

Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes, September 4, 2015

IT'S A MORBIER SUBJECT

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Paul Martyn. He thanked Bob and Cora Lee Linkenhoker for the refreshments they personally dropped off and we send our best wishes again to Bob for his successful recovery from surgery.

Approval of last month's minutes was moved by Larry Squires and seconded by Jerry Kleeb and accepted unanimously by members present.

Upcoming events: Dave's award winning clock is featured in this month's NAWCC Bulletin on the back cover and will be featured in next month's Bulletin.

BEGINNER'S CORNER:

Tonight, Paul Martin showed us (live, without a camera) how to repair a pair of mangled brass hands. He cut out the hands himself and bought an arbor from Timesavers. He used silver solder and mentioned that solder come in hard, medium and soft varieties. He used a torch with oxygen and acetylene (oxy-acetylene), making sure there are no bubbles and make sure the valve is off. Also be sure to shut off the oxygen first, and then shut off the acetylene because acetylene burns hotter. He used aluminum flux, and put it on,

which turns it into glass—be careful there is no gap because the solder will cross the joint and pool in one place. A paste is available to put on to keep the solder from moving.

PROGRAM:

Jerry Kleeb told us about Morbier picture frame clocks. He had one from France with a standard French movement. He also has two with mini Morbier movements that are spring driven with a short pendulum. The rack drops straight down, there is hour strike and then 2 minutes later it strikes again. He put the alabaster dial back together and although it was in pieces it looks good. He also has a round clock; the springs are 9 feet long, and the curved edges are actually plaster; the bottom is wooden. He showed us worm holes in the wood. The clocks are from Eastern Europe but coming to southern California they do have wood shrinkage. The termite dust will continue to come out. He is also replacing the mother-of-pearl using pieces he is cutting from an abalone shell. After seeing these repairs, it is clear Jerry has a lot of patience!

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Important Note: Be sure to get your annual dues in no later than November 1st, or you will be dropped from the roster.

This Month

ANSONIA CLOCKS AND MOVEMENTS

This month, we will have a DVD focusing on Ansonia Clocks and Movements by A. L. Severson. The Ansonia Clock Company was one of the major 19th century American clock manufacturers and produced millions of clocks (and some watches) between 1850 and 1929. The company began as the Ansonia Brass Company and in 1850 the Ansonia Clock Company was formed as a subsidiary. Although operations begin in Connecticut a second production site opened in Brooklyn, New York in 1879. The company is known for producing many different models. By 1886, more than 225 different models are manufactured. This trend continued and at their height in 1914, the company was producing 440 different clock models. Following WW1 in response to strong competition, the company attempted to undercut competition by reducing prices. This strategy proved faulty as profits fall and they took on additional debt. By 1920 the company was producing "only" 136 models and ceased production of the ubiquitous iron mantel clocks and china cased clocks. In 1929 the company went into receivership and its machinery and dies were sold and exported to Russia.

TIME TRIVIA

Water clocks were among the earliest timekeepers that didn't depend on the observation of celestial bodies. One of the oldest was found in the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Amenhotep I, buried around 1500 BC.

Show and Tell – Letter “A” –

Ray Brown showed us a American Clock Company battery clock from Chicago, ca. 1905—it has alternating arms—it originally took a No. 6 battery. He notes that the contacts can get corroded due to sparks. He also showed us a Accutron watch from 1966.

Jerry Kleeb showed us a cobalt blue August Schatz clock “Yasser” with a painted dial. It is 65 years old, a 1950 model, and although much is the original color, it has been bleached to a light blue by the sun.

Raffle prizes were won by Ellie Clark, Gary Yushida and Ray Brown.



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LARGEST CLOCK FACTORY IN THE WORLD.

