

THE Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes, Oct. 2, 2009

ROAD TRIP!

The mart began at 7:00 and was a busy one!

President Doug Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00. There were no guests, however, Alvina Marsolek came to the meeting while in town for a baby shower. The minutes of the September meeting were approved. The board meeting this month will be held at the home of Doug Adams.

Upcoming marts are: Riverside Mini Mart, Sun City, October 11, the Santa Anita Chapter 116, October 24, 2009, the Southwest California Regional in Del Mar, November 19-21 and the Greater LA Regional, early February 2009.

New Business. We need someone to set up and we need someone to collect money at the door. A special thank you to Bob Linkenhoker for setting up tonight. We are a few people short on the board. We need board members!

Dave Weisbart presented the evenings Beginners Corner. Dave purchased a Crystal Regulator at the Pasadena Antique Center. It has an outside escapement and crystal columns. It had two original finials and two replacements, from lamps. In the Micromart catalog, Dave bought a resin casting kit. It consisted of a bottle of rubber goop, resin goop, resin release spray and rubber release liquid. He made a rubber mold of the original finial and filled the bottom with clay. He put it

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This Month

How to Sell

On

eBay



Julie Stevens will be presenting our November program, "How to Sell On eBay." Julie has sold thousands of items on eBay, with good results 95% of the time. She will show us, step by step, how to post a wristwatch on eBay. Julie has two eBay user names: VintageTimepiece and Sansocks. She used VintageTimepiece as her seller user name for a long time and Sansocks as a buyer user name. With recent changes to eBay, a bidders user name is kept confidential, so there is no need for two user names.

A friend of Julie's ask her to sell a collection of Wee Forest Folk, tiny porcelain mice. It took a year and Julie sold over 400 Wee Forest Folk mice for a total of over \$125,000!

Julie's experiance and success on eBay will make for an enjoyable and informative presentation!

Beginners' Corner

Seek & Hide

*Rays Project
Clock*

*Self-Winding
Wall Clock from
1886.*



Ray Brown recently acquired a clock that needed some help (actually most of Ray's clocks could use some help)! This old fellow had loose joints from top to bottom and as a wall clock was in danger of falling into a pile on the floor. Ray decided to reglue the case but was not sure of what glue to use so as usual, he turned to the internet to SEEK advice and he found plenty. In a nutshell, most restorers advise against using the readily available glue you can get at the hardware store, well it can't be easy can it? The glue of choice, and what was used as far back as ancient Egypt, is a glue made from animal hides called HIDE glue. The stuff is made by simmering bits of rawhide in water for a couple of hours, straining it and letting it dry into a hard mass that is broken up into crystals. Ray will discuss how to use the stuff and why it considered the best choice for antique restoration. He will also tell you where to get it...hint he found the best buy on an internet auction site we will talk about as part of our main program.

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in a cup coated with the rubber release agent, poured in the rubber goop and let it sit for four hours. Then he had his mold. In his mold, he sprayed release in the rubber mold, then poured in the resin goop and let it sit for 30 minutes. It came out great!

Ray Brown gave an fun Power Point presentation on “The Ticonometer, a 20th Century Time Travel Indicator.” Ray came across this interesting navigation device through a club member. It was invented by Lillian Yancey Huffaker and the works were made by Seth Thomas. Lillian was born in 1885 in Bunkerhill, IL. In 1910, she lived in Long Beach, California. Married in the 1920s and worked as a bookkeeper. Divorced in 1930. On March 31, 1932, she



Dave’s “Utopia” crystal regulator. Tops of back finials were resin-cast duplicates.



Lillian Huffaker’s Ticonometer “Time Travel Indicator” with a 1933 web map of US Route 101, the Camino Real.

applied for a patent, and it was issued May 30, 1933. She wrote a book, “Straight Like Maps.” Her company, Time Controlled Instruments, was located at 3871 Wilshire Boulevard, and she was President and Chief Engineer.

Her device works by setting the average speed of a car and a line rotates, showing where you are. In red, are the street names, in green ink, interesting facts about the area.

Lillian Huffaker had a few more patents under her belt, including a time controlled program selector for radio sets.

Show and Tell began with the letter C. Steve Rini brought a calendar clock made by Kroeber, a Chalet made by Welch (it’s a pendulum clock) and a Steven Cable Ogee clock. Also he brought a Welch Cary Clock. Steve gave us the history of the lady this clock was named.

