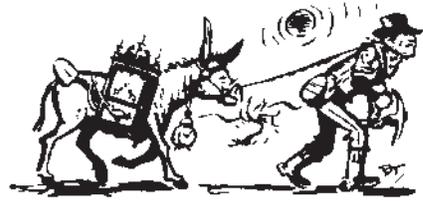


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting highlights

I Guess You Had To Be There

Several Chapter 69 members attended the National Convention in New Orleans this year. For many, it was a working trip, with little time for frivolity or sightseeing. For better or for worse, it was these hardworking folks who presented their perspectives on the New Orleans experience.

Dave Weisbart talked about our presence representing the 2002 National at the New Orleans mart in the Superdome. He showed pictures of the mart table with its attractive sign. He also brought a supply of the handsome, full-color brochures he made to promote "The NAWCC Southern California Adventure." Dave related how registration chairman Les Lesovsky had programmed his own registration software which worked beautifully in New Orleans. All



Mary Ann filled us in on the business meetings

the registrants were very impressed with how smoothly and efficiently their applications were processed. We also took VISA and MasterCard, right there on the mart floor! In addition, Dave briefly showed the convention web site (www.nawcc2002.org), and explained how members can register on line using their credit cards as well.

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Message from the President

The Product Evangelist

Soon after I became involved with the computer industry, I was sent to a trade show to represent my company. There I met a gentleman from one of the largest software makers, and he handed me his card. His title was "Product Evangelist." While I didn't say anything out loud, my first thought was, 'That seems a bit pretentious. Looks like a salesman to me.' I asked him what he did. He said he went around primarily to large corporations and tried to convince them to use his product. He specialized in a narrow field of the market, knew an awful lot about it, and had enough enthusiasm to power a small city. When he had warmed up the prospect, the account executive came in for the close. Now I knew what a product evangelist was.

Our chapter and the national organization both need product evangelists. We have an outstanding product! And we have members that are very enthusiastic, and who know a lot about their chosen

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What every member should know

The admission price to Chapter 69 meetings has been raised to \$4.00 for individuals and \$6.00 for married couples. Ten-month admission passes will be sold this month for the price of nine admissions (\$36.00).

The new Ways and Means Chair, Ray Marsolek has generously offered to open the doors to the meeting hall at 6:30 for his tenure in this position. Please understand that the official opening time is still 7:00 and may revert to that with the next person to occupy that position! The board is allowing the Ways and Means director to open 30 minutes earlier at his discretion.

Look for nicer and more door prizes and refreshments! The board has approved increases in the budgets for these items.

Meeting Highlights *(from page 1)*

Bob Linkenhoker talked about the mart setup at New Orleans. The venue, the Superdome, was not ideal. It was larger than was needed, so it did not appear very full, although the aisles were roomy. Acoustics in the stadium made P.A. announcements difficult to hear. And the considerable walking distance between the host hotel and the stadium entrance was burdensome on some elderly members. Apart from these drawbacks, the mart appeared to operate smoothly on the whole.

Bob also talked about the various meals. He raved about the banquet food, saying it was the best banquet meal he'd had in ages (Petite Filet Mignon and large shrimp).

The next speaker was Bill McNelis. As chairman of the 2002 National, he was interested in learning from what the folks in New Orleans did right and what they could have done better. He thanked Jim Espy for his foundation-laying work on the 2002 Workshop committee. He discussed 2002-related issues such as hotel location and reservations, the number of mart tables we are anticipating, and our advertising efforts.

Mary Ann Wahlner, a newly installed national director, gave us a summary of the many business meetings she attended while in New Orleans. Of particular concern was the financial situation of the national organization. In response to increasing expenses and declining revenue, the cost of national membership will be increased to \$50 starting in 2002. First time members or members who wait too long to renew will pay an additional registration fee of \$10.

In other news

Chapter 69 was facing up to its own fiscal situation at the August meeting. A motion from July was reintroduced to increase the door admission to \$4.00. Dave Weisbart showed a series of slides with charts and figures on the operating budget and results of various levels of door admission. After considerable discussion, the vote was called and the measure passed by the narrowest of margins. In consideration of married couples who come to the meeting together, another motion was passed that established a "two-fer" price of \$6.00 for married couples. Another motion that passed made the guest price at the door the same as the member price.

Show and Tell

John Meiling started Show and Tell by displaying a Lucerne watch with an aluminum case. Roy Irick talked about two carriage clocks he brought to the meeting.

Jay McAlister displayed a Lux chromed horseshoe novelty clock. Bud Saiben took the month's letter (L) to heart and brought in three beautiful Lenzkirch clocks.



