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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes Sept. 5, 2009

Made In The USA!

President Doug Adams opened the meeting at 8:00. We didn't have any visitors. He thanked Annette DiMino for the refreshments. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

Upcoming marts and special dates – Chapter 4's mini mart is September 20 from 10 to 1, Chapter 116, Santa Anita, October 24 from 9:30 to 1:00 and Riverside Chapter, Sun City Mini Mar is October 11 at the Masonic Lodge. The Del Mar Regional is November 19-21. There is an NAWCC appraiser class on October 12-17.



Rololand G Murphy's presentation from our September program.

Treasurer Bob Linkenhoker gave a financial report. We made \$1,719 at the Goodyme Supermart; expenses were \$778.90, leaving a \$940.10 profit. This was a good mart for us! Fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, we had a net loss of \$678.60. BUT, \$535.71 of that was a

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This Month

“An Early 20th Century ‘GPS’”

By Ray Brown



A Road Trip in a 1934 LaSalle

In June, we were treated to an explanation of how our modern GPS works by Gene Osten. But the desire to locate our position and find points of interest is a fundamental human preoccupation that goes back to the beginning of time. . In the 1930's, Lillian Yancey Huffaker, an inventor living in Los Angeles, devised an instrument to use clockworks to drive a display of an automobile's location along a select route. Her invention, the Ticonometer, was built to her design by Seth Thomas and the maps and equipment distribution was handled by her company, Time

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Beginners' Corner

“Chemical Magic” with Dave



Preparing The Resin

Dave Weisbart will recount his recent experience in learning to cast clock case parts using a resin casting kit. He acquired a spectacular crystal regulator that needed a whole lot of TLC to bring the case back to its original glory. (That story will be part of Show & Tell.) The clock, however, was missing parts on two of its four top finials. The previous owner had installed two completely inappropriate lamp finials. Faced with a wonderful clock with such a horribly obvious flaw, Dave decided to make the missing parts using one of the originals as a model. He purchased and successfully used a resin casting kit to make the missing parts. Find how it was done at this month's meeting!



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depreciation loss from the audio visual. We had an overall cash loss of \$142.89. Remember, the podium cost \$550. Bob mentioned that if you have not renewed your membership, you will be dropped from the list.

Doug Adams said we are short two board members. Elections are coming up for 2010. We need someone to open the doors next month. A special THANK YOU to Don Bendz, who has set up for the meeting for so many months! And early too!

Dave Weisbart volunteered to co-host the mini-mart for May 2010.

The Beginners' Corner was presented by Ray Brown. Ray gave some really useful information regarding insurance riders. State Farm will cover collectibles, including jewelry. You do not need an appraisal for each item as long as it is valued at less than \$5,000 per item. The cost is 30 cents per \$1,000 per year. Once \$90 is reached, the cost drops to 25 cents per \$1,000. This insurance covers items at the marts, anywhere in the world. This is a stand-alone policy; you do not have to have a homeowner's policy with State Farm. Highly suggested that you have photos. There are no exclusions for earthquakes or floods. For collectibles and antiques, they pay, they do not replace. They will try to replace jewelry. Thanks, Ray! Very helpful!



Using a Rose Engine to Engrave a Dial

The Tic Toc Times is written by Ray Brown (editor), Dave Weisbart publishes it to the website and Derald Kliem mails it out. Thank you!

The evening's program was a video from the NAWCC library, "The RGM Watch Company." The RGM Watch factory, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is making one of kind watches, made to order in the US. They range in price from \$8,000 to \$175,000. Their website is www.RGMwatches.com.



Welsh Novelty Clock



Steve's Briggs Rotary Clock

Show and Tell began with the letter B or RGM Watch. Steve Rini brought a Bronze E.N. Welch from 1885, 7 1/2" tall. He collects Welch Novelty clocks. Steve also brought a Briggs Rotary, 1 day, time only, brass or nickel plated plates. The early models have pins holding the plates. The 1878 catalog from Welch had this clock in it. He also brought a Banner, La Bannierre. This clock had 2 different dials available and either gilt or nickel plated plates. This started in the 1880 catalog. Doug Adams brought his winning combination, a black dial, pink-gold Bulova wristwatch.



Some of Doug's "Black Face" Watches

He also brought a black dial, yellow gold Longines. His other "Killer B's" included a black dial Elgin pocket watch,



Illinois Pocket Watch at Show & Tell

a Ball pocket watch and a Bunn Special, Illinois pocket watch. Ray Brown brought a Bulova Accutron Spaceview.

