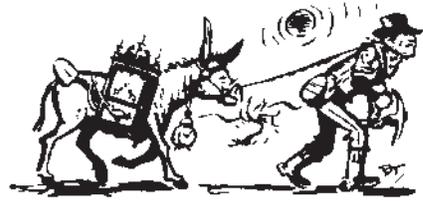


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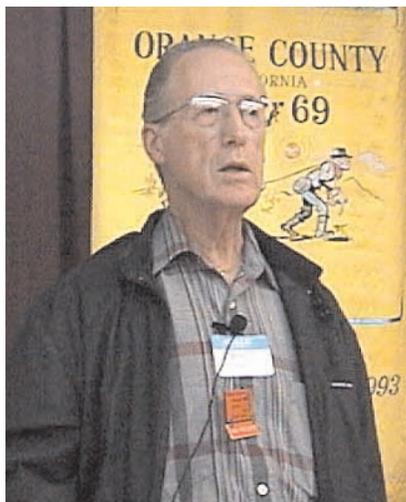
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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

## Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2003

### Techie Timing

President Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Mark and Cathy Edgar, and Mike Coughlin were introduced as guests for the evening. Lex Rooker was introduced as a brand new member to our chapter. Welcome Lex! Julie Stevens was thanked for the great refreshments.



*Past president Bernie Peralta demonstrated an electronic clock and watch timer.*

The minutes were approved as printed in the Tic Talk Times. The next board meeting will be held at the home of Charles Register on June 11, 2003. All board members were encouraged to attend, both incoming and outgoing. All Chapter members are welcome at the board meetings but if not on the board are asked to

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## This month

### Japanese Clocks Discussed

To avoid conflict with the National Convention in Charlotte, and to allow our members to spend July 4th with their families and friends,

**THE JULY CHAPTER MEETING DATE HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE SECOND FRIDAY, JULY 11.**

What do you get when you bring an expert on Japanese clocks into a talk-show studio with the production values of public access cable? You get our July program.

Chester Howard is the Japanese clock expert, having lived in Japan for over a quarter century. He gives a fascinating account of the history of

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### Come to the Pot Luck!

Every year, the Directors of Chapter 69 hold a pot luck, *al fresco* dinner, and the entire membership is invited. As in past years, the Saibens, Bud and Pat, will be hosting. The event will be on Wednesday, July 16, starting at 6:00 P.M. (The address is on the back of the *Tic Talk Times*.)

Bring your spouse or significant other and have a great time under the setting sun with good company and good food. Don't miss out!

## Message from the President

### Changing of the Guard

These two years have been quite a ride, and for the most part, an enjoyable one. After a hectic year preparing for and taking part in the National, we faced a year in which the bill for 9/11 and other costly issues came due. Throughout everything, the people of Chapter 69, both directors and general members, came through in the best tradition of participation and volunteerism.

There is a tendency in this society to look at the President as the "one" who makes things happen. This isn't true in the government, and it certainly isn't true in our chapter. According to our survey of several years ago, the program is the most important factor in generating interest in our meetings. Without the fine job Charles Register did in lining up our programs, our strong attendance would vaporize. We all owe our incoming president a big thank you!

When you come to meetings, a friendly face is there to take your admission, you have a mart, you have refreshments, and access to a fine library. At the end of the meeting,

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**DUES ARE  
PAST DUE!**

**(See last month's Tic Talk Times  
for a membership application)**

## Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*



contact the host so they will know how many to prepare for. It was announced that the July general meeting would be held on the second Friday, July 11th, due to the July 4th holiday. The annual potluck will be held at the Saiben's home on July 16th. A sign up sheet was passed around for those planning to attend.

The next order of business was the election of officers and directors for the new year. The slate of candidates was introduced and were all elected by a unanimous vote. They are: President Charles Register, Vice President Dave Weisbart, Treasurer Julie Stevens, and Secretary Jana White. New directors are: Dennis Woodson, Doug Adams, Dean Armentrout, and Annette DiMino.

