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Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2012

KEEPING YOURSELF AND YOUR VALUABLES SAFE

After opening the meeting at 8:00 P.M., and observing that there were no guests, President Sally DiMino made the stunning announcement that prominent Chapter 69 member Doug Adams had passed away that morning from apparent heart failure. The news was met with shock and disbelief by all in attendance. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Phyllis and their entire family.

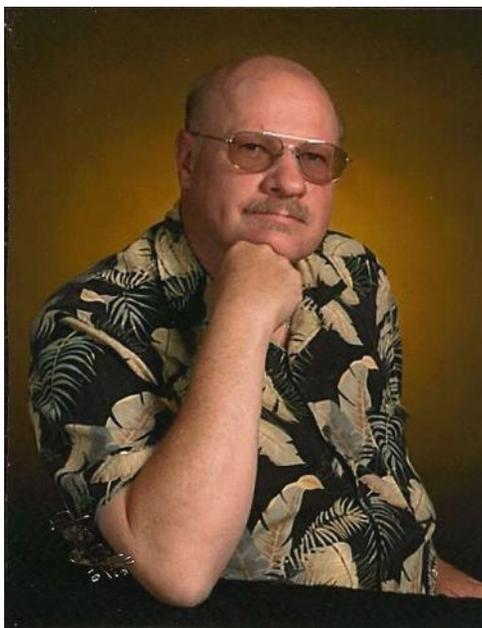
Minutes from the last meeting were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

Since our speaker was not an NAWCC member, it was decided to allow her to present her program right away. Kris Backouris is a Community Service Officer with the City of Garden Grove Police Department. She came to talk to us about securing our homes, possessions and identity from criminals.

A recurring theme of her talk was "layers of protection" – making it as difficult as possible for the criminals. At home, doors that have glass in them should have a double-keyed deadbolt lock. Garages should be kept closed and doors that go from an attached garage into the house should always be secured. Sliding windows should be modified so that the sliding portion cannot be lifted out of its track.

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DOUG ADAMS 1953 – 2012



We are saddened at the untimely death of our friend and fellow horologist, Doug Adams who passed away this month. Unless he was on business travel, Doug was always present at our chapter meetings and played key roles as an officer in not only Chapter 69 but was past president of Chapter 4 and current vice president of Chapter 133. Doug also was chairman of our September mart which had great attendance and provided a significant financial contribution to Chapter 69.

Doug was born in Niagara Falls, New York and received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New York in Buffalo. Doug's background in mechanical engineering no doubt helped him become an expert in the repair of complex watch movements including repeaters and chronometers.

Doug and Phyllis moved to California in 1985 and settled in Fullerton where Doug worked in his field of mechanical engineering and set up a shop to repair watches and clocks in his spare time.

In addition to his horological interests, Doug belonged to the So. California Triumph car club, the Orchid Society and had a lifelong interest in railroads.

All of us at Chapter 69 have lost a dear friend and a great contributor to our horological passion.

This Month

DRIVING ON SUNSHINE

This month our presentation will cover a subject that is "timely" but not horological; past president Ray Brown's personal experience with generating electricity with solar panels and using excess energy to drive around town in a Chevy Volt.

About four years ago the Browns installed a photovoltaic system (solar panels) to generate most of their electricity needs. Steps at conservation led to excess energy generation and a decision was made to buy a car that could use this excess for most daily driving.

Ray will detail his personal experience with the solar array and how he has been able to meet all his electricity needs for both home and car. He will explain how using a Time of Use program for home and car he gets a monthly credit from Southern California Edison. In effect, the Volt is "Driving on Sunshine."

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Kris Backouris

In your car, you should not program your GPS for "home" – someone who gets into your car while you're out then knows where you live and that you're not home!

Kris also talked about credit card security and identity theft. She pointed out that the new credit cards with the embedded RF chips are vulnerable to people with scanners who get anywhere near you. Such cards should be kept in some sort of metal enclosure.

If you don't anticipate any need for new credit accounts, and this is particularly true of elderly people, you should lock your credit at all three reporting agencies: Experian, Equifax, and Trans-Union. You should also monitor your medical benefits to make sure no one is getting treatment by using your identity.

If your mail goes into an exposed mail box, that box should be a secure, locking style. If you have no need for credit card convenience checks, you should instruct your credit card provider to stop sending them.

When it comes to your clock or watch collection, you should always have an accurate inventory.

Watch serial numbers are important. Otherwise, some identifying mark can be useful. The use of

ultra-violet marking pens was discussed.

Kris informed us of the system now in use in pawn shops where every item is accurately recorded and that record is available to law enforcement via a database. She did say that the "cash for gold" businesses are making it difficult to track jewelry and gold watch cases.

