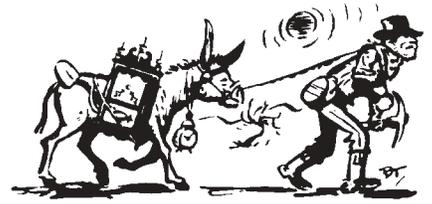


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes: July 2, 2004

Emperor's Clocks

The July 2, 2004 meeting was called to order at 8:pm by President Charles Register.

The minutes were accepted as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bud and Pat Saiben were thanked for bringing the refreshments.

Guests were welcomed, Mr. and Mrs. Quyen of Huntington Beach and John Okonski of the Palomar chapter.

July 25th, Chapter 75 will be having a mart at the Pavilion.

National is going on weekend of July 4th in Oklahoma.

Due to the request of some of the female members, Chapter 69 Board of Directors has designated a "Ladies Table". It will be next to the refreshments where arts, crafts, or jewelry can be displayed and/or sold.

The president requested a volunteer an accountant or bookkeeper, which is needed to audit Chapter 69 books.

BEGINNER'S CORNER:

David Weisbart spoke on the Introduction to Adjusting Dead Beat Escapements. He gave out an informative handout showing diagrams and a chart of troubleshooting and one of adjustments.

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This month

Begin the Breguet

There is little argument that Abraham-Louis Breguet was the most influential and important watch and clock maker of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. His timepieces incorporated innovations that are almost too numerous to mention. Nevertheless, our August presenter is going to try.

Garret Graves, one of our newest board members (he's the Mart Chairman), will present a brand-new program on Breguet, his life and times, and his innovations in timekeeping. With lots of pictures, Garret will show us not only Breguet's efforts, but also the context of watch and clock manufacturing of the day.

There's going to be a lot of great information, and if you're not familiar with Breguet's contributions, I think you'll be amazed at the many devices we all take for granted today which sprang from his genius.

On another note, do you know of a local presenter with a good program to share? Please let me know at the next meeting. Thanks!

— D.W.



Message from the President

Time flies when you're having fun!

That's how my summer seems to be going. I hope everyone's summer has been great, the chapter has had much to be thankful for. The mart was a success, we've added a few new names to the membership, our potluck was great, thanks again to Pat and Bud Saiben. We have educational goals each month in the way of Beginner's Corner and our normal topics that we cover and I'd like to solicit the help of the membership to accomplish these goals. Please contact Dave Weisbart with ideas or to present a topic. Those of you with fantastic collections may like to present them to the membership. Thank you all for your efforts and I'll see you at the meeting.

The GLAR website for 2005

Website is up and running at <http://www.greaterlaregional.com> Here you can view the schedule, the registration form (even register on-line), seminars, and pictures and descriptions of the exhibits for the last three years.

Enjoy! Y'all come!
Mary Ann Wahlner
NAWCC, Director
GLAR, Publicity Chairman



Pot Luck a Hit!

We had a fine turnout for our annual Directors' Pot Luck in July. As in past years, Bud and Pat Saiben were the hosts with the most! Our sincere thanks to them for sharing their wonderful home (not to mention Bud's great "brats").



Meeting Minutes (from page 1)

PROGRAM: CLOCKS COLLECTED IN THE CHINESE EMPERIAL PALACE

Clocks and watches were displayed throughout the palace until the fall of the government in 1911 when they were all collected and displayed in one specific Hall of Clocks.

All clocks and watches were Chinese only until 200 years ago when western clocks were introduced, as part of the cultural exchange.



A large variety of time pieces were shown, water clocks, calendar clocks, some painted with Roman and Greek, many animated clocks with people and/or animals. Many bird cage clocks that displayed much motion and singing, these were designated to be garden clocks. Many of the clocks were gifts from western dignitaries to Chinese rulers. There was one clock of a mechanical man who wrote continuously, in



Chinese, of course. Roller clocks that roll down a graduated slide with the face continuing to be level were unique.

Until the 17th century, Chinese clocks were sundials and water clocks that had persisted for 4000 years. Modern clock making began in China at the end of the 17th century.

Ornate watches were of various sizes, mostly on tethers for fastened to clothing.



SHOW AND TELL, "B"

1. Beautiful. Gene Osten chose a Hampdon 23 jewel pocket watch that he thought was a very pretty with it's two-toned design for common production. He put a glass back on the watch for better view. The Hampdon Watch Co. made three grades of railroad watches and some "run of the mill" watches. The company was sold to Russia in 1928.

