

# Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2014

## POCKET CHRONOMETERS

The meeting was called to order and we had two guests: Rudy Aguilar and Pat Hyland. Thanks to Cora Lee for the refreshments and thanks to Ed for hosting the July Board meeting/pot luck. Additional thanks were given to Ed for making his own bratwurst and to Paul for provided the fresh tuna shish kabobs!

Acceptance of last month's minutes were approved by Gerry and seconded by Ed.

Upcoming Events:

Del Mar will be October 23, 2014

LA Regional will be January 30th and 31st 2015.

Health and Welfare: Dave was sad to report to us that our friend and long-time member Bernie Pollack has passed away. We all send our thoughts and prayers to his family.

Beginner's Corner: Bob Linkenhoker told us about baby Bens – will a "small b". In 1908 Big Ben clocks were very successful and copyrighted the name—but Little Ben and baby Ben were made from 1910 to 1912. There is no name on the clock are they are rare. Westclox recycled the name of Little Ben. A difference is the alarm sets clockwise—so Bob informed us it needs a Left Hand tap & die set. He showed us a no name he got from National. It is from 1920 or so, and there are 2 patent dates on the back. All have 30 hour movements. In 1932-33 Westclox became "General Time".

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## REMEMBERING CARL AND PAT CARLSON



On Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> we lost another of Chapter 69's early members. Carl Carlson and his wife Pat were very active in the chapter's operation till the last several years. Pat passed away in 2006 and after that Carl although continuing his interest in horology stopped coming to the monthly meeting. He did remain a member of the National and each year paid his Chapter 69 membership dues. He could still be seen at the Pasadena Regional each year and attended the National Symposium at Cal Tech in 2014, of which he was an alumnus.

Carl was 95 years old and till the end remained a truly old fashioned gentleman in every meaning of the word.

He always had a smile on his face and a story on his lips.

Those who remember him will feel a great loss.

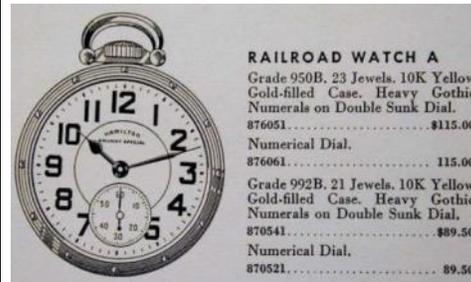
—Bob Linkenhoker

This Month

## DVD: WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN BUYING A POCKET WATCH

This month, join us as we will watch a recorded presentation by Bill Meggers and Joe Shaffer on What to Look for in Buying a Pocket Watch. This talk discusses case type, case material and inspection procedures for both American and Swiss pocket watches.

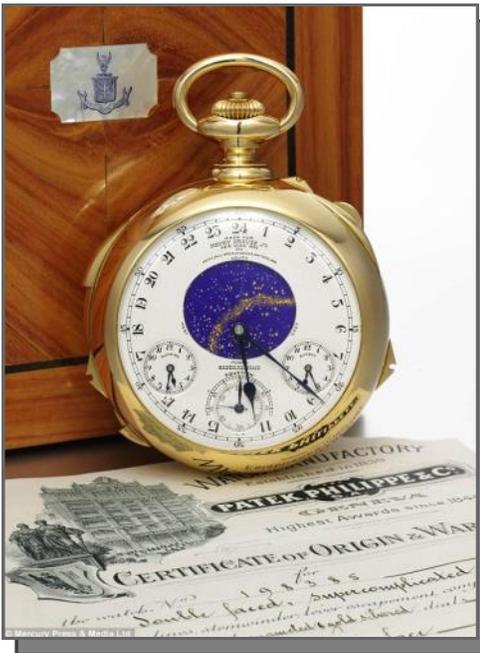
Our Beginners Corner will explore the restoration techniques for wood clock cases.



## TIME TRIVIA

*In the Far East, mechanized astronomical/astrological clock making developed from 200 to 1300 CE. Third-century Chinese clepsydras drove various mechanisms that illustrated astronomical phenomena. One of the most elaborate clock towers was built by Su Sung and his associates in 1088 CE. Su Sung's mechanism incorporated a water-driven escapement invented about 725 CE. The Su Sung clock tower, over 30 feet tall, possessed a bronze power-driven armillary sphere for observations, an automatically rotating celestial globe, and five front panels with doors that permitted the viewing of changing manikins which rang bells or gongs, and held tablets indicating the hour or other special times of the day.*

# TIME REALLY IS MONEY: 'HOLY GRAIL OF WATCHES'



An 18-carat gold timepiece considered 'the Holy Grail of watches' is expected to sell for a record-breaking \$16.5m at auction.

The celebrated Henry Graves Supercomplication is a masterpiece of horology - the science of measuring time - and took eight years to make by hand.

