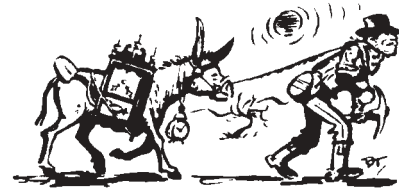


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2006

Whatever **it** Is...

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams. The members welcomed guests Cannon Lee Calner and Peter VonLamite. Refreshments were provided by our last Super Mart.



Bernie Pollack gave an informative and humorous talk about dealing on Ebay

Doug announced the upcoming marts:

- June 21-25 – National Convention in Cleveland Ohio
- July 23 – Chapter 75 Mini-Mart in Granada Hills, CA
- August 27-28 – Silver Dollar Regional in Sparks, NV
- September 17 – Chapter 4 Merrimart in Bellflower, CA

Doug announced that Roy Crowe has been ill and in the hospital.

Bud Saiben suggested that future marts be scheduled later in the month

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This month

Painted Dial Restoration

Our program for July is a detailed video on the restoration and preservation of a painted dial from an early long case English clock. It is the story of the steps needed to clean and remove earlier restorations and restore the dial to as near as possible to its original condition.

The restoration is performed and narrated, often with somewhat pithy comments, by Mrs. Mary F. Tennant, who has been restoring painted clock dials for over 17 years. The specific dial shown in this video is from the Prescott Clock Museum in England and was made by the dial maker James Wilson of Birmingham in the late 18th century.

Mrs. Tennant does not try to teach you her methods but does provide many details of the restoration process. She begins by explaining the process and reasons for much of the aging and damage to dials and how to reverse much of the effects of time. She discusses the historical stylistic and methods of dial painting and shows how she recovers the original features of the dial. Repair of paint chips, application of gold leaf, painting of the numbers and artwork are all shown with details of materials and equipment used to get professional results. At the end of the video we see the completed dial and have a renewed appreciation of the

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Special report

The National in Cleveland

This year's National Convention was held June 21 to June 24 in Cleveland, Ohio. There were 1868 members that attended and 921 tables were sold, quite an increase from the last few years.

I know that the mart seems to drive the Regionals and Conventions but there are a number of other things that go on which we should note:

- The NAWC Board of Directors meeting (8 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday for a total of 16 hours. Members are welcome to sit in as observers on all or part of these meetings except when the Directors are in Executive Session.)
- The Chapter Representative luncheon, an Old-timers and Fellows luncheon and the Banquet.
- An exhibit and Craft competition
- The annual membership business meeting
- An auction on Friday night (This year the auction consisted of 103 items ranging from \$50 items to those that brought upwards of \$4000.)
- 3 field suitcase courses
- 17 general chapter meeting
- 19 lectures were offered
- 15 National committee meetings (any member can attend there meetings as observers)

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as many organizations have their monthly meeting on the first weekend of the month.

After the Supermart, John Clark was missing some red hinged watch boxes and would appreciate any information concerning them.

New Business:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 2006 meeting be approved. Motion passed

Doug announced that chapter dues are due and are being collected by Cora Lee Linkenhoker.

Old Business:

Larry Squires informed us that the sundial is actually an Armillary Sphere and that he made a new base for it and planned to include an additional plaque stating "Rededicated on Garden Groves 50th anniversary by Chapter 69 NAWCC Clock Association, June 2006" or something similar. It was suggested that NAWCC be spelled out as National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Doug announced that the next board meeting will be at the home of Charles Register on Wednesday June 7 at 7:30 PM.



For the Beginner's Corner this month Doug Adams presented "Watch Your Watch Oil" (*top left*) in which he states that there are basically two types of bearing systems in watches. In the simple system, the object is to get just

enough oil to form a little bulge of oil right at the pivot and must be held there by capillary action. The proper amount of oil is most important. In the complex system, two pools of oil are used, one initially on the cap jewel and another then added so that it fills $2/3$ to $3/4$ of the jewel diameter.

The type of oil is also very important. In the past, sperm whale oil was considered the type to use but today synthetic oils are used primarily.

The main program for the evening was a presentation by Bernie Pollack entitled "Buying on Ebay" in which Bernie informed us of such things as how to get on, what to look for and how to bid. Bernie warned us that you are on your own and unless you know what you are doing you're going to "get hung".

To use Ebay you must register and choose an ID and a password. Next you should find a category of interest, then you can bid on items, pay for them, then provide some feedback. If interested in clocks, go to collectibles then clocks. Bernie suggested that we keep in mind where the item of interest is located as shipping costs are involved. He then suggested to email the dealer with any questions you may have concerning the item.



Now you may bid. There are a number of methods of bidding for items, one of which is to decide how much you are willing to pay for the item and enter that amount as your

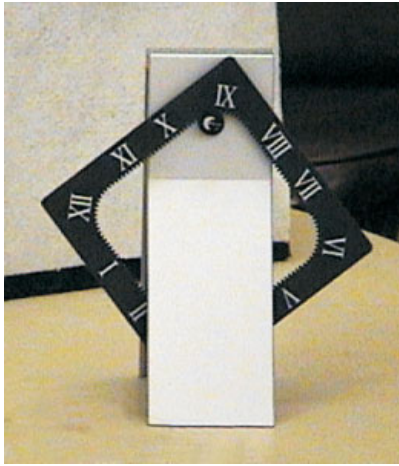
maximum bid. As an example, suppose you are willing to pay \$400 for an item, you would enter that amount as your maximum bid. Now suppose the bid peaks at \$325, you would get the item for \$326.