Les Lesovsky (Mr. "L" himself) showed a wooden works German "wizard" clock with an interesting strike train that he acquired in New Orleans. Without the use of a typical rack and snail, this clock kept track of the hour strike with a fascinating mechanism that ran for a complete 12-hour cycle at each hour, but only rang the bell for the appropriate number of hours.

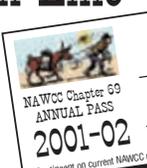
Tony Baker showed a "work-in-progress" Lenzkirch Vienna regulator. He explained what he still needed to do to the clock to restore it to its original glory. Finally, Doug Adams displayed an English pocket Chronometer, something he had wanted for a long time, which he successfully traded for at the New Orleans Mart.



Breeze Through the Admission Line

and show pride in your chapter with a

Chapter 69 Annual Admission Pass



Your Name

Contingent on current NAWCC membership - Non-transferrable

This colorful, permanent badge will get you into the next 10 monthly meetings – *for the price of 9* – if you buy this month! It will also let members and guests know that you're a regular participant at Chapter #69 events.

Good from 9/7/01 through 6/7/02

\$36.00

Does not include \$10.00 annual chapter dues.

Buy Now and Save!

Badge is non-transferrable, non-refundable, and contingent on current NAWCC membership.

Platform Escapement Workshop Scheduled

Mark your calendars now for an outstanding lecture and workshop! Doug Adams will present three full days on platform escapements, to be held on three consecutive Saturdays: November 3, 10, and 17.

“But wait... there’s less!” In our recent survey, half the respondents said they wanted multi-day, comprehensive workshops such as this. The other half said they preferred one-day workshops. For that half, we’ve decided on a unique approach: Approximately eight individuals can sign up for the complete, three-day, hands-on workshop. However, the first 4-hour session will be a lecture/demonstration that can be attended by as many as 20 members. This gives more members a chance to learn the important basics of dealing with platform escapements.

As of press time, the prices have been set at \$50 for the opening lecture, and \$250 for the complete three-day course. It will take place at Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton. Complete details will be in the next edition of the Tic Talk Times. Reservations will be accepted starting at the September meeting.

Books You Don’t Remember Buying

Our librarian, Charles, has noticed that it appears there are some books from our library that are significantly overdue. Before you come to the meeting, won’t you take a moment and peruse your bookshelves keeping your eyes open for a book with a number on the spine? Our library is an important resource for all our members, and we want its holdings to be complete for generations to come. Thanks!

Charlie’s Clock Class Moves

The clock repair class offered by the Pomona Adult Education will be meeting in a new location this fall. It is being moved to the Palomares Park Community Building at 499 E. Arrow Highway in Pomona. This is the location used by Inland Counties Chapter 81 for their regular monthly meeting and their marts.

This class in antique clock repair starts September 4 at 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will continue to be taught by Charlie Davis. There is no charge for the class but students are responsible for parts and supplies. Call (909) 469-2333 ext. 350 for information about location and registration. For other questions, you can contact Charlie Davis at (909) 593-3804.

President’s Message *(from page 1)*

field. Now is the time to leverage that enthusiasm and knowledge.

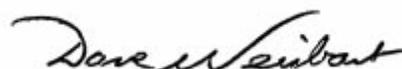
At the last meeting I announced a program that will need the immediate participation of about 15 evangelists. The initial goal is to place NAWCC membership applications – with chapter meeting invitations inserted, all held in a compact counter-top display – in 50 Orange County antique, clock, and watch stores. At our upcoming chapter meeting, our evangelists will each take three sets of applications and literature holders, plus an instruction sheet with them. During the coming weeks, they’ll take the displays to three shops close to their homes or businesses, and will ask for permission to place them in a conspicuous place. If you’re lucky enough to live near an antiques ghetto like downtown Orange or Fullerton, the whole process might take just a few minutes.

This program works! During the national Membership and Publicity Committee meeting at which I presented this idea, I found that another chapter had been placing applications in a similar manner and had dramatically increased their membership. I’m convinced we have only scratched the surface of potential collector-members in Orange County.

Will you be an evangelist for the NAWCC and Chapter 69? Think about the stores close to your home. Then think about going out for a pleasurable Saturday afternoon of antiquing and chatting with the store managers, educating them on this valuable resource for collectors that’s right in their own back yard. It’s a pleasurable little task, the cumulative effect of which can be nothing short of dramatic.

On a different topic, I want to thank our members for the outstanding discussion of chapter finances at the last meeting. In a most businesslike fashion, a large number of members participated in a frank and open debate regarding alternatives to our operating deficit. The motion to increase door admission to \$4.00 was passed, with the opposition seeming to be evenly split between those wanting a change to \$5.00 and those favoring \$3.00. As a middle-of-the-road solution, I’m pleased with the result. Now it’s up to us, the officers and board, to give you all your money’s worth! With one of the premiere horological educators in the country, Ray Marsolek, giving the program this month, I think we’re off to a great start!

