

Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2007

Time in the Temple

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Doug Adams. The members welcomed guests Brian and Joan Williamson who are visiting from Australia. The members then thanked Cora Lee Linkenhoker for providing the evenings refreshments.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 2007 meeting be approved. Motion passed

Doug announced the upcoming events:

- July 11 – Directors' Potluck at the home of Bud and Pat Saiben
- July 22 – Chapter 75 Mini-Mart in Granada Hills, CA
- September 16 – Chapter 4 Merrimart in Bellflower, CA

Bob Linkenhoker reported that the National Convention in Chattanooga included 3 field suitcase courses, 16 lectures, 16 special interest chapter meetings, and 15 committee meetings. There was a craft competition with 44 entries. The mart had 1970 attendees with 933 tables and the auction included 100 items. Bob advised us that lifetime membership now costs \$5000.

New Business:

Bud Saiben donated 2 sales catalogues from Schmitt's Auction in New Hampshire to the library.

Old Business:

Bob Linkenhoker reported that dues are now due.

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This month

Delft Clocks

So what exactly is Delft? Delft is a school in the city of Delft in the Netherlands. Delft is also a decorative style used by potters in the city of Delft a long time ago.

The Dutch traded with China and brought to Europe brilliant white clear glazed pottery decorated in blue.



The style was copied at the school in Delft. English potters copied the style and there it became Wedgwood. In other parts of the world it is best known as "blue on white maiolica."

Julie Lesovsky will be talking about these clocks with a on-screen presentation. It will include kitchen clocks as well as novelty and mantel clocks.

The Beginner's Corner this month is on the AWCI battery numbering system. AWCI published a booklet in 1998 listing all watch battery numbers and cross referencing them with an alpha-numeric system developed by Ewell Hartman,

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Dave's Shop Talk

Not Just For Gymnasts

I've had two clockmakers whom I highly respect extol the advantages of tumbling clock movements in a lapidary tumbler (a device usually used to polish rocks and gems). I had seen the results for myself, and found that in one situation in particular, this process was definitely worth the effort: On plates with a heavy layer of patina, with certain kinds of brass, the oil tends to wick out of the bearing holes, apparently attracted to the texturing on the surface of the brass. (Note the stains on the front plate of this Japy movement.)



This process of tumbling the movement makes the brass smooth again, eliminating the problem. I know some repairpersons use fine

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DUES ARE PAST DUE!

(See last month's Tic Talk Times for application)

Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Doug reported that Bob Bryant had passed away.

The main program for the evening was a presentation by Doug Adams on the Japanese time keeping system prior to 1873. The Japanese system was taken from the Chinese system which was based on the natural solar day in which the day is divided into two parts - from dawn to dusk and from dusk to dawn. Each part is then subdivided into 6 hours. Thus the hour actually varies in length throughout the year. The Japanese chiming system is



The Upson Brothers and Seikosha clocks

based on the Buddhist Temple Bell tradition.

The Japanese had various means of handling hours of varying length. One system used movable hour markers on the dial; another used single adjustable weights on the foliot; still another utilized two adjustable weight foliots in which one foliot is

used during the day and the second at night; finally there was a system that used curved dial markings similar to the Roman sundial.

Doug displayed a 'stick clock' with a verge escapement in which the time markers could be moved. Doug also displayed a lantern clock which has adjustable weights on the foliot. The clock has a stationary hand and the dial rotates around the hand. Lastly Doug displayed a clock which has a Buddhist symbol on top of the bell thus making it a 'Temple Clock'.

Show and Tell featured an Upson Brothers clock made in Marion, Connecticut, in 1850, as shown by Dave Weisbart. The clock has an iron case with inlaid mother of pearl.



Roy Irick brought a Vincenti French crystal regulator with two candelabra. The backplate has a **MEDAILLE D'OR** "gold medal" stamp and an 1855 date stamp on it.



Included on the back plate is the dealers name plus the phrase 'Made in France' which means that the clock was probably made after 1890.

Bud Saiben brought a Japanese kitchen clock with a painting on the front. On the back is a paper stating it was made by Seikosha. The movement is basically Ansonia.

Doug Adams brought a Hamilton watch (*above*) with a typical Montgomery railroad dial probably made in 1941. It is stamped as US Ordinance and the movement has US GVT stamped on it.

Doug Lynn brought an Elgin Veritas (*below*) made around 1900. The watch is size 18 with 23 jewels.

Door prizes were won by Randy Ema, Neil Tennyson, and Annette DiMino.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.



This month *(continued from page 1)*

Have you ever had a watch of other device powered by a 'watch battery' that was missing its power source? If so this publication may be the thing you need to identify the right one for that application.

The booklet has a cross reference from the various systems used in America, Europe, and Asia through the years as well as sections that list the chemistry and physical characteristics of each number. Finally the last section list numbers that may be hard or impossible to obtain any more and gives a list of substitute numbers that may work for the intended application.

Annual Pot Luck

As always, the annual Chapter 69 Directors' Pot Luck was a fun event. There were several new faces along with the familiar ones. We feasted on the freshest bratwurst you'll ever taste as well as many tasty side dishes and deserts provided by our members.

Our sincere thanks go out to Bud and Pat Saiben for once again hosting this event. A great time was had by all!



Bud closely supervised the cooking of the "brats"



A delicious "Chapter 69" cake



Doug and Phyllis Adams discover a great spread

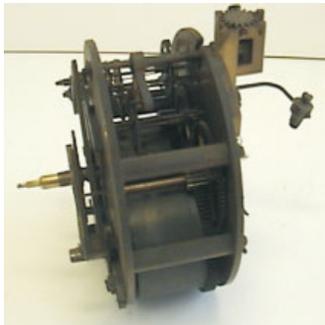


The ladies found lots to talk about

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steel wool on the plates to achieve a similar result.

Anyway, I finally broke down and bought a tumbler. It's great! Here's a before and after of one of the dingiest movements I've seen. (Best viewed in color in the on-line *Tic Talk Times* at www.nawcc69.org)



Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Doug Adams at 7:40 PM. In attendance were Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Dave Weisbart, Derald Kliem, Bob Linkenhoker, and Cora Lee Linkenhoker.

Bob reported that the financials for the year end shows the chapter in the black by \$381.00. Bob also stated that the mart took in \$429.65

The board discussed changing the location of the mart as well as rental of tables. It was stated the there has been an excess of food leftover from the mart.

After discussion, the board authorized Bob to move funds from Washington Mutual, who had bought out Commercial Capital where the funds for the chapter has been kept.

The board then discussed changing the bylaws to redefine the various positions that make up the board.

The next board meeting was scheduled for August 6 at the home of Dave Weisbart.

Meeting adjourned.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Our Next Meeting: Friday, August 3, 2007

Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"Delft-Style
Porcelain Clocks"
by Julie Lesovsky**

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:

"Identifying Watch Batteries" by Bob Linkenhoker

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "W" or
Delft-style clocks

Board Meeting:

Monday, August 6, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of
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12831 Canter St
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