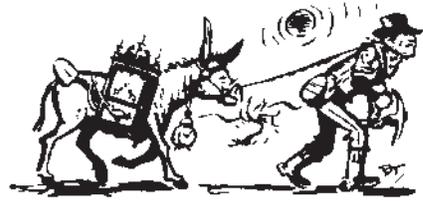


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2003

Clocks of Japan

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Weisbart at 8:00 pm.

Dave opened the meeting with some very interesting chapter statistics! Did you know that Chapter #69 is one of only 30% of NAWCC chapters that meet more than 7 times a year? We are one of only 11 chapters that report regular meeting attendance over 100 and we are among the 25% of chapters that reported membership gains during the last year. Great job!

Last month's minutes were approved as printed in the Tic Talk Times. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Directors' Pot Luck to be held at the Saibens' on July 16th.

Al Kahn installed the new officers:

- President: Charles Register
- Vice President: Dave Weisbart
- Secretary: Jana Smith
- Treasurer: Julie Stevens
- Directors: Doug Adams, Dean Armentrout, Annette DiMino

New president Charles Register then took over the meeting by presenting our outgoing president Dave Weisbart with a plaque in appreciation for all the work he's done as our chapter president over the past two years.

Upcoming marts were announced and Bob Linkenhoker asked if anyone would be interested in a clock escapement class through the

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This month

Guitar Strings & Sunday Micrometers

We have an interesting video segment this month that contains both advanced and beginning technical information. It's from "Clock Works II" and is presented by Wayne Griffith.

The entire "Clock Works II" tape is over 4 hours long (!) and is packed with information on various aspects of repairing a Hermle triple-chime movement. In the half-hour segment we'll be viewing, Wayne goes completely through a Hermle floating balance unit, replacing the pivot wire (hint: that's where the guitar string comes into play), and explaining its regulation. I must say, I learned a lot from it – much more than was taught at the school in Columbia! I'll bring a floating balance or two to pass around for those who are not already familiar with them.

The process of choosing the correct wire segues into pretty comprehensive instructions on how to use a micrometer. This will be of special interest to beginning mechanics, and will serve as our Beginner's Corner.

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FOR A FEW!**

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Message from the President

The Upcoming Year

As we begin a new membership year, the staff and I would like to thank you again for your support. We're planning this year to be at least as informative and productive as last year, and with your help, we'll add some new and exciting programs.

There are several things that we would like to accomplish. Briefly, they are:

Membership — Hopefully we will distribute more invitations (the same ones that went into antique, watch and jewelry shops). We got a few good men and women before, and perhaps there are more who appreciate the knowledge we share about the clocks and watches we love.

Lectures – There may be some interesting speaker or material that you are aware of; please make arrangements with Dave Weisbart to present this work. We would also like to have some of you show off your treasures as this may be the only opportunity for the younger members to see them live and not in a book.

Also, please don't forget to make use of our library, including the video section. Ed Athey is our librarian.

Thank you again in advance for your support and input.

— Charles Register



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AWI. Anyone interested is asked to contact Bob.

The program for the evening was a video presentation called "Centuries of Timekeeping with Japanese Clocks" hosted by Chester Howard. A progression of clocks was shown including the first types of clocks brought to Japan by the missionaries around 1549, a shakudoke or vertical pillar clock, a pyramid clock, a clock with a variable time system that accommodated the six hour day and six hour night, and a paperweight clock.

Mary Ann Wahlner reported on the status of our potential merger with the NWCM. A hand-out was made available. In it we find that the Council has voted to support the merger proposal. The choices were simply to merge, stay as we are or to split. We cannot remain as we are. The IRS has determined that the NAWCC does not meet the specifications of a 501(c)(3) so that if we do not merge, the state of Pennsylvania will revoke our property and sales tax exemptions and most likely demand back taxes under the statute of limitations. The upshot is that all financial reserves would likely be exhausted within 12-18 months. Splitting is not really a viable option either. Should we do that, we could try to set up under a 501(c)(7) but the only tax advantage there is an exemption on member dues and there's a good possibility that we wouldn't qualify for that tax status anyway. If we merge, we should be able to continue business in a fashion that is very similar to that which we have been. Mary Ann reported that each member will be receiving a full report by the end of the year. The report will fully detail all of the options that have been examined and the actions decided upon.