Again, Bernie warned us to know what we are doing: one time recorder was described as having a good spring that ran for quite a while, the case is in good shape except for paint in the open space— well, there should be no "open space"; another item was identified as an International Time Recorder wall regulator, ITR never made a wall regulator. Someone had sawed off the bottom of the recorder and tried to sell it as a wall regulator. Watch out for "rare" items when in fact there may be 20,000 of them that were made. Bernie continued to entertain us as he educated us on buying on E-bay. Thanks Bernie for the great presentation!

Show and Tell featured an electric clock



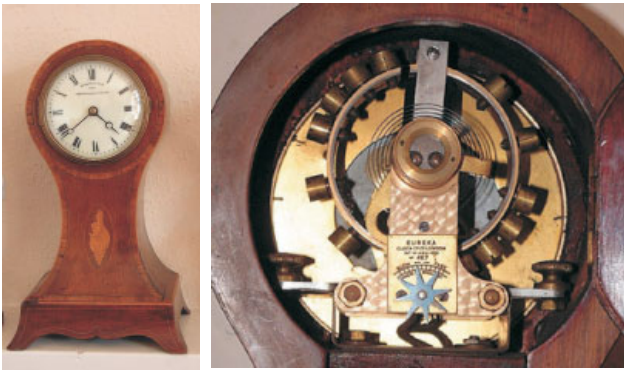
made for NASA brought by Les Lesovski (*opposite, bottom left*). The clock has a 24 hour dial with unusual markings such as DSIF 61. It turns out that the DSIF stands for deep space information facility. Larry Squires (*opposite, right*) brought an Accutron



with an obsolete battery. He brought another Accutron that may be the first electric wrist watch approved for railroads. Larry also displayed a Zodiac watch with an up/down indicator. Doug Adams brought an Elgin pocket watch with an up/down indicator. It is a 16 size railroad watch, lever set, with 23 jewels. Brooks Hoar brought a quartz movement clock with a square dial that tracks a gear wheel turned by the movement. Ray Brown displayed a Eureka electric clock with a 1 1/2 volt battery. The clock is a 1000 day clock made in England in 1909 to 1914.

Door prizes were won by Les Lesovski, Cora Lee Linkenhoker and Norm Punim.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.



Directors' Pot Luck

Once again, Bud and Pat Saiben will be hosting Chapter 69's annual Pot Luck starting at 6:00 P.M. on July 12. If you've never attended this event, you're missing out on great food 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 event is for the entire membership and their spouses or significant others.

A pot luck sign-up sheet will be circulated at the general meeting.

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

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effort and care needed for professional dial restoration.

Mrs. Tennant also has published a book, now out of print, that provided additional details for those interested; "Longcase Painted Dials: Their History and Restoration" ISBN 0-7198-0260-1.

Beginner's Corner

Many of us have occasion to replace glass in clocks and being able to cut glass to the correct dimensions saves both time and money. Ray will start with a brief description of what is happening when we "cut" glass and will demonstrate some useful tools that can help produce not only straight but curved shapes from glass sheets.

National Convention *(from page 1)*

As you can see there is a lot to do besides just participation in the Mart.

Just to give a quick overview of some of the things that were discussed and voted on at the BOD meeting:

- Uniform dues for all members were set at \$65.00. The International members complained that they were unhappy with the recent increase which raised their dues to \$75. It was explained that the cost of their mailing was no more that to the U.S. members. Since the material is not mailed first class they receive it 3 to 4 weeks later than U.S. members unless they want earlier delivery which they have the option of paying for.
- The lifetime membership policy was changed. It will now cost \$5,000 and you must be 50 years of age or older
- The Executive Directors report was given by Phil Gregory; the vice chair of the BOD; who is serving as the temporary Executive Director until a new person can be found to fill the post.

These are just a few of the items discussed.

At the Convention Committee meeting a discussion was started on the possibility of allowing the public into marts on the last day. A representative from the Greater Los Angeles Regional to be held next February stated that they were ready to implement this on a trial basis if it could be approved by the BOD soon. The Chair for the 2007 National to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, stated they would also like to try it. This is a controversial issue with many members on both sides. It is something that will have to be discussed and decided on at a future BOD meeting.

These are just a few of the highlights of the Convention and I encourage all of you attend as many of them as you can.

— Bob Linkenhoker

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Laguna Beach CA 92651

The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.**



Our Next Meeting: Friday, July 7, 2006

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION
**"The Art of the
Painted Dial"**
by M.F. Tennant

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:
"Cutting Sheet Glass" by Ray Brown

Show & Tell:
Horological items beginning with the letter "F"

Board Meeting: It's the DIRECTORS' POT LUCK!
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 P.M. at the home of
Bud & Pat Saiben
18072 Santa Clara Ave.
Santa Ana, CA (714) 544-6985
Everyone's invited!

