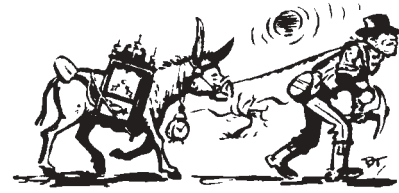


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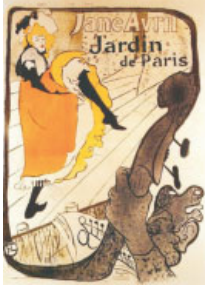
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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

July Mart Theme

Ooh La La!



It's French Timepieces!



Meeting minutes, June 6, 2008

Time Travel

President Dave Weisbart opened the meeting at 8:00. He welcomed guest Kean Wheel.

He thanked Doug and Phyllis Adams for the refreshments.

Dave noted that the fourth Sunday in July is the Chapter 75 mini mart in Granada Hills.

Our Goodtyme Supermart income doubled from last year, which will assure that we'll end the year in the black to boot after several years with a financial shortfall. We discussed the annual potluck and the sadly acknowledged that we would not be able to have it at the Saiben's this year. Randy Ema has volunteered his house but a meeting date is still open.

The next general meeting will be on July 11, since our usual meeting on the first Friday of this month falls on the 4th of July.

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Main Program

And The Beat Goes On!

with Charlie Davis

This month's program will be a presentation on "unusual" pendulum designs by Charlie Davis. Charlie, who is a long term member of our chapter has selected several examples of clocks with unusual or unconventional pendulums as his topic. Charlie's experience as an instructor in classes on clock repair and his many years of experience in collecting and repairing clocks will make this an entertaining presentation. If you have a clock with an unusual pendulum bring it to show and tell. If you are clever maybe you could even stump Charlie (not likely)!



DUES ARE DUE!

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Message from the president

What Are We Doing?

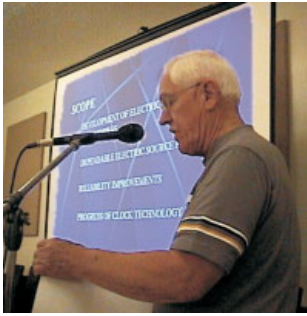


One of my favorite sayings (and I wish I could find who said it first) is that we do not own antiques, we merely keep them in trust for future generations. Clock and watch enthusiasts have a special responsibility in this regard. While someone who collects elegant old furniture has the responsibility to maintain the old finish and protect it from traumatic injury, and the collector of painted dishes only needs to keep them clean and out of harm's way, we must develop expertise in a bewildering variety of disciplines.

We need mechanical knowledge to keep our complicated movements serviced and repaired. Even if we are having someone else do the work, it is still important to have a basic understanding. Clock people need the expertise of a furniture collector to understand art and design history, as well as the proper treatment of wood, metal and porcelain finishes. They must also protect the clocks from trauma. (Is your collection

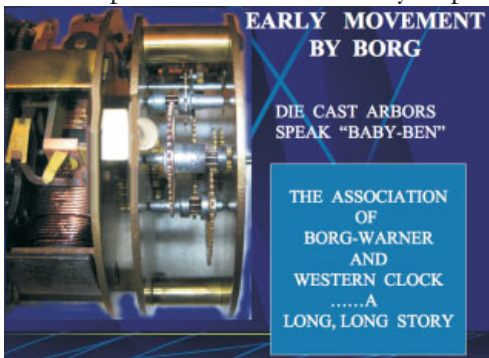
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Meeting Minutes (from page 1)



June Program: Les Lesovsky provided this month's program "Car Clock Evolution." Les presented the unpublished results of investigations of electric automobile clocks that are being submitted for publication in the NAWCC Bulletin. This article will

provide the first in-depth documented history of the history and development of these unique timepieces. Les began with a brief overview of how the electric system was introduced in 1912 to provide self-cranking and how this enabled the automobile to also power self-winding electric clocks. The automobile environment is very hostile to clocks of any type, with temperature extremes, severe vibration, high humidity and the constant dirt and dust that was prevalent due to the early-unpaved highways.

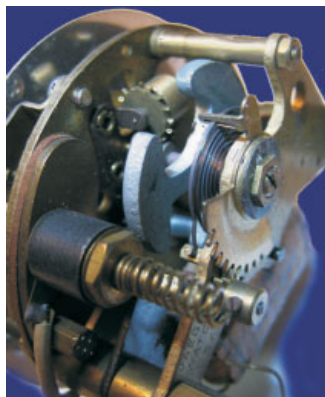


Les reviewed the contributions made by the early pioneers such as Hartford Clock Co., G. W. Borg Corp., Westclox,

and Jaeger. The first self-winding electric clocks were designed and built starting in 1915 as add-on accessories and became available as factory options in the 1920's. In the early 1930's Jaeger began building a unique electric clock that was not self-winding but used a directly impulsed balance wheel to drive the clockworks.

