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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Mart Theme Watches With Keys & Keyless Clocks



Meeting minutes, June 6, 2008

Tic Tock Science

General meeting minutes, July 11, 2008

Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00. There were no guests to welcome. He thanked Cora Lee Linkenhoker for the refreshments. The minutes were approved and it was announced that there would be no Directors Meeting in July.

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

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

Upcoming minimarts are in Vista, Saturday, August 23, Santa Anita on Sunday, October 19, and Chapter 75 will hold their mini mart on the 4th Sunday in July in Granada Hills. Next year's National Convention will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bob Linkenhoker gave a year-end Treasurer's Report. We ended the year in the black! The Supermart brought in \$1,446 in

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This Month

Character Analysis!

Our own Doug Adams will begin the August program with a demonstration of the use of staking tools.



Doug will bring several examples of staking sets and demonstrate their use for watch and clock repair. Doug will show common applications such as riveting plus less common punches for removing plugs from cylinder staffs.

Our main program will feature a video "Character Watches" by Julia Mueller. Ms. Mueller gives some humorous experiences she has encountered in her years of collecting these mostly inexpensive theme watches, though you may be



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Message from the president

Lucky Potluck

It has been a tradition at Chapter 69 to have a pot luck get-together every year. For as long as most of us can remember, we've been having this event at the Saibens' house in Santa Ana. It's always been a great opportunity to spend time with other horology enthusiasts outside the structure of a chapter meeting. I believe it brings everyone closer.

Due to the passing of Pat Saiben and Bud's frail health, the board determined that we should find a new venue for this event. To the rescue came Randy Ema, a face familiar to most of you. He lives in a wonderful 1920's house in North Tustin and has a large, shaded yard that sounds perfect for our event.

POTLUCK!

Saturday, Aug. 9

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In the past, this event has been known as the "Directors' Potluck." It was held in July in conjunction with the first meeting of the newly elected board on the Wednesday following the general meeting, which was the normal board meeting night at the time. Since our elections have been moved to November and installations to January, we thought we'd try holding this year's event on a day that might make it easier for more people

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Meeting Minutes (from page 1)

income and the expenses were \$594.70, giving us a nice profit of \$851.30. For the year, the income was \$5,474.59 and expenses, \$5,259.78 (including depreciation). Copies of the annual financial reports were made available for any that wanted them.

Dave Weisbart thanked Bob for handling the books for so long and so well.

Dave asked for volunteers for programs and Beginner's Corner. If you can talk for five minutes, you can give a Beginner's Corner. If you can talk for 30 minutes, you can give a program!

Elections are in November.

The Annual Potluck will be held at Randy Ema's on Saturday, August 9. More to follow. The list was passed around.

Bob Linkenhoker presented the Beginner's Corner, The National Convention in Springfield, Mo. Bob said there were 270 entries in the exhibit. Many, many entries in the craft competition and Bob told us a few of the entries. Sounds like a tough competition. There were nine lectures and a Banquet. The convention had room for 900 tables and all were sold. 1600 to 1700 people registered. It rained five to six inches on Friday! Bob also said that Tom Harris is auctioning our own Bud Saiben's collection of clocks. He mentioned that National has a Chapter Charter Proposal. Each chapter is to provide a member list, their By-Laws and financials. The reason is some chapters have misplaced their By-Laws etc and



National wants to archive the information.

The evening's program was given by Charlie Davis on Pendulums.

The power source for clocks can be weights, springs or electricity. The

oscillators in the past to present are as follows: Folliot, Pendulum, Tuning Fork, Quartz and Atomic.

To be consistent, the length is critical. Heavy or light bobs don't matter but distribution of weight is critical. The effect of length – shorter goes faster, longer goes slower.

Why does it stop? Air friction, some resistance in the string, and the work of driving the escapement.

Charlie explained Galileo's Escapements in 1637. The story goes, that Galileo was looking at an incense lamp swinging in a church and thought this might be an uniform oscillator.

The Foliot, was the first rate controlling device and time keeping within 15 minutes per day became possible.

Christian Huygens, in 1656, added the pendulum and time keeping with 15 seconds per day became possible. Small problems now became more apparent as accuracy increased.

Robert Hooke came up with the recoil or anchor escapement. The pendulum no longer needed to swing 90 degrees. Weight driven clocks became more accurate than with springs then came the Fusee which was the answer to the accuracy of spring driven movements.

Temperature Compensation was an added improvement. The Mercury pendulum helped. Then Harrison developed the Gridiron pendulum. Steel expanded down, while brass compensated by expanding upward.

The simple pendulum. A simple rod. Two-thirds for it – the point of percussion, the "sweet point." This is why the Swinger clock works. The weight is at the top. The sweet is like a baseball bat. You want to hit the ball at the sweet point.

Charlie mentioned the Jig Saw Pendulum and the T-Bar Pendulum.

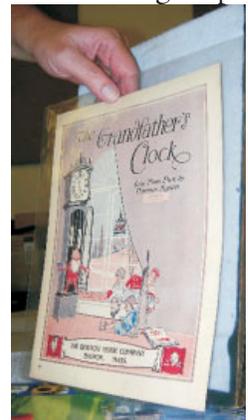
The evenings Show and Tell was the Letter "H" or "Unusual Pendulums." Julie Stevens brought "His and Her" Hamilton wristwatches.