UPCOMING MARTS

OCTOBER 2015

[Palomar Mart](#)

When: October 3-4, 2015

Where: [Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum](#)
2040 N Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA 92083

[2015 Southwest California Regional](#)

When: 10/8/2015 - 10/10/2015

Where: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wayland Center, Del Mar, CA 92014

[2015 MKOA Regional](#)

When: 10/9/2015 - 10/10/2015

Where: Sedgwick County Extension Center, Wichita, KS 67205

[2015 NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium](#)

When: 10/22/2015 - 10/24/2015

Where: Houston Marriot Westchase, Houston, TX 77042

NOVEMBER 2015

[2015 Southern Regional](#)

When: 11/14/2015 - 11/15/2015

Where: Best Western Landmark Hotel
2601 Severn Ave, Metairie, LA 70002



Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Events/NAWCC/Events/Events.aspx>

February 18th, 19th, and 20th 2016

Channel Islands Regional

Replacing the regional previously held at Pasadena

At the Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001

Hosted by Western Electrics, Chapter 133 and San Fernando Valley, Chapter 75

The General Public will be admitted to the Mart area on Saturday!

THE EXHIBIT WILL FEATURE "California Chapters"

Thursday Feb 18
5-7 PM Pre-Registration
and Packet Pickup
6-8 PM Mart Table Setup

Saturday Feb 20
7:45 AM Program 3, TBA
9 AM Registration
9 AM Mart Opens
3 PM Mart Closes
4-5 PM Mart room breakdown

Friday Feb 19
7:45 AM Program 1, TBA
8:00 Registration
9 AM Mart Opens
2 PM Program 2, TBA
6 PM Mart Closes
7:30 PM Banquet

Host Hotel, Crowne Plaza
450 E Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001
805 648-2100, 888 233-9527
\$139 per night plus tax. Free parking, Wi fi. Reserve early!
The Crowne Plaza will hold NAWCC discounted block of
rooms only until Jan 19, 2016 Refer to the
Channel Islands Regional, Association of Watch and Clock
Collectors when making reservations

Website: www.chair2016.com
E-mail inquires: nkuns@verizon.net
Chairman: Neil Kuns, (805) 832-8226

IMPORTANT STUFF!

"Tables reserved by groups must be received in the same envelope. Badges & tables are not transferable. reservations received before February"
"4, 2016 will be acknowledged. No Refunds after this date. Fire code regulations preclude extensions of your table space into aisles or doorways. No more than
two sellers per first table, one seller per each additional table. The NAWCC, its officers, and members of the Channel Islands Regional are not
responsible for any loss, injury, or tort during the meeting. Valid NAWCC membership card required for entrance except Saturday. NAWCC Convention
protocol, rules and California State tax laws apply to this convention. Only horological items allowed in Mart room."

Please Print Clearly

TABLE HOLDER NOTE: A California occasional sale form BOE-410-D must be presented
before entering the mart.

Pre-Registration Ends January 28, 2016

| ITEM | QTY | PRICE | TOTAL |
|---|-------|--------|-------|
| Pre-registration <i>(On site registration \$35) Minors under 18 are free</i> | _____ | @ \$30 | _____ |
| Mart Tables | _____ | @ \$50 | _____ |
| Wall Tables | _____ | @ \$55 | _____ |
| Early Bird Entry | _____ | @ \$40 | _____ |
| Electricity (per hookup) <i>(Wall Tables ONLY)</i> | _____ | @ \$25 | _____ |
| Banquet | _____ | @ \$45 | _____ |

TOTAL ENCLOSE

Member: _____ NAWCC# _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Family Members _____
(Spouse and minor children)

Other NAWCC members _____ # _____
(Include NAWCC #)

Special request: _____

For Sellers: I sell primarily Watches Clocks

Mail application & Check to: NAWCC Chapter 133
P.O. Box 352
Harvard, MA 01451

Make checks payable to: NAWCC Chapter 133

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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C/O CORA LEE LINCKENHOKER
7186 CALICO CTR.
CORONA, CA 92881

The National
ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.



OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2015

Program

**THE ANSONIA
CLOCK
COMPANY**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

An Ansonia Clock, or any other horological item beginning with the 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

