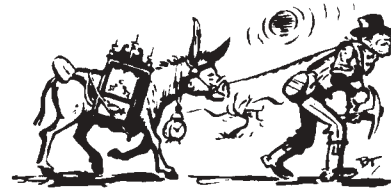


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes, Sept. 2, 2011

Making a Visual Record

Our September meeting was called to order by President Ray Brown at 8:00. He thanked Annette DiMino for our refreshments.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

Ray then reminded us about the upcoming 40th anniversary banquet on September 24. He also announced a board meeting at his home on September 12.

We were reminded of the following upcoming events:

- Santa Anita Chapter 116 mart on October 22
- Ward Francillon symposium in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20-22
- Southwest California Regional in Del Mar, November 17-19
- The 2012 National Convention in Pasadena, June 13-16

Our Beginner's Corner was given by Dave Weisbart. After encountering several botched escapement adjustments in his shop over the previous week, he focused his frustration into an introduction to the principles of adjusting escapements. He defined drops & locks, deadbeat & recoil, and overswing. He showed diagrams and animations of different types of escapements, pointing out visual examples of these terms. Dave then explained what the results are

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This month

Collector's Dream

Well, it is the National Association of Watch and Clock *Collectors*, so this month we're featuring our most prominent collectors! Several chapter 69 members are going to be bringing substantial portions of their specialized collections to show and share with their fellow members. Each collector will have 10 minutes or so to point out the interesting aspects of the timepieces he's brought. You'll also be able to ask questions of the collectors.

We'll have both clocks and watches in abundance, probably the largest gathering of timepieces at a single meeting in decades. Some will be for sale, too!

So if you want to see what makes real collectors tick, come to the meeting!



Message from the Vice-President

Welcoming Autumn

Here it is October already, and autumn is in the air.

Our celebration on September 24th of the 40th Anniversary of Chapter 69 was well-attended, with 32 members, relatives, and friends present. A great meal was served, and a photographic slide show of past meetings and marts was shown. Dave put together the slide show and also treated us to his wonderful guitar playing.

Our program this month will be a series of presentations by a few members on various types of clocks and watches. Each will have ten minutes to discuss their choice. Questions and comments are welcome.

I hope to see you at the meeting on October 7.

~Phyllis Adams

40th Anniversary Banquet *(more on page 3)*



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when adjusting depthing, adjusting pallets, and resurfacing pallets. He passed out a hand-out that listed these results for future reference. He said that the purpose of his presentation was to give beginners just enough informa-

tion to discourage them from attempting these adjustments without more training and education!

Our main program was given by Doug Adams (*above*) on the subject of Horological Photography. He started by talking about the lenses themselves, discussing focal length as it impacts depth of field and distortion. He then discussed some specifics of digital photography, including image resolution, and transferring images using a memory card.

Doug showed us some of the techniques he uses in setting up his photos. A large piece of paper which is hung against a wall and curves gently down to a horizontal surface provides a nice, seamless background. Sunlight that's been diffused provides the best lighting. Doug also talked about centering and perspective.

We then learned about basic photo editing. Editor features such as sizing, cropping, and adjustments to brightness, contrast and color balance can provide just the right finishing touches!

Doug said he largely uses photographs to document movement disassembly and repair, as well as manufacture of replacement parts.

Our Show & Tell was for items beginning with the letter "C". Doug started off with an unusual Chelsea ship's clock. A deluxe model, it featured ornate fretwork on the dial.



Ray Brown brought a handsome Seth Thomas clock, "Carson" from the City Series (c. 1885). It had several unusual features: most of the case is metal, the movement has an external count wheel, and the mainsprings are in barrels. There was a discussion of the number of models in the

Seth Thomas's City Series; Les Lesovsky thought there were 105.

Door prize winners were Ed Athey, Phyllis Adams, and Les Lesovsky. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Weisbart, Secretary



40th Anniversary Banquet a Success!

Thirty-three current and former members of Chapter 69 and their guests gathered at Riviera at the Fireside in Westminster in celebration of four decades of sharing our love for clocks and watches. The meals received great reviews, and a good time was had by all.

1. Shirley Lefkowitz, her friend Arlene, Dave Weisbart and his dad, Mel
2. Bev and Bill Bruce sitting next to Vern Lewis
3. David shares a laugh with Phyllis Adams
4. In the back of the room, a slide show of historical chapter photos ran on a loop. Ellie and Bill Clark are sitting at the front table.
5. Carl Carlson and Ed & Karen Athey enjoying their dessert
6. Mary Ann Wahlner and Annette DiMino
7. For our entertainment, Dave Weisbart played his classical guitar. Afterwards, many of our members shared stories of memorable people and events in the chapter's history.





**Board meeting minutes
September 12, 2011**

President Ray Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30. In attendance were officers Ray Brown, Phyllis Adams, Dave Weisbart and Bob Linkenhoker, directors Ken Lynn and Ed Athey, and guests Cora Lee Linkenhoker and Doug Adams.

Ray suggested, and the board agreed, that this could be the last board meeting we will need this year. The next board meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2012 at Doug and Phyllis Adams' house.

Upcoming programs were discussed. September's meeting will feature five or six of the chapter's prominent collectors, each bringing several items and talking about them for about 10 minutes apiece. Several members' names were offered as possibilities, including some from the board. Publicity for this meeting was also discussed, including emails and flyers.

November, December and January programs were discussed. December will be the Holiday Party meeting and Dave said he might come up with a new set of "Horological Follies" (humorous video clips). Dave also offered to do a Beginner's Corner in January. Bob Linkenhoker offered to do the November Beginner's Corner.

The upcoming 40th anniversary banquet was discussed. As of this meeting, 27 attendees were confirmed; the goal is 35. The list of current

members was reviewed and various board members took on the task of contacting certain members who had not yet responded.

We discussed "lodge logistics." Ray said he would not be at the October meeting. Bob and Dave said they'd open the lodge and set up the room. Bob said he could also open the door in November, but he needs help setting up the room. A report from Annette DiMino indicated that she is set for October and November refreshments and will start a new list of volunteers in January.

Bob reported that we are already running a slight deficit for the fiscal year that began in July. Reasons include increased rent at the lodge, decrease in meeting attendance, and negligible interest on savings.

The board discussed ideas for increasing attendance. This included the possibility of having an extended mart in January. We also discussed how if board members would set up mart tables at the meetings, it might spur others to help revitalize the pre-meeting mart.

The state of the podium was also discussed. Doug Adams volunteered to reconstruct the base and install useful wheels. Dave said he would transport the podium to Doug's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted, Dave Weisbart, Secretary

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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ASSOCIATION OF
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Orange County Chapter No. 69
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Our Next Meeting: Friday, October 7, 2011

Program:

LIVE Presentation

**"The Collections of
Chapter 69"**

by various members

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "D"

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