Charles Register thanked his security people for a great job at the mini-mart, and gave Doug Adams a hand for a job well done. Dave Weisbart announced that the chapter cleared \$554.25, and thanked everyone for all his or her help making this a success.

Murray Lefkowitz passed around a sign up sheet asking members to volunteer to bring refreshments to the upcoming chapter meetings.

Dave Weisbart was in charge of the Beginner's Corner this month and with the help of his guitar shared the Westminster, Winchester, Whittington (both European and American versions) and St. Michael Chimes. He also shared a chime that was used on a movement by Urgos which he suspected was made for shipment to Israel. Well done, Dave. Thank you.

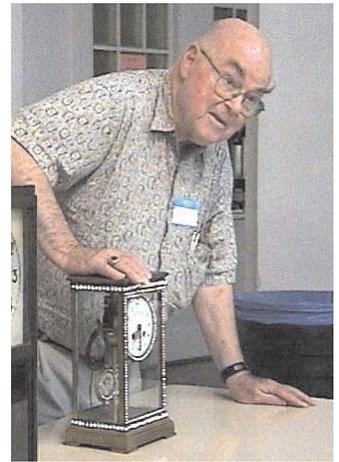
The program this evening was given by Bernie Peralta on watch and clock timers. He demonstrated the use of the Micro Set timer (top) invented and manufactured by Brian Mumford. This instrument will check the beat rate of both watches and clocks. First he showed how to use the instrument to check the beat of a clock. It will indicate by + or - percentage the out of beat state of the clock. If the beat rate of the clock is known the Micro Set can also show the deviation in beats per hour to assist the repairman in setting the rate.

Next Bernie demonstrated how the unit is used to check the rate of a pocket watch that he had brought (right). Peter Panos had a 48-year-old Rolex Chronometer with him and let Bernie use it to demonstrate how



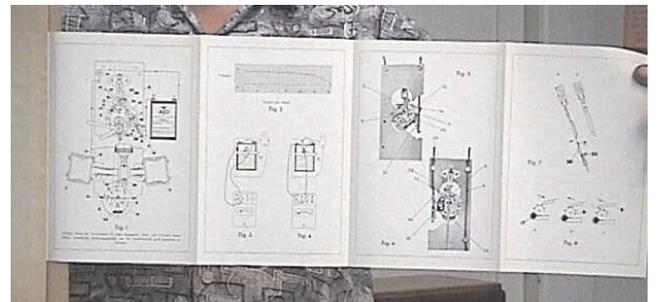
to check the rate on a wristwatch. The watch was excellent in the face up position but didn't fare so well in the stem up position.

Bernie checks his watches in three positions, although more can be used if it is felt necessary, and uses a formula he has devised to predict the lose or gain of each watch in seconds per day. Thanks for nice show Bernie!



Show and tell tonight featured the letter J. Charlie Davis shared a lathe headstock he has adopted for use as a dividing head on his mill. Using this devise he was able to make a new click wheel for the winding arbor on Eric Leung's clock. Roy Irick (top) showed us his Japy crystal regulator whose case was encrusted with rhinestones (or were they really diamonds, Roy?). Les

Lesovsky (above, left) had a master clock with a Junghans ATO movement. Christopher Mabry shared his Junghans clock (right) with an ATO movement that is identical to the one that is in the master clock shown by Les, even though the cases were entirely different. Doug Adams had a sales brochure and paper (below) that showed the



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assembly of a Junghans ATO clock. Don Buster has a Longines chronometer that he has owned for over fifty years. He said that he doubts if it was ever used as a ship's chronometer because the rate was never good. Some time ago he got the idea to replace the escapement with one from a Hamilton 992B movement. After this retrofit the unit has kept excellent time.