Swiss watchmaker Patek Philippe was commissioned to make it by New York banker Henry Graves in 1925, and it is considered to be the most complicated watch ever made.

Tim Bourne, Sotheby's Worldwide Head of Watches, said: 'The list of superlatives which can be attached to this icon of the 20th century is truly extraordinary.'

'Indisputably the "Holy Grail" of watches, The Henry Graves Supercomplication combines the Renaissance ideal of the unity of beauty and craftsmanship with the apogee of science.'

The 18-carat gold open face watch was the culmination of three years of research and two years of painstaking craftsmanship.

The watch features a perpetual calendar, moon phases, sidereal time, power reserve, and indications for time of sunset and sunrise



and the night sky of New York City. It has 24 horological complications and was considered the 'world's most complicated watch' for 56 years, according to Sotheby's. A horological complication is any feature on that indicates something other than hours or minutes. Only with the advent of computer-assisted machines to aid technical perfection in watch making today has any timepiece surpassed the Henry Graves' ingenuity.

This is the second time it is being sold at auction, after being bought in 1999 for a record-breaking \$11m.

It became the most expensive timepiece ever sold at auction, but is now set to enter the record books for a second time.

The sale will come among Sotheby's lots of important watches in Geneva in November, to coincide with celebrations for Patek Philippe's 175th anniversary. Unsurprisingly, the Henry Graves Supercomplication, which is a minute repeating chronograph clockwatch with Westminster chimes, is the highlight. Sotheby's first sold the watch in New York in December 1999, as part of a sale of 81 masterpieces from the world-renowned Time Museum. Daryn Schnipper, chairman of Sotheby's Watch Division, said: 'Our offering of this horological work of art in 1999 was unquestionably the highlight of our professional careers and set a world record which has held until today. 'We are extremely privileged to be offering it once again.' It will go under the hammer on November 11.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2719975/Patek-Philippe-designed-Henry-Graves-Supercompilation-watch-expected-sell-15m-Sotheby-s.html>

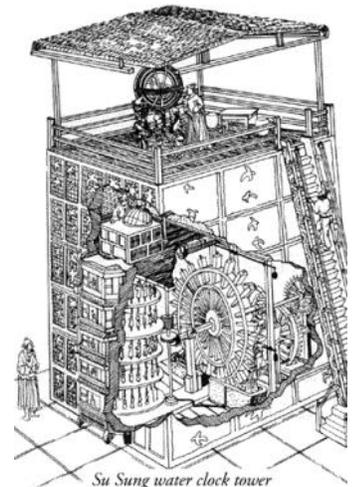
## MEETING MINUTES *(Continued from page 1)*

The main presentation was a video presented by our own Doug Adams which was filmed at the Ebell Club and was on pocket chronometers.

Show & Tell: Dave showed 5 baby Bens, including a 'barn find' and they were all in chronological order.

Doug Lynn showed us a synchronized to cell phone Gear e-watch from Samsung. Ed Athey had a baby Ben model 6 from 1949-1956. His grandfather and mother both worked in the factory in Illinois. Larry showed us a 992B, 23 jewel sweep second Illinois for navigation and also a Waltham with seconds bit at "9". Jerry Kleeb – showed 2 English detent chronometers. His father re-cased both and they have helical hairsprings.

The raffle prizes were won by Ed, Larry and Rudy Aguilar.



**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)*

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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)

**UPCOMING MARTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

[2014 MKOA Regional](#)

When: Sep 11 - 13  
Where: Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, US [Register Now](#)

[2014 Mid-America Regional](#)

When: Sep 19 - 20  
Where: Kruse Hall, Auburn, IN, US  
[Register Now](#)

**OCTOBER 2014**

[2014 NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium](#)

When: Oct 16 - 18

Where: Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US

[2014 Southwest CA Regional](#)

When: Oct 23 - 25  
Where: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Bing Crosby Building, Del Mar, CA, US  
[Register Now](#)

**NOVEMBER 2014**

[2014 Southern Regional](#)

When: Nov 8 - 9  
Where: Best Western Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA, US

[2014 Mid-Eastern Regional](#)

[\(Click here for site\)](#)  
When: Nov 13 - 15  
Where: 1921 West Lee Street, Greensboro, NC

[2014 Mid-Eastern Regional](#)

[\(Click Here for the Registration Form\)](#)  
When: Nov 13 - 15  
Where: Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center, Greensboro, NC, US



Full details for all upcoming marts:  
<http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2014**

*Program*

**DVD: WHAT TO LOOK  
FOR IN BUYING A  
POCKET WATCH**

**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:***

Restoration Techniques for Wood Clock Cases

***Show & Tell:***

Horological items beginning with letter "N"

***Board Meeting:***

No Board Meeting this month

