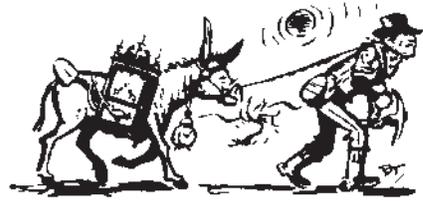


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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting Minutes – Oct. 4, 2002

Pack It Well

President Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m. He thanked Dean Armentrout for the refreshments. The next board meeting will be held at the home of Doug and Phyllis Adam on Oct. 9th.

Announcements

- Santa Anita Chapter 116
Minimart 10/26/02
- Southern California Chapter 4
Minimart 11/17/02
- San Joaquin Valley 11/23/02
- Sun City Minimart 12/01/02

Doug Adams's program on pocket chronometers was video taped last month and a copy will be included in our library for members to check out.

Dave donated to the library literature and a price list for Spiedel LCD watches dated 1976.

Dave read a letter from Doug Cowan thanking the chapter for a job well done on the 2002 National. He also reminded us the Tic Talk Times is now available on line. Ray Marsolek's class (All You Wanted To Know About Pivots and Then Some) will be held 11/19/02. If you think you are signed up be sure to contact Sally DiMino to confirm.

Beginners Corner was given by Les Lesovsky on Black Forest Clocks. His discussion covered the early years of clock making in the region, particularly the making of hand crafted wooden movements. He stated that in spite of popular belief

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This month

That Other Museum

The American Clock & Watch Museum in Bristol, CT, commenced its 49th season on April 1, 2002. The main building, the Miles Lewis House, celebrates its bicentennial this year.



Part of the American Clock & Watch Museum collection

The charitable organization known as the Bristol Clock Museum was formed on October 24, 1952, to preserve the history, artifacts and memorabilia of the clock manufacturing industry that had once been so vital to this region. It purchased and renovated the Miles Lewis house in 1953. The original character and features of the post-Revolutionary War mansion house were retained during its restoration. On April 10, 1954 the Bristol Clock Museum opened its doors to the general public. At the time of this opening there were about 300 clocks on display, virtually no watches and a fledgling library of 50

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Message from the President

A Momentous Decision

A decision will be made at the upcoming chapter meeting that will affect more than just our chapter in the years to come.

The final figures from the 2002 National Convention in Anaheim are in. The deficit is not catastrophic, but it is significant. It is now up to you, the Chapter 69 membership, to decide our course of action.

Your board of directors debated and discussed options for well over an hour at the last board meeting. We came up with a recommendation that we think represents the best balance of what is in the interests of our chapter, of the national organization, and how headquarters will deal with future conventions.

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What Every Member Should Know

This month's meeting will decide what we are to do about the deficit incurred by the 2002 National Convention. Every member should attend and be part of this important decision. *(See above for details.)*

The board is considering reevaluating our insurance needs. The chapter may be able to save some money by eliminating coverage that is duplicated by the meeting halls we use.

A Chapter 69 mini mart is being planned for next year.

President's Message *(from page 1)*

Background

When Chapter 69 voted to host the national convention seven years ago, losses at these events were rare and, when they occurred, relatively small. One possibility to account for these previous losses might have been the host chapters' lack of organization and budgeting. *The 2002 convention committee can in no way be faulted for this kind of shortcoming.* From day one, this team was superbly organized. And as attendance at other national conventions declined in the intervening years, our budget was adjusted to reflect new realities. In point of fact, *actual expenditures for nearly every budget line item were well below initial estimates*, with many non-essential expenditures being eliminated completely. We ran a tight ship.

The two biggest factors in creating the deficit were related: attendance and host hotel room nights. Pre-registration was well short of budget estimates, while on-site registration was actually quite close to the mark; the out-of-state folks stayed away, but the "locals" gave us a good turnout.

This meant that there were fewer people staying at the hotel. Our room night commitments at the Marriott were locked in long ago, well before 9/11 changed the way Americans travel. If we had met room night targets, we would have received many free rooms for meetings and lectures. Not meeting the targets meant that we had to pay for these rooms. Had we not incurred the meeting room expenses, we would have come very close to breaking even.

In the past, when host chapters have incurred a loss, they've absorbed the loss themselves, choosing not to burden the struggling national organization with the extra expense. While some have come close, none of these chapters has taken a loss quite as large as the one we're facing.

The Board's Debate

The discussion among board members centered on three main points:

1. The money we have in the bank, the money that gave us the ability to host this event, came largely from the national and regional conventions we've hosted in the distant past.
2. While many other chapters have made significant donations to headquarters over the years, Chapter 69 has not.
3. On the other side of the coin, the consensus was that headquarters did not do all it could have done to support our convention. While it is impossible to quantify the effect this had on our operation, it is fair to say that certain actions (and certain inaction) by members of council and headquarters staff did materially affect us.