See you there!



Friends who will be missed

In early July of this year the NAWCC lost a good friend. Gene Sizemore succumbed to his many illnesses. Gene was a long time member of NAWCC, and was active in multiple chapters. His interest centered around craftsmanship and education. He said, "Whether our members collect items that another craftsman had created or whether they create the timepiece, the case, or the horological tool themselves, it is the care that is taken in making it right that attracted me to the field." For nine years he served on the National Crafts Committee, its Chairman for the last few. He was elected to a National Directorship in 1999.

It is also my sad duty to report that during the first week in August, the sands of time ran out for Paul Churchill. Paul owned an antique shop in the Big Bear area for years. Many of you will remember him from the local Marts, which he always attended. His smiling and friendly face will be missed.

I would like to remember them both with a small poem, author unknown:

You Only Go Around Once In Life

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late, or early hour.
Now is the only time you own.
Live, love and toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may be then be still.*

Good-bye old friends. You will both be greatly missed.

— Bob Linkenhoker

GET WELL WISHES

Two of our members had recent hospital stays:

Terry Cunningham had major back surgery on August 30. The doctor says the operation went well, and Terry is on the mend, although recovery is expected to take many weeks.

Bud Saiben also had a short hospital stay for an acute condition, which the doctors were able to bring under control quickly.

The Chapter sends its best wishes for speedy and complete recoveries!

General Meeting Minutes August 3, 2001

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dave Weisbart, at 8 p.m. He thanked Ed Athey for the refreshments of veggies and dip. It was a refreshing change. Dave welcomed the guests: Ray Morrow, Alan Rierson, R. Duncan, Minh Tu, A. L. Roch, Joy Baumer (who is Dick and Jan Duwe's eldest daughter), and Walt and Pat Sajben (relatives of Bud and Pat Saiben).

The last meeting's minutes were approved as published in the Tic Tock Times.

Announcements

Chapter 116's Mini Mart will be held on Saturday, October 27, Chapter 4's will be held on Sunday, November 18, and the Los Angeles Regional will be held on February 8 and 9. Bernie Pollack asked for helpers for the Pacific Rim Regional that will be held on September 13-15. He reminded us that they will give \$35 to our Chapter for each helper, and he passed around a sign-up sheet. This is a good way to help both their Chapter and ours and takes very little time to help. So if you haven't signed-up, please contact Bernie and let him know that he can count on you.

Dave Weisbart introduced all the new and continuing directors for everyone. They are: Terry Cunningham, Vice President; Marsha Cunningham, Secretary; Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer; Mary Ann Wahlnier, Membership; Julie Stevens, Publicity and Editorial; Ray Marsolek, Ways and Means (with help from his wife, Alvina); Doug Adams, Mart; Ed Athey, Hospitality; Sally Dimino, Museum and Exhibition; Charles Register, Library.

Charles Register encouraged every member to take advantage of our library and make use of borrowing any book. He also made a plea for all to return any overdue books they still have.

Old Business

Dave had Marsha Cunningham read the motion that was tabled last month. The motion was to increase the monthly door fees to \$4. Dave showed our financial status on the projector at our present rate of \$2 and then added what it would be for an increase to \$3, \$4, and then \$5. There was quite a lengthy discussion and the pros and cons of doing this. A motion was called for and a vote was taken and the motion was passed for an increase to \$4.

Gene Osten moved and it was seconded that the guest admission price would be the same as the members. This motion was passed.

Don Bendz moved and it was seconded that we have a two-for-price of \$6 for married couples. This motion was also passed.

New Business

Ed Athey made an announcement that we are starting a new program of having the general membership help in the monthly refreshments. See Ed for the sign-up of which month is open. Al Kahn graciously volunteered to bring the refreshments for September. Thank you All!

James (our caretaker) announced the Ebell Society is having their annual rummage sale on August 10 and August 11.

Dave Weisbart talked about his new program of putting NAWCC Membership flyers in Antique Stores and Watch or Clock Shops. The flyers will also have an invitation to our meetings with the time and place they are held. Dave will bring enough of them next month for all members who live close enough to one or both of these shops.

Gene Osten talked about the mentoring program. He would like volunteers of any person who has specialties in various clocks or

watches. He currently has himself for watches, Jay McAlister for electricians, Roy Irick for Atmos, and Dave Weisbart for American Clocks.

Program

Terry Cunningham introduced the program as an update on the National Convention in New Orleans.

Dave Weisbart told us about the 2002 Convention table at the mart. We sold 200 tables there which is about 20%; and we currently have the web site up and running (www.nawcc2002.org).

