

# Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

*Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2013*

## DIRECTOR'S POT LUCK

Instead of a regular meeting in July, we had the annual Chapter 69 Pot Luck starting on July 8th at the home of Ed and Karen Athey.



Big thanks again to Ed and Karen for offering to host this meeting at their home in Santa Ana. This year, we tried the on-line "Evite" meeting notice, and it appears to have worked well for the RSVP process.

Ed again prepared amazing Brats along with the famous fixins and Phyllis brought her famous Red, White and Bleu potato salad. Thanks to everyone who came and brought their delicious dishes and shared the evening!



## HOROLOGY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Regatta watches – which come with special yacht racing functions – will be on show in San Francisco Bay for the America's Cup.

Of all the various genres of sports watch – diving watches, motor sports watches, polo watches, straight chronographs and more – perhaps the most esoteric is the regatta watch, intended for yacht racing. It's a chronograph (stopwatch) with a specific extra function: an indication for the final few minutes leading up to the start of the race. In yacht racing, the start can determine the whole outcome, as boats tack up and down for the best position, aiming to be behind the "line" but sailing at full speed when the start canon fires. As the starting sequence of the race is signaled for the five minutes leading up to that point, the watch can count this down.

There are plenty of regatta watches on display currently in San Francisco Bay, where the toughest, fastest, most expensive regatta of them all takes place in September: the 34th America's Cup. Right now, the Louis Vuitton Cup – a series of races that determine which team takes on the current Cup holder, Oracle Team USA, in the final challenge – is underway.

In a competition where technology, skill and perfect timing – not to mention a fair bit of glamour – come together so dramatically, watch companies are inevitably keen to be involved. Accompanying the Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ) on all of its journeys around the San Francisco Bay is Omega's Seamaster Diver ETNZ, a suitably rugged watch featuring design details requested by

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*This Month*

## GOING GETTY

Gary Yoshida will be giving us a presentation on the fascinating clocks of the Getty Museum. As a docent of the museum, Gary can provide great insight as to what the collection entails, access issues and the best times to visit the site.

Part of the presentation will include a



*Getty Museum Entrance*

video made by former curator Gillian Wilson.

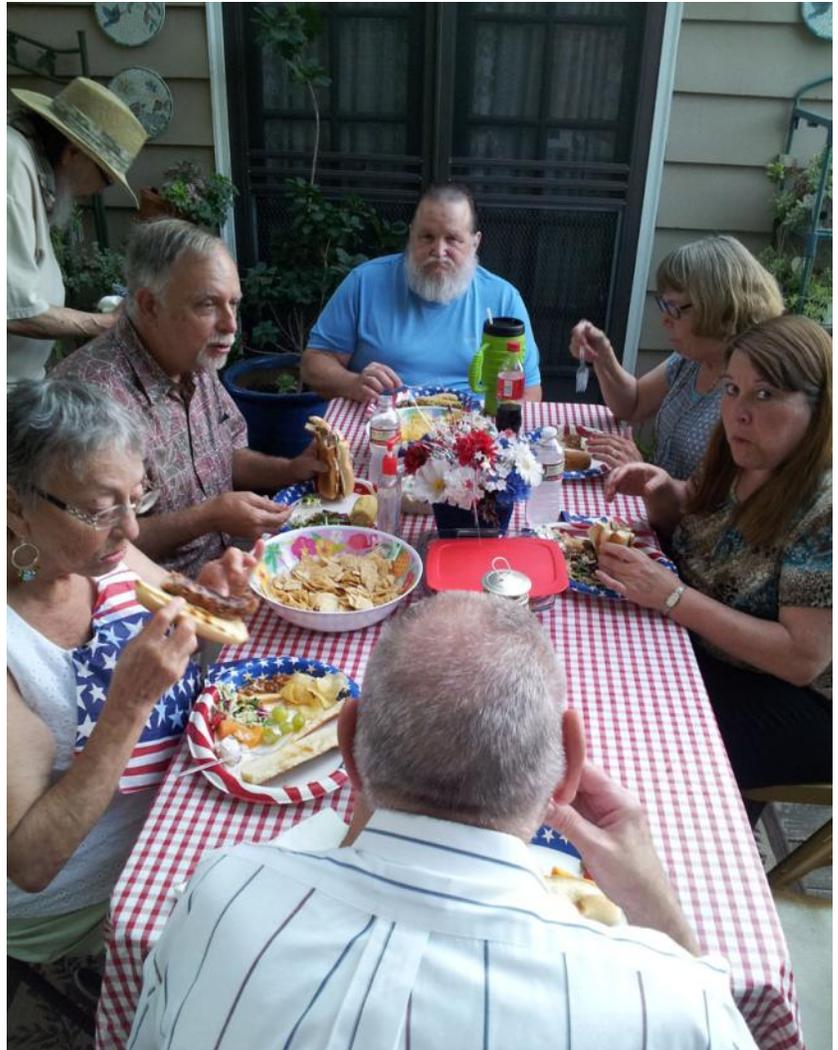
The Getty Center in Brentwood contains a world famous collection of western art from the middle ages to the present, included are decorative arts from France. Most of the clocks in the collection are from the 18th century

