



## Meeting minutes, Nov. 2, 2007

### Statues Galore

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by President Doug Adams. Doug welcomed Charles Register back to the meeting. The members thanked Anna Pond for providing the evenings refreshments.

Doug announced the upcoming events:

- December 2 – Riverside County Clock and Watch Club Minimart at Sun City
- February 7-9 – Greater Los Angeles Regional in Pasadena
- June 11-14, 2008 – National in Springfield, Missouri



*Jim Glidewell brought several examples of his refinished statues.*

Doug announced that the slate for the tonight's elections is as follows:

President – Dave Weisbart  
Vice President – Doug Adams  
Secretary – Julie Stevens  
Treasurer – Bob Linkenhoker

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## This month

### A Jam Packed Evening!

We are going to have a great December meeting this year. As most of you know, our December event is our annual holiday party, the first of the season for most of us. Many of us will get into the meeting for free. How? Just bring a plate of holiday "goodies" (finger food) to add to the festivities.

Before the meeting, during our regular mart time, we will be selling tickets for our traditional 50/50 raffle. Here's a chance to help the club and possibly win some dough!

Several things are planned for the program. First up will be local resident Glenn Frank. He will be telling us about a historical clock that's being brought back to life in Buena Park. (See accompanying article.) He will have many pictures and interesting stories about one man's love of clockmaking, and the journey of his crowning achievement.

Next will be the famous "Ugly Clock and Watch Contest." Bring your most *yecchh*-ful looking timepieces and be ready to have them judged for bad



*That clock's UGLY!*

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## Background

### A Brief History

The Dreger Clock was built in the 1930's by Andrew Dreger Sr., whose family were pioneers to the early settlements of Anaheim, Long Beach and Buena Park.

Andrew developed many mechanical skills during his life. He repaired bicycles and other mechanical things, he worked with metal as a blacksmith and other jobs requiring mechanical and hand crafting skills. In the later years of his life he took up watch and clock repair, and became fascinated with the idea of building a large electrically powered clock that could tell the time in major cities around the world.

He first built a pendulum regulated indoor clock with multiple clock faces. Immediately after completing it he started on the much larger, town clock style version that would be electrically powered. It took him 5 years to build his masterpiece. When finished he placed it outside his home on Anaheim Street in Long Beach, CA and for almost 20 years he kept it in working order.



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Directors – Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Debra Abbott  
There were no nominations from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations as presented. Motion passed.

Doug then queried the members on what they would like to include during the Christmas party next month. Suggestions included an auction, an ugly clock contest, and a sing-along.

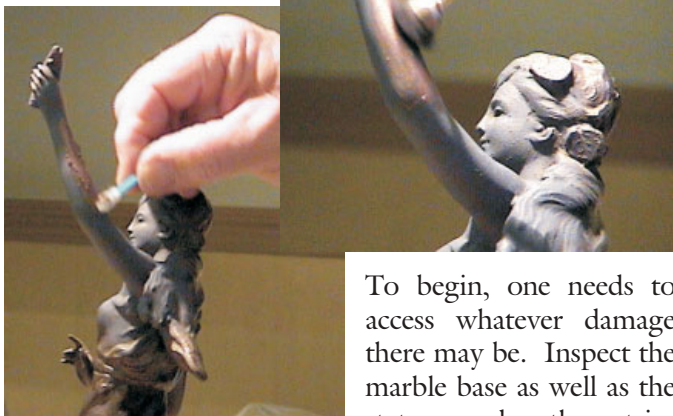
Doug announced that a board meeting will take place at the Adams's home on Monday at 7:30.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as published in the Tic Talk Times with the correction that \$100 was collected for the Boy's Republic. Motion passed.

Larry Squires informed the members that the Armillary Sphere had been located at the Acacia House Senior Center.

For the Beginners Corner, Dave Weisbart gave an interesting report on the Time Symposium that he had recently attended. The overall subject of the symposium was the impact of mass production on the American clock industry. The keynote speaker was Dr. Donald Hoak who surmised that the major contributor to interchangeable parts in American mass production was Eli Terry and not Eli Whitney as is generally accepted. Other speakers mentioned clock manufacturers in the years from 1835 through 1850 as major contributors.

The main program for the evening was a presentation by Jim Glidewell on the restoration of French statue clocks.



To begin, one needs to access whatever damage there may be. Inspect the marble base as well as the statue and other trim parts. A broken base can

be repaired using Devcon. The base can be sanded to a dull finish then spray on a clear wood finish gloss which seals the marble to a bright finish. Parts broken off of the statue can also be repaired with Devcon which, after drying, is smoothed with a Dremel tool. The Dremel tool is also used to smooth corrosion and pitting on the statue.

The statue is then hand sanded which can be quite time consuming. The metal is then primed with auto body primer.

Jim recommends using a dark bronze metallic paint for the background. To add patina, apply Rub and Buff using a Q tip then use a bristle brush to buff the statue (*below, left*). The gold parts of the statue are spray painted with Gold Plate, available from

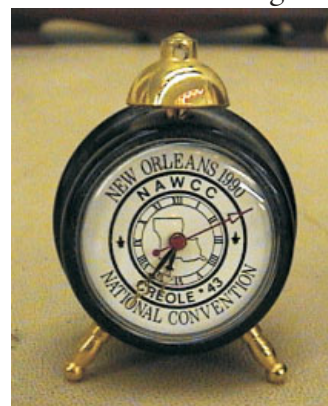
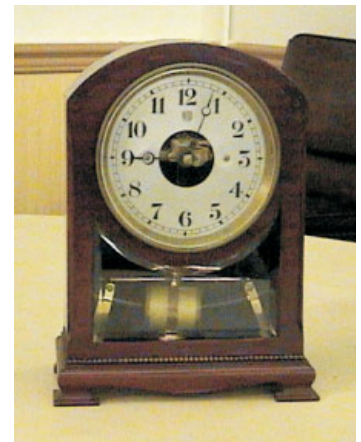
Ace Hardware. A gold leafing pen, available from Jo Ann's fabric store, is used to apply highlights to garland, etc. A crystal clear lacquer can then be sprayed to seal it all.

