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*Meeting minutes, June 3, 2005*

## Lots o' Lux

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Register at 8 p.m. after a two-hour mart. Charles introduced the guests, Tom Mullen, Terry Lee, Aaron Kaplan and Norman Knispel. Roy Rodriguez led us in singing "America the Beautiful."

Charles thanked everyone for helping with the Mini Mart last month. We earned over \$700.



*Don Buster shared his vast experience*

Bud Saiben was presented with a lifetime membership for Chapter 69 and he and Pat were given lifetime passes for all chapter meetings, in recognition of their tremendous contributions to the chapter over several decades.

The potluck will be Wednesday, July 6 at Pat and Bud Saiben's. He will serve his famous German Bratwurst.

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*This month*

## Evolution!

For Beginner's Corner this month I will give a short demonstration on the "Care and Feeding of Your Watchmaker's Lathe." With proper care these versatile machines will give years of service as witnessed by the fact that most of the units in use today range from a few to 80 or more years old. Just a few minutes of maintenance every so often will keep these units running for future generations.

The topic of our main lecture (program) this month is "Evolution," to be delivered by Professor Bernard Pollack. Webster's dictionary defines evolution as:

1. the act of evolving; formation, growth, or development
2. (Biol.) the continuous modification of organic species; the steps in adaptation of organic species; the steps in adaptation to environment.
3. something evolved."

Doctor Pollack is eminently qualified to expound on any of these definitions in many ways, but believe me, his talk is specifically directed to horology.

For those of you who know Bernie it will be no stretch to figure the focus of his program. For those of you who do not know Bernie and his wife Sonia this is an opportunity to meet a truly gracious and knowledgeable lady and gentleman.

I invite you all to the meeting to see just how he combines evolution and horology into and his talk

— Bob Linkenhoker

*From the NAWCC web site*

## More About Lux

Paul Lux created the Lux Clock Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1914. Born in 1868, Lux immigrated from Germany in 1887. After being employed by the Waterbury Clock Company of Connecticut, he decided, along with his German-born wife Caroline, and sons Fred and Herman, to start his own clock business. There was growth with the business and then loss. A fire destroyed nearly all their supplies and manufacturing machines; however, from the early through mid-1930s, over 3,000 small and inexpensive "Pendulette" clocks were produced per day—all during the depression era!

Most, but not all, Pendulette cases, with integrated dials, were created from wood "flour" (fine wood sawdust), and resin (a type of glue) by the Syracuse (NY) Ornamental Company. The master

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## Library Notes

Ray Brown, our chapter librarian, will present the new library web page. He will show what is included and how to navigate through the library contents. We will also review how to make special request for past Bulletins as part of the library resource.

**DUES ARE DUE**  
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## Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*



A motion was made to donate \$100 to the American Watch and Clock Museum.

The Beginner's Corner was given by Don Buster, "Disassembling and cleaning a watch." Don can do just about anything with a watch. He worked under a watchmaker for three years and then went to school at Bradley with his GI bill. He shared interesting tips,

including his balloon chuck, used to polish balance staff pivots to a mirror finish.

The program was a video presentation, "Lux Cuckoo Clocks." Show and Tell began with the letter "O" and Lux Watches.

Charles Register brought an Omega DeVille. The jury is out on this one, commented Charles. Some like it, some do not. There is no crown. You use a pointed object in the detent and the hands move. It is gold plated quartz watch from the late '60's or early '70's.

Bernie Peralta brought an Omega pocket watch he received on his 30th anniversary with Union Oil (top left). Bernie had a choice, a pocket watch or a wristwatch. He chose a pocket watch and was surprised to find it was a quartz watch. It has a feature to set the hour hand without disturbing the minute hand, for time changes.

Bud Saiben brought three Lux Pendulettes (below). They are George and Martha (or the Kissing birds), Beerdrinker and Sally Rand (Lost her fan, don't you look, you naughty, naughty man).

Doug Adams brought two recent acquisitions. Since he ignored the letter O, he was 0 and 0. The brought two treasures, small timepieces, one with porcelain panels,



which turn, multicolor dial, beautiful scenery, from the 1880s (top right). He brought a cloisonné with enameled panels. The doors open and there is a beautiful scene inside. Both are 30 hour, key wind, timepieces. Phyllis Adams brought an observation. I didn't write it down! It went something like this -"What season are these NAWCC members associated with?" Dennis Contreras, Gene Sizemore, Garrett Graves and Kennedy? Baseball.

