



Meeting minutes, June 4, 2007

Patently Enthusiastic

In the absence of our president, Vice-president Ray Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Ray informed the members that Doug Adams has had elective surgery and is resting at home. Ray also passed on thanks from Doug for the visits, cards and calls from well-wishers.

Ray announced that the June board meeting will take place at the home of Doug and Phyllis Adams on Monday June 4 at 7:30 PM.

The members thanked Julie Stevens for bringing the refreshments, then welcomed guests Joe Hobbs and Steve Macolgan. Lee Terry renewed his membership after an extended absence.

Les Lesovsky announced that he had received a phone call from Roy Crowe; Roy is at home now and sounds improved.

Ray announced that the annual pot luck and board meeting will be held at the home of the Saiben's on July 11. Ray mentioned that the chapter's GoodTyme SuperMart was well attended with full tables. A full report will be given at a future meeting. Members are requested to consider becoming board members.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the Tic Talk Times. Motion carried.

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This month

Japanese Time

Before 1873, Japan had a unique system for keeping time. The day was divided into 12 hours – six of daylight and six of night. Instead of the time of sunrise and sunset changing with the seasons, the Japanese changed the length of daytime and nighttime



*Our speaker, Doug Adams, with
a pre-1873 Japanese clock*

hours. This makes for a really fascinating horological topic – just how did they adapt mechanical timekeepers to this variable-hour system?

Doug Adams owns several pre-1873 Japanese clocks, some of which we've seen previously at chapter meetings (and some of which are real museum pieces). At this month's meeting, Doug will bring

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Special event

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 11. If you've never attended this event, 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 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!



DUES ARE DUE!

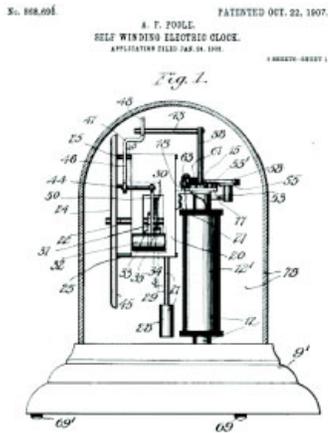
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Dave Weisbart requested that members with internet access receive the TicTalkTimes electronically. This saves postage and trees, and on-line recipients get their newsletters sooner, and the pictures are in color!

Dave mentioned that Charles Register has complications from cataract surgery and thanked Ron Abbott for manning the library in the interim.

Ray Brown presented the evenings Beginner's Corner with the topic being a search engine on patents. The U.S.



Patent Office has a search engine, but it has limited capabilities on patents issued prior to 1976. Google scanned all the patents issued from 1790 to 2006 onto their computer which allows searching for names, dates, numbers, etc. The web site is www.google.com/patents. For a demonstration of this search engine, Ray looked up info on a

clock made by the No Key Clock Company of Wheeling West Virginia in 1909 or 1910. Ray discovered that a patent for this electric clock was issued to Arthur Poole of Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1906. Ray's search also revealed that Poole had 140 patents issued to him for devices such as electric clocks, telephone switching systems for party lines, calculators, adding machines, etc.

The main program for the evening was a video presentation of the Greater Los Angeles Regional by local T.V. personality Huell Howser. Huell interviewed a number of the participants of the Regional – both buyers and sellers including past and present members of chapter 69. Huell covered most of what was available: clock parts; watches needing repair; watches that had been repaired; alarm clocks; pocket watches; wrist watches; art deco



clocks; Royal Bonn porcelain clock cases; novelty clocks; ship's clocks; cuckoo clocks; as well as carriage clocks and much more.

For Show and Tell, Les Lesovsky displayed an "ugly" clock that once cleaned showed that the case was made of



flame mahogany veneer. It was a Boa Reguladora made in Portugal prior to WWI. The pivots were tapered and the holes in the plates were tapered to match.

Jim Dodson brought a clock with a marble case owned by a friend in Scotland. The clock has a French movement with a bell strike.

Ray Brown displayed a battery operated clock made by Trinity Clock Company in about 1910. The clock has a balance wheel escapement and rewinds every five minutes or so.

Gene Osten brought an item that he claimed to be "uninteresting" – it happened to be his very own patent on a way to help fly an aircraft.

Doug Lynn brought a 1/10 ounce gold coin issued by the state of California and an 1849 silver dollar.



Door prizes were won by Ken Lynn, George Clifford, and Julie Stevens.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Dues are Due!

Our “prospector” mascot is trying to get things going! If you haven’t renewed your membership to Chapter 69, it’s time. 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!

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Orange County Chapter 69 Membership Application

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Time Symposium

This year’s Ward Francillon Time Symposium is October 24-26 in York, PA. York is just down the road apiece from the NAWCC headquarters and museum in Columbia. The subject of the event is “The Impact of Mass Production on the American Clock Industry.”

Schedule

October 24

“The Beginning of Mass Production, Eli Terry, and the Porter Contract” by James Arthur Lecturer Donald Hoke, author of Ingenious Yankees

October 25

“Significant Contributions of the Chauncey Jerome, E. C. Brewster, and Elias Ingraham Companies from 1835 to 1850” by Tom Grimshaw

“Joseph Ives—The Man and His Clocks” by Wayne Laning

“New England’s Revolution in Precision Manufacturing, 1847” by Dr. Kenneth Aiken

“Atkins and the Early Entrepreneurs” by Phil Gregory

“The Ansonia Clock Co. and the Movements They Used” by Allen Stevenson

“Seth Thomas, A Unique Way of Doing Business” by Ralph Pokluda

October 25 Evening Activities

A visit to the National Watch and Clock Museum, Columbia, PA, to view the Lewis B. Winton Collection of Seth Thomas original jigs, fixtures, and gauges and to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the National Watch and Clock Museum

October 26

“Workers and the Twentieth Century Workplace” by Dr. Philip Samponara

“Methods of Modern Clock Production” by Mark Butterworth

October 26 Evening Activities

Symposium Banquet—The Yorktowne Hotel, York, PA

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some of these clocks, and will talk about them, accompanied by an on-screen presentation.

Included will be a discussion of face markings and chiming system used in Japanese time pieces and their symbology and significance. We will also get to examine the workmanship and mechanism of these clocks in detail. This is sure to be a very interesting presentation and is not to be missed.

We also hope to have some reports on the recent national convention in Chatanooga.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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



Our Next Meeting: Friday, July 6, 2007

Program:

LIVE PRESENTATION
"Japanese Clocks
Before 1873"
by Doug Adams

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:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "U" or "V" or items purchased at the national convention

Board Meeting: It's the Annual Directors' Pot Luck at the Saibens'! Wednesday, July 11 at 6:00 P.M. (see page 1 for more)

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Everyone's invited!