The Thor is the man's watch and the Juno is the lady's, with a similar case, yet smaller. The Hamilton Robert and Roberta were also shown. Ray Brown brought a Seth Thomas Metronome. There are two weights, one on the top and one on the bottom of the rod. He demonstrated how moving around the weights will determine the rate – how you can "shrink" a pendulum by using weights.



Anna Pond brought a piece of



music from 1906, "The Grandfather's Clock."

Gene Osten, Ken Lynn and Anna Ponds won door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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surprised to find out that not all are so inexpensive.

This is a program that all will enjoy no matter what your collecting interest are, even those of you who don't collect anything will find the excellent presentation and humor in this show entertaining.



This is also an example of the lectures one would have the opportunity to see if they attended the National Conventions. You can also read more about Julia's collection in the June, 2002 NAWCC Bulletin, number 338, pp. 289-296.

President's Message *(from page 1)*

to participate. So our Annual Pot Luck has been moved to Saturday, August 9, starting at around 6:00 P.M.

If you happen to save old copies of the Tic Talk Times, you should look back and see all the pictures of the good times at previous pot lucks. We always have a lot of great food, and the interesting conversations at the various tables are non-stop.

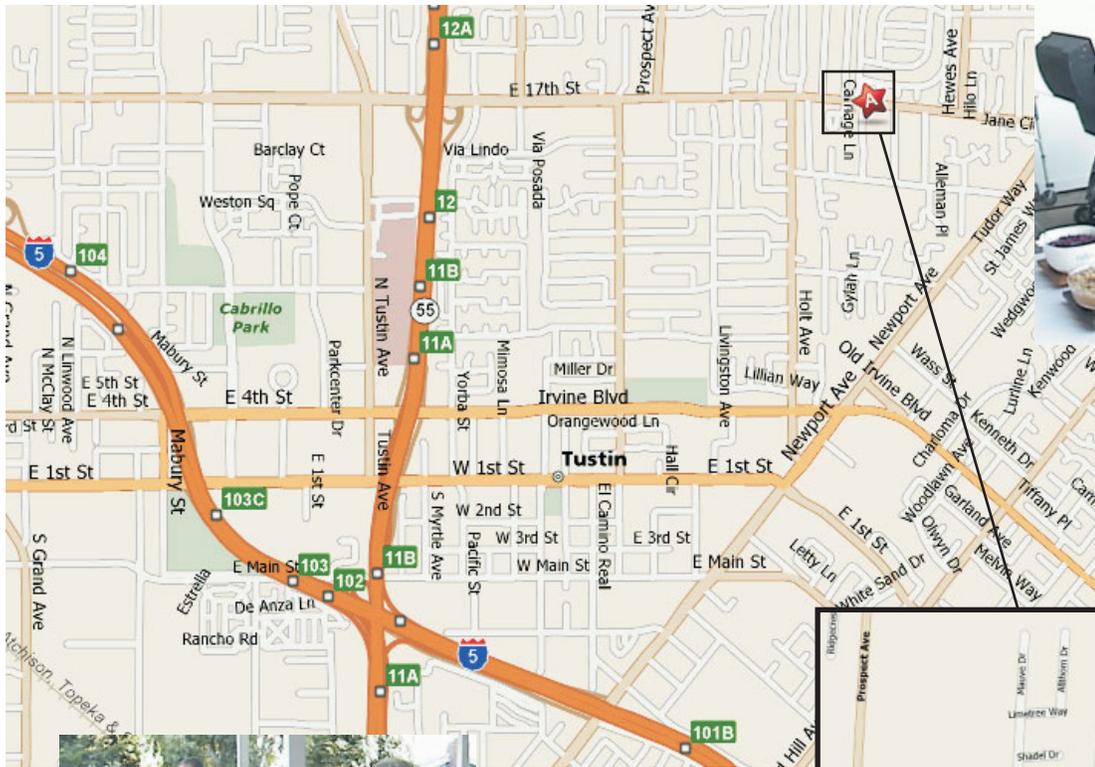
So if you've been coming to the pot lucks, we hope you'll continue to come. And if Wednesday evening was not convenient for you before, we hope you'll want to attend our new Saturday evening time. I promise you won't be disappointed.

See you at the meeting!

— Dave Weisbart



Map to Our 2008 Potluck – 18461 E. 17th Street, North Tustin 92705



**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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



Our Next Meeting: Friday, Aug. 1, 2008

Program:

VIDEO PRESENTATION
"Character Watches"
by
Julia Mueller

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:

"Staking Sets" with Doug Adams

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "P" or "J"
or a character watch or clock.

Board Meeting: IT'S OUR ANNUAL POTLUCK!

Saturday, August 9 at 6:00 PM at the home of
Randy and Diane Ema (714) 914-3004 (day of event only)
18461 E. 17th Street, North Tustin 92705
(Access off Brenan Way)