## ~~TIME~~ TRIVIA

*Where does the word **Bratwurst** come from?*

*One theory is that **Brat** is an Old High German word (spoken between the 9th and 11th centuries) that means "meat without waste," and **Wurst** means sausage and probably comes from the word *wirren* that originally meant "mixture."*

**DUES ARE DUE**  
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## UPCOMING MARTS

### AUGUST 2013

#### [2013 Mid-West Regional](#)

When: Aug 2 - 3

Where: Porter County Expo Ctr, Valparaiso, IN, US

#### [2013 Eastern States Regional](#)

When: Aug 16 - 17

Where: Holiday Inn Convention Center, Liverpool, NY, US

#### [2013 All Texas Chapters Regional](#)

When: Aug 22 - 24

Where: Marriott Houston Westchase, Houston, TX, US

Full details for all upcoming marts:

<http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>

#### [2013 Mid-South Regional](#)

When: Aug 29 - 31

Where: Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN, US

### SEPTEMBER 2013

#### [2013 Mid-America Regional](#)

When: Sep 27 - 28

Where: Kruse Hall, Auburn, IN, US



## REGATTA WATCH

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Dean Barker and his team. The watch is presented in team colours of black with red and white highlights and, on the caseback, the ETNZ logo and the words “Challenger for the 34th America’s Cup”. It’s a seafaring timepiece right down to its 300m water-resistance, uni-directional turning bezel (of super-tough ceramic) and helium escape valve, all classic diving watch features. And of course it has a regatta countdown indicator, which here takes the guise of a 5-minute counter around the right-hand chronograph subdial. As Omega CEO Stephen Urquhart emphasises: “It is not a gimmick, it is a useful feature that sailing teams genuinely need.”

Source: <http://www.cityam.com/article/horology-high-seas>

**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!

**Don't Like to Stand in Line?**

Get the annual pass option! This permanent badge gets you into every regular meeting without having to pay at the door. This pass gets you into 12 meetings for the price of 11. 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**

New Member  Renewal  
*(check one)*

PLEASE PRINT

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First Name

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Check here to receive the Tic Talk Times by U.S. Mail (\$5.00 Extra)

Dues for 2012-2013 are \$10.00. Please make your check payable to: "Orange County Chapter 69."

Check below for options. Amounts are in addition to dues.

Couples annual pass (\$66)

Individual annual pass (\$44)

**ASSAY OFFICE OFFERS COURSE: 'UNDERSTANDING WATCHES'**

The Birmingham Assay Office in the U.K. created a new training course titled "Understanding Watches." The class is delivered by watch industry expert Peter Tales, MBHI, and is intended for retail staff or enthusiasts who already have some experience in the watch industry. The one-day course will provide an in-depth understanding of the technical aspects and benefits of different types of watches with the goal of improving confidence when selling or assessing a watch.

The course also gives delegates a chance to handle and study watches closely and disassemble items using standard basic tools. It will teach basic practical skills which will enable delegates to diagnose possible faults and carry out maintenance repairs.

Understanding Watches is the latest addition to the Birmingham Assay Office's Education and Training portfolio, which includes courses on understanding diamonds, colored gemstones, hallmarking, buying second-hand jewelry, touch acid testing and product safety for fashion accessories.

Michael Allchin, the CEO of the Assay office, said, "The Birmingham Assay Office is a unique training provider. Its 'hands-on' courses are taught in small groups and are delivered by experienced industry practitioners. All tutors share their expertise and market insight with delegates on every course, which makes learning at The Birmingham Assay Office an invaluable experience. I am delighted that our current education and training portfolio has expanded again to include this new course on understanding watches."

Tales created Horology Consulting in 2010 following a career with the Signet Group, managing their watch and jewelry repair business. Originally trained as a jewelry designer, Tales has also worked for Seiko U.K. and learned his watchmaking skills with an independent Omega service agency. He is also a senior examiner at the British Horological Institute.

The course is scheduled for September 18, October 23 and November 12. The course fee is GBP 195 (\$295) plus VAT with a maximum of six delegates per course. It provides six hours of continuing professional development (CPD) activit

Source: <http://www.diamonds.net/news/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleID=43810>

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**OUR NEXT MEETING: MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2013**

*Program:*  
**LIVE AND  
VIDEO PRESENTATION:**  
**GOING GETTY**

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

Assembly of a French Vineyard Clock

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with letter "B"

*Board Meeting:*

No board meeting this month

*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