In the 1960, VDO and other European automobile clock manufacturers build electric mechanisms using a directly impulsed balance wheel driven on the ATO principle.

The presentation was concluded with a demonstration by Ray Brown of several of the clocks presented by Les using our video camera and projector to show the details of the movements to the audience. Operational examples of movements included, Sterling, Borg, and Jaeger plus housed



President's Message (from page 1)

earthquake-secure?) Watch collectors need a jeweler's eye and knowledge of what makes a case valuable, including differences in metallurgy, plating and engraving techniques. They also need to know what distinguishes a high-quality movement from an ordinary one. And none of this even touches on the exotic innovations that the great minds in horology have created over the generations.

Finally, for both collectors, comes the knowledge of the marketplace. Which pieces are the most valuable and why? ("Is it rare?" and "Does anyone care?") Which reference volumes most accurately represent current market value? How can one avoid being "taken" on Ebay?

Horology is one of those fields in which you soon discover that the more you learn, the less you know. But we are not a complacent lot. We attend meetings and lectures and workshops. We read. We stay abreast of the market. And, for most of us, this is in addition to the rest of our complicated lives. I've met some of the most fascinating, multi-dimensional people through my association with NAWCC.

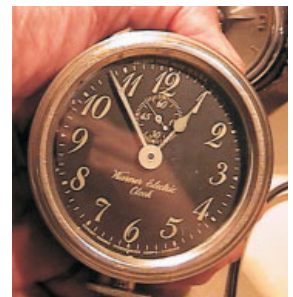
So, what are we doing? We're preserving one of the most endlessly fascinating endeavors of mankind. Why do we do it? We enjoy learning, we enjoy art, we enjoy discovery and, oh yes, we want to know what time it is. The NAWCC and our chapter facilitate all this. I hope you'll continue to find new ways to use what we provide to keep learning, enjoying and discovering.

— Dave Weisbart



examples of Seth Thomas, Keith-Landis, Waltham, and Warner Electric.

Larry Squires added to our program with some examples of automotive mirror clocks that had the clock mounted in the rear view mirror and was an add-on accessory in early automobiles. These used a spring wound with a pull-string. Patrick brought another example of an automobile clock, in this case an auto-wind clock for Oldsmobile mounted in the center of the steering wheel.



Les Lesovsky, Larry Squires, and Stan Goldklang were our door prize winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Dues are Due!

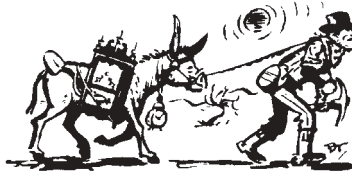
It's time to renew your membership to Chapter 69. Your support of our activities is very important to the chapter's well-being, so we're counting on every member to send in his or her renewal.

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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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

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(check one)

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 Couples annual pass (\$66)

Complete this form and mail to:
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Corona, CA 92881

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Beginner's Corner



The Beginner's Corner this month is dedicated to the happenings at the 2008 National Convention in Springfield, Missouri. In addition to the usual information (i.e. the number of attendees, the number of mart tables sold, and the activity level in the mart room) I will list the

other activities such as the lectures, the lunches and dinners and particularly the National Council meeting.

One subject of importance will be the proposed Chapter Charter document that many of you who receive the NAWCC NEWS, has been on the National's web site or can be read in the Mart. This is an important document that all members of chapters need to review and comment on.

Bob Linkenhoker

Coming Event

The 2008 Ward Francillion Time Symposium

on

- Electric Horology -

October 23 - 25, 2008 Springfield Illinois

The topic of this year's Symposium is "Electric Horology" and will focus on its impact on timekeeping and several key manufacturers in the United States.

Springfield, Illinois was selected as the site of this year's Symposium due to its central location in the United States and extensive horological history. The home of the Illinois Watch Company, later purchased by the Hamilton Watch Company, it was also the home of the Sangamo Electric Company. The Sangamo Electric Company was founded in 1899 by then Illinois Watch Company Vice President, Jacob Bunn Jr. and housed in buildings belonging to the Illinois Watch Company. Sangamo manufactured the highest quality wathour meters, but later diversified into other areas including clock making, from 1926 to 1931. Sangamo electrically wound and synchronous clocks are widely considered to be one of the highest quality electric clocks ever made.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
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Collectors, Inc.**



SECOND FRIDAY! 

Our Next Meeting: Friday, July 11, 2008

Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"Unusual Pendulums"
by
Charlie Davis**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Highlights from the National" with Bob Linkenhoker

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "H" or a horological item with an "unusual pendulum".

Board Meeting:

July meeting to be announced.

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