Bob Linkenhoker talked about the mart setup. He said the wide aisles were nice for moving around but tended to give it a laid-back and slow mart causing no sense of urgency. He said the meals were wonderful!

Bill McNelis stressed the need for help from the membership. He then thanked Jim Espy for all the previous help he had given to kick-start the program committee, and expressed his regret that Jim could no longer be involved.

Mary Ann Wahlner attended numerous meetings at New Orleans. She felt good about the new president and the fact that he is determined to bend over backwards to communicate with members. Mary Ann was appointed "Chairman of Employee Study." She said the annual dues would increase to \$50 and new members to \$60. She also talked about current financial problems that the NAWCC is experiencing and some solutions they are trying.

Show and Tell

John Meiling had a Lucerne watch and watch holder; Roy Irick showed two carriage clocks; Bud Saiben showed three Lenzkirch clocks; Jay McAlister had a Lux electric alarm clock; Les Lesovsky had a German wizard clock; Tony Baker had a "work-in-progress" Lenzkirch Vienna regulator; and Doug Adams had an English pocket Chronometer. They were all quite fascinating.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were won by: Carl Carson, Paul Schmidt, and Bill Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Cunningham, Secretary

Directors' Meeting Minutes August 7, 2001

The August Board meeting was held at Dave Weisbart's house and the meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Ray Marsolek will present the program at the September meeting and the topic will be "Springs." Discussion was held on the importance of the Beginner's Corner and it was decided that we would continue them. Charles Register will do the presentation on the Beginner's Corner for the September meeting, and the topic will be "Taking care of watches." Dave Weisbart will do the presentation for October and it will be "How to spot marriages in clocks."

Mary Ann Wahlner also brought up the National Distinguished Member Award and a discussion followed. The board discussed Angelo DiMino's recommendation for a Member of Year Award; and it was decided to table any discussion on this matter until Angelo came to a board meeting to give his ideas of the subject.

Discussion was held about continuing the chapter's Certificates of Appreciation, as well as national-level awards. Bob Linkenhoker stated that he had sent to the National for an Awards packet.

The opening time for the Chapter 69 Meetings has officially been 7 p.m. for several years. It was felt that because of the time element

and traffic for those members holding Ways and Means position, it might prove too difficult for many of them to get to the Ebell Club any earlier than 7 p.m. The board decided that if the person holding that position wanted to arrive before 7 p.m., they could decide to open the doors earlier. Ray Marsolek stated that he would open at 6:30 p.m. on the meeting nights during his reign of Ways and Means Director.

The cost of refreshments was discussed and the board felt we should raise the current target to be around \$50. Marsha Cunningham moved and it was seconded that the target for refreshments should be about \$50 for the Chapter 69 meetings. The board passed this motion.

Discussion was then held on door prizes. We were reminded that previously it was voted that the door prizes to be given out at our meetings should be increased from three to five. We have not been doing that recently and we need to start it for our next meeting. Several suggestions were made on what kind of prizes should be purchased. Marsha Cunningham moved and it was seconded that we raise the current budget of \$35 for door prizes to \$50. This motion was passed.

Discussion was held about purchasing a video camera. Dave felt it was time to ask the National for one-half the cost of getting one for our meetings and for our upcoming National Convention. He will approach Bill McNelis about it. He will also get us his recommendations and the prices of the cameras.

Dave asked us if we were all in agreement on his "Philosophies and Goals" memo from last month. Everyone said they were.

Ray Marsolek brought up the amount of times a guest could get into our meetings without being a Chapter member. Bob Linkenhoker read Article 8 of Bi-Laws, which state that the NAWCC says "a guest can come no more than three meetings without becoming a member." A discussion was held and the board decided that a guest must be a guest of another member and not just someone off the street. Good judgment should prevail for the door person.

Charles talked about the overdue books in the Library and what he would like to do about it. He would like a blurb in the Tic Tock Times about this matter. He also would like another bookcase and a large sign. Ray Marsolek will make the bookcase at a later date, and Dave will make a large sign for him.

Terry Cunningham brought up for discussion the workshop classes. The board is still having a difficult time in putting this important function together. It was decided by Dave Weisbart that he would get together on conference call with Ray Marsolek and Doug Adams to decide a plan of action. Julie Stevens has already found a classroom at the Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton. She was asked to check with them for the availability of the Saturdays in November.

Mary Ann Wahlner made a point of interest: We have 105 members paid up. Seventeen of them are paid from the marked mailing labels on the last Tic Talk Times. Postcards have all been mailed out.

Ray Marsolek asked when the new poster would be completed with the new admission prices. It currently stands next to the front sign-in table at our Chapter meetings. Dave said he would have it for the next meeting.

The board discussed changing the nights we hold the board meetings. It was decided to change them back to Wednesdays starting next month.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Marsha Cunningham, Secretary