Doug Adams brought a Convertible, an English made watch by Joseph Seawill in an 18KG case. Open in from the front, pull the watch out. Turn the watch around, close



Steve Rini’s Welch Cary Clock



Doug’s “Convertible”

the case and it is the back of the watch. This watch has lots of features – push here, this opens, push there, that opens.

Ray Brown brought an electric car clock he bought on eBay. He got it and recognized the movement, patent 1913. The serial number is E1276. Ray found original Chelsea

notations and found this clock was sold on September 22, 1916 to Pierce Arrow Automobile company. This clock was only made for one year. There were also notations on the Chelsea documents, it was sent back for repairs a few times. Les Lesovsky brought a Waltham Watch Company frame with parts on it. Dave Weisbart showed us how he matched the color to his recently made castings. He used a gold leaf pen.

Door prizes were won by Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Woody Woodson and Beverly Bruce.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

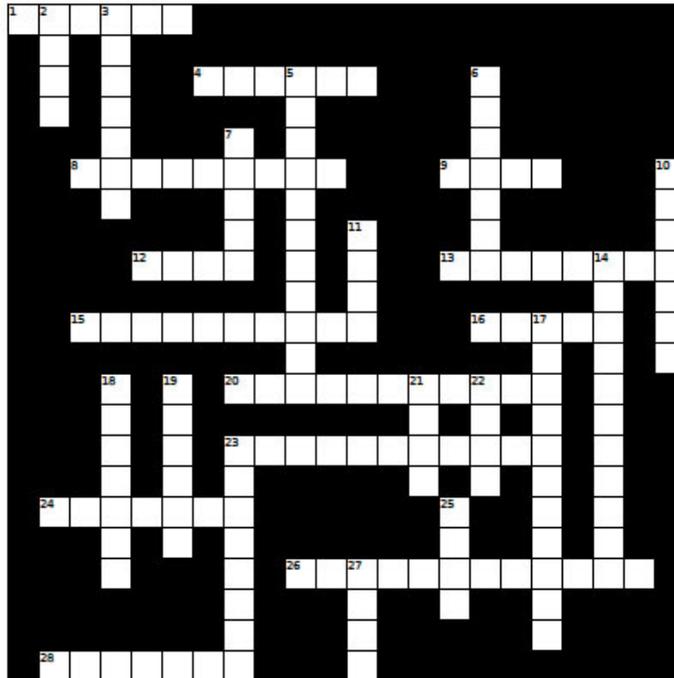


1916 Electric Auto Clock made by Chelsea for Pierce Arrow.

Tic Talk Follies

by Ray Brown

All the words used are part of this month's Tic Talk Times!



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| 1 Place of November Regional | 2 Place to buy and sell |
| 4 There are twelve of them. | 3 meeting notes |
| 8 An accurate clock | 5 Time travel indicator |
| 9 Goes with seek | 6 Mountain Pass on Camino Real |
| 12 First name of famous clock maker | 7 Some of us collect these |
| 13 User name | 10 Glass sided clock |
| 15 Chapter 69 character | 11 Meeting prize |
| 16 Called goop by some | 14 Show & Tell watch |
| 20 Pertaining to timepieces | 17 Keyless |
| 23 Old Car | 18 Chapter 69 meeting place |
| 24 Decorative do dads | 19 Our Meeting Day |
| 26 What you are reading! | 21 Held in February (abr.) |
| 28 Boston clock maker | 22 Welch clock name |
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Come to the meeting to check your answers!

February 5 & 6, 2010

Greater Los Angeles Regional

Pasadena Convention Center • 300 E. Green St. Pasadena, CA 91101
 HOSTED BY: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER 75 & WESTERN ELECTRIC CHAPTER 133

This event is always a sellout! Don't be left out, register early.

For more information visit our website: www.nawcc-glar.com

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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The National
**ASSOCIATION OF
WATCH & CLOCK
Collectors, Inc.**



Our Next Meeting: Friday, November 6, 2009

Program:

**LIVE PRESENTATION
"How to Sell on eBay"
by Julie Stevens**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

"Seek & Hide" by Ray Brown

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letters "D" or
a watch or clock you bought on eBay.

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