Door prizes went to: Peter Panos-book, Murray Lefkowitz-wine, Bud Saiben-book, Derald Kleim-goodie basket, and Dave Weisbart-pitcher full of goodies.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Secretary*

### **This Month** *(from page 1)*

Japanese timekeeping, with many fine examples of early Japanese clocks going all the way back to one that uses powdered incense. Did you know that there was one clock design that used two different foliots to accommodate the differing lengths of daylight and nighttime hours? It's an ingenious solution to a difficult timekeeping task.

The interviewers are an Englishman and a Japanese woman. The former is no David Frost, and the latter, when not scripted, is mostly window dressing. Still, the pictures and descriptions of the clocks are well worth a look.

We will also have the installation of the new officers and directors. Come out and show your support for our new leadership!

### **JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT THE DIRECTORS' POT LUCK, JULY 16!**



## **A Sad Loss**

Ann Pridham, wife of Dick, has passed away. She had been dealing with an illness for some time, but continued to attend our meetings, including last month's. She succumbed last week. Her ready smile and kind-heartedness will be greatly missed. Our condolences to Dick and their family.

### **President's Message** *(from page 1)*

you have interesting and useful door prizes. None of this would have happened without Pat Espe, Saul Zitter, Murray Lefkowitz, Ed Athey, and Sally DiMino (in that order).

The behind-the-scenes folks are just as important: Doug Adams gets our chapter highlights into the Bulletin, and Gene Osten has been keeping track of memberships. And special recognition must go to a couple who has put in countless hours over the years on behalf of our chapter, the Linkenhokers, Bob (treasurer) and Cora Lee (secretary).

Take away all these people, and the president is, at most, highly overworked or, at worst, ineffectual. I can't thank the outgoing board members enough for all their help.

Apart from my functional presidential duties, I viewed a big part of my position as providing a spirit for the meetings. We all have one thing in common, collecting timepieces. And collecting should be a fun and enjoyable activity. While the chapter is a business, and the business of the chapter is important, that's not why most of you come to the meetings. I always tried to be mindful of that, dealing with the business end of things in the most expeditious way possible to give us more time for what we enjoy. In addition, I hope that some of my enthusiasm for the subject has infected others.

In 2001, I resigned my position on the board of directors of the Orange County Guitar Circle, Inc., an organization in which I'd held leadership positions for over 15 years, to take on this task. It has absolutely been worth it. Chapter 69 is made up of a great group of individuals and it's been an honor to serve as its president. I now take up the position of vice-president, so I think I'll try to get a head start: Got any good program ideas?

See you there!

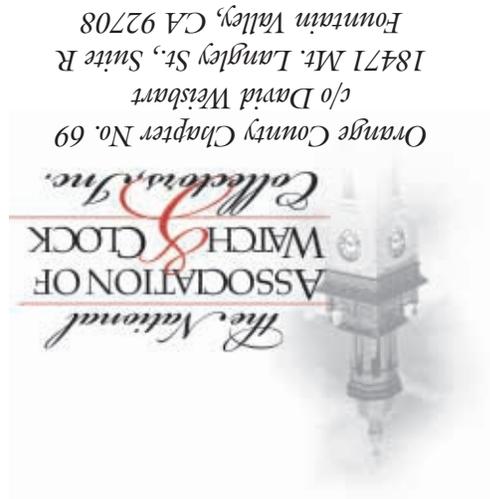
*Dave Weisbart*

### **Tic Talk Times On Line**

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**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**



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**Our Next Meeting: July 11, 2003**  **SECOND FRIDAY!**

*Program:*  
**Video Presentation:  
"Centuries of Timekeeping  
with Japanese Clocks"  
with Chester Howard**

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

*To be announced*

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "K" or historical Japanese clocks

*Board Meeting:* **IT'S THE DIRECTORS' POT LUCK!**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of:  
Bud & Pat Saiben

*Time:* 7:00 – Doors open  
8:00 – General Meeting

*Admission:* \$4.00 – General  
\$6.00 – Couples

*Location:* The EBELL CLUB  
625 French Street  
(at Civic Center Drive)  
Santa Ana, CA  
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