Show and Tell featured a Boule electric clock from about 1920 as shown by Doug Adams. Phyllis Adams brought a Bulova alarm clock whose case was made in Korea. Phyllis also brought a miniature clock from the 1990 NAWCC convention in New Orleans by Creole chapter 43. An Ingersol Fortuna watch from about 1900

was displayed by Bob Selene. Bob claims this to be one of the prettiest watches that he has seen – the color of the case is outstanding. Larry Squires brought a 992B Hamilton watch with the name Donald R Wright on the back (*opposite, bottom*). Larry stated that his brother-in-law's name is Donald L Wright. Roy Irick brought a statue of a mother and baby.

Door prizes were won by Julie Stevens, Elaine Irick and John Maloney.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.



## Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 5, 2007

A board meeting was held at Doug and Phyllis' Adams house.

Present: Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Cora Lee Linkenhoker, Bob Linkenhoker, Ellie Clark, Bill Clark, Ron Abbott, Debra Abbott

Doug gave a recap of Friday's meeting: Debra was elected to replace Ellie on the Board. Jim Glidewell's presentation on statue clocks went well. Ideas were discussed for the Christmas meeting. The auction idea will be put aside for now because not enough time. Members decided on the Ugly Clock Contest and a Singalong.

Board meeting discussion on Christmas Meeting: Bob will bring the DVD for Singalong.

We will do Beat the Clock next year. We will have an Ugly Clock Contest and an Ugly Watch Contest with a prize for each. Ellie will get 2 prizes \$10- \$15 each. Phyllis will be the 50/50 person instead of Bud.

January will have Installation of Board Officers. Doug will ask Bernie Peralta, Larry Squires or Gene Osten to officiate. There will be no beginners' corner but a program on Refinishing Clock Cases that Ray Brown has set up.

Last week there was a lot of noise in the lodge. The lodge called Ray last Friday but he was out of town and told them he'd try to contact Dave to let him know. If it happens again we will have to talk to the lodge.

We need audio speakers for our meetings. Ray suggested a lockable podium with microphone. Ron said it is called a seminar speaker and is available at Office Depot.

A new location for our Mart was suggested - after a lot of discussion various members will check into other locations: Ron & Debra - Huntington Beach, or Hilton at Huntington Beach;

Also suggested: Garden Grove, we will ask Larry. Fountain Valley, Ray will check into it. Brea? Bill & Ellie will ask about the Fullerton Ebell Club. For the mart we need 4,000 sq. ft. 50 tables, spend \$200-\$250 and up to \$200 on tables.

Discussion on if we want our mart open to the public. We have to ask permission from the NAWCC. Bob will make a list of e-mail addresses of board members. Should we change our meeting day in February? No. The next board meeting will be in January. We do not have a financial report yet.



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design, bad condition, or just plain bad taste. Two winners – one for clocks and one for watches – will win fabulous prizes! (Well, very nice prizes, anyway.)

A sing-along has become a relatively new tradition at Chapter 69. By popular request, we'll be singing the 12 Horological Days of Christmas, and Henry Work's classic "Grandfather's Clock," accompanied by Dave Weisbart's video karaoke.

And as always, we'll have door prizes at the end of the evening. So make plans to be there this Friday!

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## Dreger Clock *(from page 1)*

When Andrew passed away, his clock was moved to Knott's Berry Farm. Andrew's Sister Emily Dreger Holder was married to a neighbor of the Knott's, so it was fitting that Walter Knott was the one to save the clock for posterity by displaying it first in the "Ghost Town" area of the park in its Rose Garden. Later Knott's placed it out front of their ticket booths. For 50 years the clock fascinated visitors to the park.

But now the clock needs to be rescued for future generations again! The clock fell into disrepair and was eventually taken down from its place in front of Knott's Berry Farm. It disappeared from public view and ended up in a warehouse.

In August of 2007, Glenn Frank, a great grandson of Andrew noticed it was missing from in front of Knott's. With a little searching of the internet he found it again on – of all places – eBay! A few phone calls and emails to local organizations finally put him in touch with the Buena Park Historical Society. BPHS took up the challenge to save

this historic icon of their city and purchased the clock for restoration in October 2007.



**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

*The National  
ASSOCIATION OF  
WATCH & CLOCK  
Collectors, Inc.*  
Orange County Chapter No. 69  
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**Our Next Meeting: Friday, December 7, 2007**

*Program:*

**"Dreger Clock Restoration"  
plus  
Ugly Clock & Watch Contest  
and Sing-Along**

*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

*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*

No Beginner's Corner this month

*Show & Tell:*

Horological items beginning with the letter "C" or  
Holiday-themed clocks and watches

*Board Meeting:*

No Board Meeting This Month

**FREE ADMISSION WITH A PLATE  
OF HOLIDAY GOODIES!**