The lucky winners of the door prizes were Dave Weisbart, Dominic Albert and Doug Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

~Julie Stevens

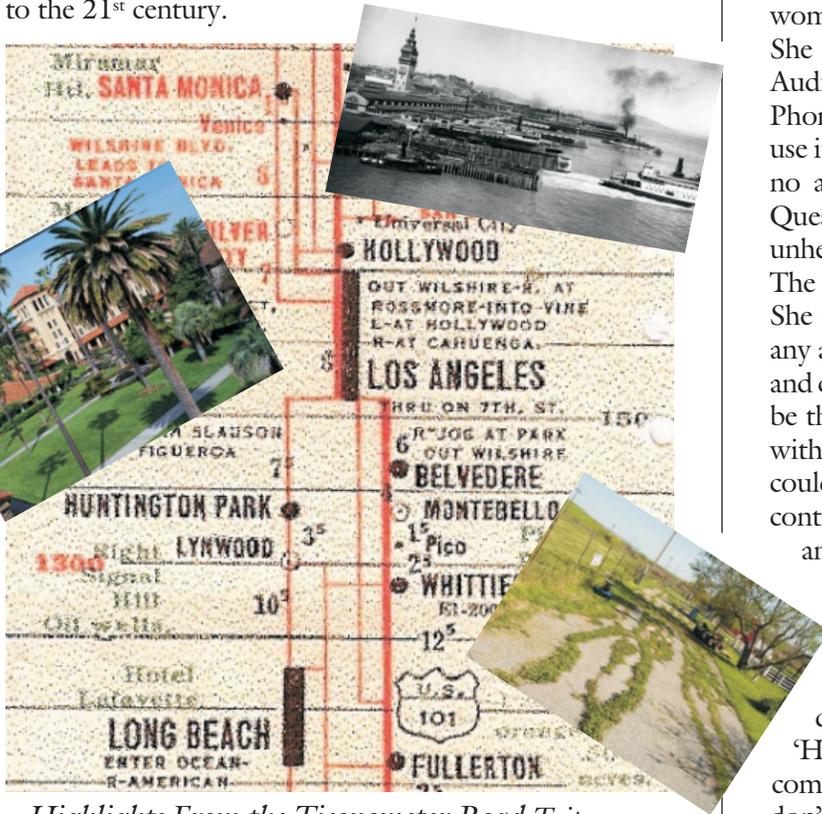


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Controlled Indicators Co. Mfgs., on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Ray will present the background of this forgotten inventor and describe how Lillian's invention works. Ray will show historical views of Los Angeles related to Lillian and her company and describe the inner working of the Ticonometer. We will then take a 1930's Ticonometer "road trip" up the Camino Real from Los Angeles to San Francisco stopping to see some sights along the way.

The presentation will conclude with a review of some of Lillian's subsequent inventions then back to the 21st century.



Highlights From the Ticonometer Road Trip

Horological Humor Keeping With The Letter "C"

Contestant Sally, on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' had reached the final plateau. If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the \$25,000 Milestone money. And as she suspected the Million Dollar Question was no pushover. It was, 'Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it: A) the condor B) the buzzard C) the cuckoo D) the vulture The woman was on the spot – she did not know the answer. She had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Ask the Audience Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline. She hoped she would not have to use it because... Her friend was, well, a blond. But she had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the Question and the four choices. The blond responded unhesitatingly: 'That's easy! The answer is C: the cuckoo.' The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving any answer except the one that her friend had given her – and considering her friend was a blond that would seem to be the logical thing to do. But her friend had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be convinced. Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, 'C: The cuckoo.' 'Is that your final answer?' 'Yes, that is my final answer.' 'That answer is Absolutely correct! You are now a millionaire!' Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends, including the blond who had helped her win the Million Dollars. 'Jeni, I just do not know how to thank you,' said the Contestant. 'How did you happen to know the right answer?' 'Oh, come on,' said the blond 'Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks.' Sally fainted

February 5 & 6, 2010

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HOSTED BY: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER 75 & WESTERN ELECTRIC CHAPTER 133

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Our Next Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2009

Program:

LIVE PRESENTATION
"A 20th Century 'GPS'"
by Ray Brown

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Resin Casting" by Dave Weisbart

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letters "C"

Board Meeting:

To be announced

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