Our guests this month were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones. Thanks to Saul Zitter for bringing refreshments.

Show and tell was horological beginning with the letter K or historical Japanese clocks. Larry Squires showed us his Kienzle year-long clock. Tony Baker showed us his 400 day clock. Les Lesovsky brought a Kundo clock and a Kieninger & Obergfell clock (above).

Bob and Cora Lee Linkenhoker attended the national. Bob reported that around 925 tables were sold, and



attendance was about 2200-2500. Bob thought that the mart and functions were well planned and very nice. He also encouraged all of us to attend council meetings if we ever have the opportunity. It's a great way to gain some understanding of how our organization runs.

Door prizes went to Bill Miller, Gary Jones, Doug Adams, Evelyn Buster, and Tony Baker

The meeting was adjourned by Charles Register at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jana Smith, Secretary

Who's Doing What?

For the 2003-2004 year, the chairmanships are as follows: President, Charles Register; Vice President and Program Chair, Dave Weisbart; Secretary, Jana Smith; Treasurer, Julie Stevens; Membership Chair, Dean Armentrout; Publicity & Editorial Chair, Doug Adams; Ways & Means Chair (the door), Dennis Woodson; Hospitality Chair, Murray Lefkowitz; Library Chair, Ed Athey; Museum & Exhibitions, Annette DiMino. There is a vacancy for the position of Mart chair.



Directors' Pot Luck Was A Hit!

We had a wonderful turnout for the annual Directors' Pot Luck dinner at the home of Bud and Pat Saiben. We got to see several folks who don't often make it to our night-time meetings, including John and Wanda Ballard and Carl Carlsen.

Bud, despite his recent infirmities, insisted on cooking the delicious bratwurst himself, as task he missed doing last year because he was in the hospital. And the consensus was, nobody cooks a "brat" like Bud. There was lots of good food and drink, and some wonderful desserts, including Ed Athey's famous Key Lime Pie, and Jan Duwe's inventive "Dirt Cake," served in a flower pot complete with serving trowel and gummy worms. (It was much yummier than it sounds.)

Our sincere thanks to Pat and Bud for hosting again this year.



Pat keeps the food coming!

This Month *(from page 1)*

So the tape is a "Two-fer"! Wayne's presentations are well done, with good picture quality, and for the most part they're taped in real-time. So while you get a good feel for how long the process takes, some segments require the patience of... well, a clockmaker. The reality also extends to a few amusing slip-ups. And for this Californian, Wayne's broad Tennessee drawl added a certain *Je ne sais quoi*. This is a worthwhile instructional video that is available from the chapter library.

— D.W.

Dues Are Due For A Few!

If you're not sure whether or not you've renewed your chapter membership, check your mailing label. The date code should read "03-04." If it doesn't, you may need to pay your dues or risk being dropped from our mailing list!

If you know you paid your dues at the last general meeting and the label doesn't yet reflect that, don't worry – Dave has been tied up moving his shop and hasn't yet incorporated the changes into the mailing database.

Tic Talk Times On Line

Would you prefer to receive the Tic Talk Times over the Internet?

Send an email request to webmaster@nawcc69.org.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**



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Mountain Valley, CA 92708

Our Next Meeting: August 1, 2003

Program:
**Video Presentation:
From "Clock Works II," The
Floating Balance Escapement
with Wayne Griffith**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:
Micrometers (part of the video)

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

Board Meeting:
Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
David Weisbart

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
(714) 547-6331