2. Borel. Bernie Peralta offered a square automatic wrist watch with quick set date. the watch is thought to be a Swiss "cocktail" watch from the 1960's and is a rarity.

3. Bulle. Les Lesovsky showed a battery operated, magnetic clock. This clock has a permanent magnate in the middle of the clock that is unusual in that the magnate has 2 north and 1 south instead of the standard one each. Very accurate. This clock will loose time if clock is "tinkered with". Bulle made clocks in France from 1920 til 1948.

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Maxine Patty

Maxine Patty passed away last week. Maxine was past president of Ch116 and member of Ch81.

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4. Bell, Seth Thomas Ship's. John Okonski was very happy to share his clock in the shape of a sailing ship's wheel. This clock chimes hourly, sounding like ship's bell.

5. Ballard in a Box. Roy Irick's offering was a very ornate Atmos clock in a white case. A Le Coutre, made from 1962 to 1967. He cautioned that all Atmos clocks will not fit all Atmos clock cases. He also mentioned to be respectful of the finish. Too much polishing will ruin the finish, warning to down to the brass.

6. Black Forest. Bud Saiben displayed spring driven 30 hour coo koo clock, circa 1900.

The hands and numbers on dial were made of bone. He also showed a pot metal Russian or French clock peddler that was loaded with his wares.

7. Buster: Don Buster showed a Hudson automobile Waltham 15 jewel clock. He does not have the Hudson. He also had a 7 jewel Waltham mantel clock that had the same movement as the car clock. The Waltham Clock Co. made very fine products until 1930 when they cut quality. Then during WWII, they made war products and after, could never get back to their previous good quality.

DOOR PRIZES:

Dean Armantrout won a book, files, and fiberglass brush

Ellie Clark won a bottle of wine in a holder and a NWACC patch

Elaine Irick won a picnic service with a bottle of wine

Paul Schmidt won two picture frames

Ray Pinson won a power bit set

The meeting was adjourned at 0920 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sally DiMino

National convention

Oklahoma 2004

The 2004 National Convention was held in Oklahoma City. My compliments to all who were involved in putting it on.

The mart numbers aren't available yet but as expected it was busy on Thursday, less so on Friday and slow on Saturday. If anyone has any ideas how to improve Saturday attendance lets hear them. Of course the National Convention isn't just about the mart as some seem to feel. There was a combined meeting of the NAWCC Council and NWCM Directors on Tuesday and Wednesday that could be attended by any member, an annual meeting of the general membership, a Chapter representative luncheon, a special Bar-B-Que dinner on Thursday night and of course the Banquet which was held on Saturday night. Besides all this there were various non-regional chapter meetings, many interesting lectures and this year the Field Suitcase course FS101 was offered.

Beside attending all the Convention functions I attended the joint Council/Board meeting both days.

Boy it was a busy week for Cora Lee and I.

Just a few of the items discussed:

On the merger. It is winding it's way through the courts in New York now. After that it has to go through the system in Pennsylvania. Completion date is hopefully October 1st.

Approval of the budget for the 2005 National in Fort Lauderdale.

Approval of the preliminary budget for the 2006 National in Cleveland.

Approved the appointment of Bruce Gilmore and Steve Burgamy to the Nominating and Elections Committee.

Approved the immediate initiation of the process to develop longer term priorities for the ongoing success of the NAWCC.

Decided to continue the staff position of Museum Educator for at least another three years. This position was created last year to develop both public programming and school programs.

Also discussed but not acted on was a change in the operating procedures to allow Chapters to welcome non-members into their Marts. I'm sure there will be more on this later.

More was acted on and discussed and I have a copy of the complete agenda if anyone is interested in reading it.

My wife and I both encourage all of you to attend the Nationals when you can and to participate in all the events not just go to the mart. There is so much more to do and see.

Bob & Cora Lee Linkenhoker

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.**
Orange County Chapter No. 69
c/o David Weisbart
13077 Springdale St.
Westminster, CA 92683



Our Next Meeting: August 6, 2004

Program:

LIVE PRESENTATION
"Abraham-Louis Breguet"
by Garret Graves

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

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Adding Patina to brass" by *Tony Baker*

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "C"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:

Dean Armentrout
2683 Victoria Dr.
Laguna Beach, CA 92651-3948
(949) 246-3647

*Parking and entry
off Mortimer St.*



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