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*Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2017*

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF BRITISH WATCHCASE REPAIR

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by our President, Paul Martyn.

Thanks to H. Van Mondale for the delicious cookies.

Upcoming Events:

Chapter 136 Vista will have a mart at the West Coast Clock and Watch Museum site on Saturday and Sunday October 7 & 8.

Del Mar Southwest Regional will be held this year on October 12, 13 & 14 thanks to Chapter 59.

New Business: Last month's minutes were moved and seconded to be accepted by members.

Beginner's Corner: Phyllis Adams gave a short talk on her history with the NAWCC. Her late husband, Doug Adams, was self-taught in watch and clock repair. He started learning as a teenager when he was asked to open a Jeweler's safe. The jeweler also gave him two clocks to see what he could do with them. Phyllis' mother worked for a charity that bought and sold estate sales and she started buying pocket

watches for herself. Phyllis joined the NAWCC in California and is Secretary of Orange County Chapter.

Tonight's program: NAWCC VIDEO on Four Generations of British Watchcase Repair.

I have seen this video before and it still fascinates me. This time around, I was amazed at the tools he used, which have been handed down for generations by his family. There was a "bow" lathe and ways to blow flame by mouth which worked great but were very primitive! He had wooden chucks to use on the lathe and he knew exactly which ones to pick out. He also was able to "eyeball" just the right amount of say, silver, to use to fit around the watch for a bezel, and he had a board which he drew the silver through, and he knew which hole to use. This got pretty hard, so he had another leather strap to pull the silver through for him. Paul Martyn pointed out that nowadays we can buy silver tubing and can skip that part.

The program was followed by Show & Tell and we also had a raffle table.



*This Month*

## EARLY TO MID-CENTURY NOVELTY CLOCKS

This month, Jerry Kleeb will give a live presentation on early to mid-century novelty clocks. Many of these clocks were made by Lux and utilize a type of cylinder and duplex escapement.



In addition, Paul Martyn will give a beginners corner presentation on the repair of damaged porcelain dials.

Bring your novelty watches or clocks to share.

See you at the meeting!

## TIME TRIVIA

*The Antarctica and the Arctic are the only areas where all standard time zones currently followed in the world converge. Amundsen-Scott Station on the South Pole however uses New Zealand time (UTC+12 and UTC+13 during DST).*

## DAYLIGHT SAVING FINALLY ENDS IN NOVEMBER

Daylight Saving Finally Ends in November. Not for good, but at least for this year. In years past, Daylight Saving ended in October. It seems rather late this year, ending in November.

Not sure which way to turn your clock that elusive hour? Some have committed to memory the simple phrase, “Spring Forward, Fall Back”. Makes sense, as we move our clocks forward an hour in the Spring to “save time” and move our clocks backward an hour in the fall. This is my personal favorite, as gain an extra hour of sleep after a long summer of activity.

Why do we do this crazy moving clocks forward and back?

The idea was first suggested by Benjamin Franklin in 1784. While the idea did not catch on back then, it was originally enacted during World Wars I and II to take advantage of the longer daylight hours and save energy for war production. After World War II, each state and community decided whether or not they would continue the practice of Daylight Saving Time. This of course meant that some cities were on a different hour than a neighboring city, even though they may be very close to one another. To minimize the confusion, the US Congress passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966, which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time for the entire country. There are still some states and counties that do not participate in Daylight Saving Time. Arizona and Hawaii do not participate. However, many of the Indian reservations in Arizona *do* participate. Go figure.

The effectiveness of Daylight Saving Time depends on how far you are from the equator. The further away, the greater the benefit because the daylight hours are increasingly longer in the summer than in the winter. On the equator, day and night are pretty much the same length, regardless of the time of year. This is why most of the countries and cities on the equator do not participate in Daylight Saving.

There are currently about 70 countries that participate in Daylight Saving Time, though not necessarily on the same schedule as the United States. Determining who recognizes Daylight Saving Time and when can sound like a very complicated math word problem.

Most of us these days have cell phones for telling time. The time on these is typically set by the service provider and we do not need to manually change the time back or forward—it just happens like magic at 2am on the transition date.

Most of us in the NAWCC have old clocks of various origin. For these, we need to take a bit more care in the Fall when it is time to “Fall Back”. Modern quartz watches do not care much which way the hands move—forward or backwards. However, old clocks *do care*, and they care a lot. Most old clocks have multiple levers and gears that simply were not made to move backwards. Time is always moving forward, right? The old clock designers likely had no idea that someone would be foolish enough to move the hands on their beautiful (and sometimes hideous) clocks backwards. Doing so, can cause damage—sometimes minor, sometimes major—depending on the design of the movement. In the Fall, simply stop the clock for one hour and then restart it. Life is better when you know what time it is. Well, most of the time, anyway.

## UPCOMING MARTS

### SEPTEMBER 2017

#### [2017 MKOA Regional](#)

When: 9/21/2017 - 9/23/2017

Carthage Memorial Hall

47 S Garrison Ave

Carthage, MO 64836

#### [2017 Mid-America Regional](#)

When: 9/29/2017 - 9/30/2017

National Military History Center/Kurse Hall

5634 County Road 11A

Auburn, IN 46706

### OCTOBER 2017

#### [2017 Southwest CA Regional](#)

When: 10/12/2017 - 10/14/2017

Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wyland Center

2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd

Del Mar, CA 92014

#### [2017 Mid-Eastern Regional](#)

When: 10/14/2017 - 10/15/2017

York Expo Center

334 Carlisle Ave

York, PA 17404

#### [Ward Francillon Time Symposium](#)

When: 10/26/2017 - 10/28/2017

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave

Boston, MA 02115

### NOVEMBER 2017

#### [2018 Southern Regional](#)

When: 11/10/2018 - 11/11/2018

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>

**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**OUR NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

*Program*  
LIVE

EARLY TO MID-  
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***Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:***

Repair of damaged porcelain dials

***Show & Tell:***

Any horological item beginning with the letter "A" or a novelty clock or watch.

***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