So how do we reconcile these issues? How do we, as a chapter, step up to the plate and show our support of the national organization to which we all belong, while sending a message to headquarters that their strategy regarding national conventions needs to be significantly improved?

The board's recommendation will be presented at the upcoming chapter meeting, along with ample facts and figures to help you make up your own minds. I want to make it clear that regardless of the outcome, Chapter 69 is in no immediate financial danger – the stakes were not as high as all that. But this is the membership's decision. That means you need to come to the meeting, review the facts, consider the board's recommendation, and vote your conscience. I look forward to a large turnout to help with this momentous decision.

See you there.



This Month *(from page 1)*

books. The museum is recognized as the first museum in America to be totally devoted to horology.

In 1958 the name of the organization was changed to The American Clock & Watch Museum, Inc. due to the enlarged scope of the collection and the growth of membership. Today the museum houses the finest collection of American manufactured clocks on public display. There are over 1,500 clocks and watches on display.

Chapter 69 supports this museum with annual donations. At this month's meeting we will view a beautifully produced video presentation on the American Clock & Watch Museum. This should be a real treat!

Source: The American Clock & Watch Museum web site



Tic Talk Times On Line

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Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

the cuckoo clock was only a small percentage of the production of the region. Les also passed around a petition to have John McIntire added to the National ballot for 2nd Vice President.

Vice President Charles Register thanked Bob Linkenhoker for all his hard work in cataloging the books in the library. There now listings by Title, Author and subject making it easier to locate just what you are looking for.

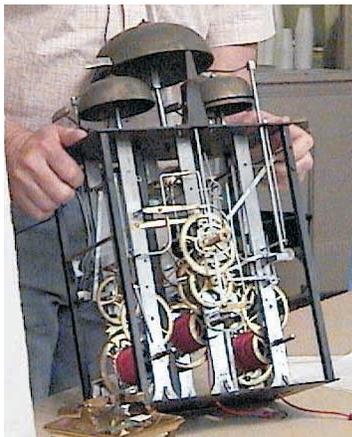
Ray Marsolek's program on packing and shipping clocks was well received at the 2002 National so he presented a shortened version for those who may have missed it there. He even demonstrated how the shipping companies handle our fragile packages by suddenly dropping one he had just packed on the floor. A little scary but nothing broke! Ray has a great deal of experience in this area having helped move many items to the National Museum and around the country through the years. Thanks Ray for a job well done.

Show and tell had Charles Register sharing a Chelsea ship's clock he bought at the Del Mar Regional. Roy Irick showed us a 5 minute repeater carriage clock he also purchased at Del Mar. (right)



Julie Stevens shared her father's Bulova Acutron with an amusing story of how it had somehow gotten broken many years ago.

Dean Armentrout shared a wall clock circa 1840-1850 he is restoring (right).



Dick Pridham showed us a doctor's clock (right) he bought in Europe and a book describing clocks from different museums in Germany.



Doug Adams had a "wrist-watch" with a Thomas Russell movement circa 1880, also an Elgin pocket watch with a black dial (left). Bob Ciampa shared a beehive clock.

Dee Morrison, Daryle Johnson, Doug Adams, and Ellen Noell won door prizes.

Meeting was closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Recording secretary.

Bench Grinder Tips

Considerations when selecting a bench grinder

1. Be sure to use a grinder that has no end play when using accessories to sharpen tools.
2. Wheel diameters of 6 in. or 7 in. give the most desired wheel speed for sharpening.
3. Buy from a company that has developed accessories for sharpening.
4. Be sure replacement wheels are available for grinding carbide and high-speed steel.
5. Check the guarantee; be sure the manufacturer has a good reputation for honoring its guarantee.

When using the bench grinder, observe the following rules

1. Keep adjusting the work rest to within 1/16 in. of the wheel face, as the wheel wears down.
2. Stand aside and allow the wheel to run idle for a full minute before starting to grind.
3. True the wheel if the face runs out or is irregular.
4. Make grinding contact with a smooth action.
5. Grind only on the face of straight wheels. Use special wheels for side grinding. Light side grinding is permitted on a cup or saucer wheel.
6. Never force grinding so that the motor slows noticeably or the work gets hot.
7. Protect the wheel when not in use, storing it safely after removal from grinder.
8. Secure the grinder housing to a sturdy workbench using the mounting procedure outlined in the instruction manual.

From Tool Grinding & Sharpening Handbook by Glenn D. Davidson.

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**



Our Next Meeting: November 1, 2002

Program:

**Video Presentation
"The American Clock & Watch Museum"**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "C"

Board Meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of:
Dave Weisbart

Time: 7:00 – Doors open
8:00 – General Meeting

Admission: \$4.00 – General
\$6.00 – Couples

Location: The EBELL CLUB
625 French Street
(at Civic Center Drive)
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 547-6331