Kris talked about some of the other things that criminals are up to. Certain medications are being stolen. Burglars are actually entering houses that are under termite tents!

She also went into quite a bit of detail regarding how you should interact with the police if there's an emergency. For a start, it is better to call 911 using a land line as opposed to a cellular phone. The land line gives the police your location even if you can't talk. If you catch sight of a perpetrator, you need to be prepared to give a detailed description that will help the police apprehend him or her. She tried to



Dave and his first-class companion, Elizabeth

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UPCOMING MARTS

OCTOBER 2012

[2012 MKOA Regional](#)

When: Oct 19 - 20

Where: Buddy LaFortune Community Center, Tulsa, OK, US

[2012 Mid-Eastern Regional](#)

When: Oct 25 - 27

Where: York Expo Center, York, PA, US

NOVEMBER 2012

[2012 Great Southern Regional](#)

When: Nov 10 - 11

Where: Best Western Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA, US

[2012 Southwest CA Regional](#)

When: Nov 15 - 17

Where: Del Mar Fairgrounds in Wyland Center, Del Mar, CA, US

Full details for all upcoming marts: <http://community.nawcc.org/events/upcomingevents/>



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get our members to offer such a description of her, but being the polite bunch that we are, most were reluctant to discuss her age or weight!

There was also a discussion of the laws regarding use of firearms in the home, and what constitutes a "citizen's arrest."



We thank Kris for a very informative talk. She also had on hand an abundant supply of brochures that the police department makes available for those who want more detailed information on securing their possessions.

After she finished, we resumed our business meeting. There was no old business. Under new business, Sally brought up that we have an election coming and we need someone to take on the nominating process since we will need a new President and other directors and officers. We also need people to volunteer to bring refreshments.

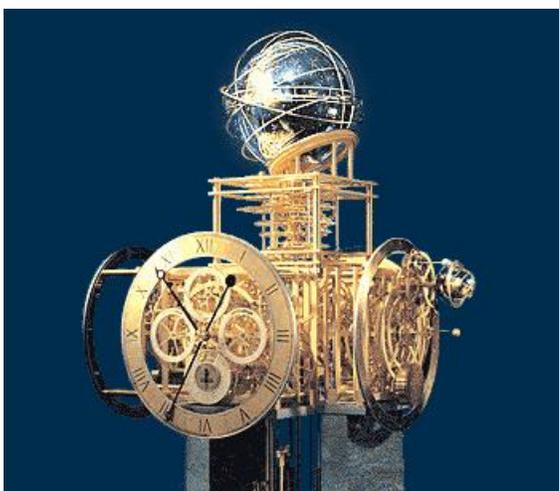
For Show & Tell, Dave Weisbart brought his Ansonia "Queen Elizabeth" wall clock, and a large poster he made showing the other "Queen ____" models made by the Ansonia Clock Company. He told a story about his adventures bringing this large clock back from the Atlanta National as carry-on luggage on the plane!

Bob Linkenhoker then showed a movement from a Seiko calendar clock. It had several features that Bob found unusual: There were up/down indicators for the winding, the strike train fly was an S-shaped metal strip with pads on the tips of the S that rubbed against the inside of an enclosing brass cylinder, and the calendar mechanism was unique and still un-deciphered as of the meeting.

Door prizes were won by Gene Osten, Dave Weisbart and Bob Linkenhoker. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted, Dave Weisbart, acting Secretary.

THE TÜRLER CLOCK



The amazing Türler Clock

The Türler Clock, as a model of the cosmos, or individual movements of the clock can be calculated and constructed for any location throughout the world. This beautifully complex clock can be viewed at the Türler showrooms at the Paradeplatz in Zürich Switzerland.

The Türler Clock - a model of the cosmos - started running on June 21, 1995. It is truly a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. The clock is a unique depiction of the proximate universe. It is unparalleled in terms of its development, mechanical production, and functional beauty. Five movements (planetarium, tellurion, globe, horizon, perpetual calendar) count and display a vast spectrum of astronomic indications - from the smallest commonly used unit of time, the second, to the heavenly canopy (glass sphere around the globe) which performs one revolution every 25,794 years. The accuracy of the Türler Clock is synchronized with coordinated universal time (UTC) on the basis of the seconds markers received from the German-based DCF77 time signal broadcasting system. It is driven with solar



The Türler Team (from left): Ludwig Oechslin, Jörg Spöring, and Franz Türler (owner)

**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Program:

**TIMELY TOPIC:
DRIVING ON
SUNSHING**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

Ships bell watches

Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with letter "R"

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

