Company Seth Thomas which ran from dry cells and used a burglar alarms. Leon Coufel added he thinks it is made of 'padook' wood. Larry Squires showed a movement that came in many variations and the strangest one was made into a torsional clock. The raffle prizes were won by Larry Squires, Paul Martyn, and Les Lesovsky.

UPCOMING MARTS

JUNE 2012

[2012 NAWCC National Convention](#)

Jun 13 - 16
Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, CA, US

[2012 KY Bluegrass Regional](#)

Jun 29 - 30
Fern Valley Hotel and Conference
Center
Louisville, KY, US

JULY 2012

[2012 Rocky Mountain Regional](#)

Jul 20 - 21
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Golden, CO, US

AUGUST 2012

[2012 Mid-West Regional](#)

Aug 3 - 4
Porter County Exposition Ctr
Valparaiso, IN, US

[2012 Eastern States Regional](#)

Aug 10 - 11
Holiday Inn Conv Ctr
Liverpool, NY, US

[2012 All Texas Chapters Regional](#)

Aug 24 - 26
Marriott Houston Westchase
Houston, TX, US

[2012 Mid-South Regional](#)

Aug 30 - Sep 1
Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN, US

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY JUNE 1, 2012

Program:

**TIME MACHINE:
1981 REGIONAL AT
DISNEYLAND**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

Making Springs with Douglas Adams

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "L"

Board Meeting:

No Board Meeting this Month

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