Ray Brown brought a photo of a clock made by the "One Hand Clock Company." These were made in the 1920s and currently sell between \$200-\$300. The patented number on the clock in the photo was from September 8, 1913 by Frederick Windsor. Mr. Windsor, by chance lived in Los Angeles, California.



June 12, LA Times Sunday Magazine, Dave showed us the ad that will appear. The magazine is doing a special on clocks and watches. All Southern California chapters were invited to participate. Charles thanked Dave for his

huge effort to get this ad in the Times. Thanks Dave for all your efforts for bringing in new members.

After five unclaimed numbers were called, door prizes were finally claimed!

Respectfully submitted, Julie Stevens



## Dues are Past Due!

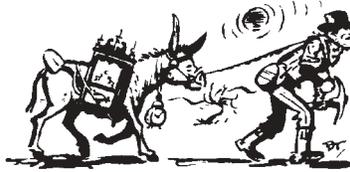
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. We count on your support each year to maintain the high level of our meetings and activities. Your prompt renewal also saves us the trouble and expense of sending reminder notices. Don't put it off!

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. Buy at the door this Friday and get 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

Dues for 2005-06 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:

Dean Armentrout  
2683 Victoria Dr  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651-3948

## Annual Directors' Pot Luck

Come one, come all to the annual Chapter 69 Directors' Pot Luck on Wednesday, July 6, starting at 6:00 P.M. Once again, Bud and Pat Saiben will be hosting this very enjoyable event.

If you've never been to our pot luck, you're missing out on great food (including Bud's famous bratwurst, which he calls "weenies") and great company (including many of our long-time members who often can't make our nighttime meetings). You can also get a peek at Bud's fabulous clock collection!

The pot luck is for the entire membership and their spouses or significant others. A sign-up sheet for those who bring food was circulated at the last meeting and will also be available at this Friday's meeting.

There will also be a short board meeting at some point during the evening.

So come, relax, and share food and drink al fresco under the setting summer sun. We'll see you all there!

## Tic Talk Times On Line

Save the chapter some money each month and get the newsletter earlier and in color! Send an email request to [webmaster@nawcc69.org](mailto:webmaster@nawcc69.org) to get it on the web.

## More About Lux (from page 1)

molds were hand carved from pear wood, which was imported from Switzerland. Liquid rubber was poured over these pear wood molds. Once hardened, the rubber castings were used to make plaster-of-Paris molds, from which metal molds were created, which could withstand pressure and heat. It was into these metal molds that the wood flour and resin were poured, to create the appealing shapes and figures characteristic of Pendulettes and other Lux timekeepers. The final molded products were hand painted; the colors applied were often chosen by the painters.

By the mid-1950s, Lux expanded with the addition of a plant in Tennessee, and by 1959 a Lux Time Ltd. facility was built in Ontario, Canada. In June of 1961 the Lux Clock Manufacturing Company was acquired by the Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Company. Today, Lux Timers manufactured by Robertshaw-Fulton Controls, the last product to be produced under the Lux name, can still be found.

Pendulette movements utilize a simplified cylinder (rotating or revolving drum) type of escapement. As the mainspring tension drives the escape wheel, regulated energy is imparted to the pendulum, which is rigidly connected to the escapement drum shaft, or arbor. In Pendulettes, the pendulum bob, or weight, is very light, hence a wider than normal swing is created.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

The National  
ASSOCIATION OF  
WATCH & CLOCK  
Collectors, Inc.  
Orange County Chapter No. 69  
c/o Dean Armentrout  
332 Forest Avenue, Suite 6  
Laguna Beach CA 92651



## Our Next Meeting: July 1, 2005

*Program:*

**LIVE PRESENTATION**  
**"Evolution in Horology"**  
**by Bernie Pollack**  
(see page 1 for details)

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

"Care of your watchmaker's lathe" by Bob Linkenboker

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "P"

*Board Meeting: DIRECTORS' POT LUCK! (See page 3)*

**Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of:

Pat & Bud Saiben

18072 Santa Clara

Santa Ana (714) 544-6985

*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

