

# THE Tic Talk Times



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National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Meeting minutes, Nov. 7, 2008

## Skeletal Happenings!



*Jim Glidewell making a point on building a skeleton clock.*

Dave Weisbart called the meeting to order at 8:00 and welcomed two guests, Nick (last name lost) and Bill Johnson. He thanked Debbie Abbott for the refreshments. The minutes were approved and it was announced that the Directors meeting will be Monday night, 7:30, at Ray Brown's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming marts are: Del Mar Regional, November 20-22, Sun City Mini Mart, Chapter 130, December 7, and the Greater LA Regional, February 5-7, 2009. The National Convention will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10-13, 2009.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Phyllis Adams told us that she saw Jan Duwe and Jan just had a second hip replacement. Phyllis spoke with Elaine Irick and Elaine will be at the Del Mar Regional.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to the

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This month

## Pulling Out All The Stops

Do you know the origin of the phrase "pull out all the stops"? It comes from pipe organs! When you pull out all the stops on the organ console, every pipe, horn, flute and reed sounds, making a big, joyous noise.

Check out all this things we're doing at our annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 5:

**Open Early** – First, we're opening the mart room at 6:30 for an extended mart party.

**Get in FREE** – Bring a plate of holiday food and get free admission!

**Silent Auction** – Everybody's got at least one clock or watch they'd like to sell. But most of us don't have enough stuff to fill a mart table. Well,

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Message from the president

## Linear Time

At the end of a year, it's natural to look back at what happened, to compare our circumstances now with what they were a year ago, and to project the possible influence of the past year's events on our futures.

Scientists and philosophers alike have difficulty answering the seemingly simple question, "What is time?" While the quantum physicists theorize about the relationship between time, space and the speed of light, and religious mystics seek a state of timelessness through meditation or ritual, most of us experience time as a purely linear movement.

I think a big part of that perception has to do with the role of clocks and watches in our world. The adherents of our hobby like to divide

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It's Chapter 69's

## Holiday Party!

Lots of fun for everyone!

- Free admission with a plate of holiday food
- 50/50 drawing
- Silent auction table
- Hour-and-a-half mart

And the premier of

"Horology Follies"

Mickey Mouse • Charlie Chaplain  
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## Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

American Clock and Watch Museum.

The slate of candidates for the board is as follows: Dave Weisbart, President; Doug Adams, Vice President; Julie Stevens, Secretary; Bob Linkenhoker, Treasurer, and Doug Lynn as Director. Gene Osten made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Motion passed by voice vote. The installation will be held at the January meeting.

Dave announced that at the December meeting, if you bring a plate of goodies, you get in for free. The program will be "Horology Follies."

Ray Brown presented the Beginner's Corner, "The 2009 Greater LA Regional Exhibit." The exhibit will be AC Collector Clocks. Ray brought a few examples including a great looking Art Deco clock, a '50s Mastercrafters that lights up. If you have an interesting AC clock, Ray wants it for the display! There were lots of questions and comments, thanks, Ray!

The evening's program was given by Jim Glidewell on, "The Making of a Skeleton Clock." Jim is President of Chapter 130 and a member of Chapter 136. Jim gave credit to Otto Gabler as technical director and Elsa Glidewell, photographer.

Jim has been a collector for many years and wanted to make a clock. After lots of thought, he decided it was too much of a task, and after more thought, he decided to make a skeleton clock, but not an ordinary one. He came across a grandfather's clock movement made of bronze with ivory pallets. The time train was in perfect condition, but the chime and strike train had parts missing.



Jim drew what he thought the finished clock should be, then cut the paper and glued it to metal for strength. He bought two sheets of 3/16" of brass, expecting the cost to be \$30. It was \$200 – so no mistakes! He cut the pattern in half and bolts it to the brass. He cut the outside with a band saw, cutting and cutting for hours. Then, hours of filing. The inside portions, he cut with a jeweler's saw – the hardest part of the job. Then filed and filed again. He drilled the pivot holes. Polished the brass with jeweler's rouge and a 1" wheel. Dirt right up the front of his shirt. He used the posts out of the old movement and began assembly.

He made the pendulum hanger and suspension spring. He said that was the easy part. He guessed at the length of the pendulum. It worked the first time!

For the dial, he used the center of an old Vienna Regulator dial he had. It fit perfectly. The hands were put on, the 3' pendulum, and it did run!

Jim made a wooden shelf with praying hands inlaid in the wood. Pray that it works! And it did.

Jim said the entire project took eight months and many, many, many hours. When asked if he would make another, he said yes, but this time he will go to a motorcycle shop where they cut brass with water in minutes!

The evening's Show and Tell was the Letter "M" or "AC Power Clocks." Les Lesovsky brought a Morbier. He said the "Other Kind of French Clock" compared to last months Brocot's. The Morbier and the Brocot are



from the same period, 1870. The Morbier's do not have the same delicacy of the Brocot. They strike on the hour, and then again a minute later. There is no warning before striking, they just go. Made to last 200 years! It has an anchor escapement, capable of driving an ornate brass pendulum. Tony asked why it strikes twice? Tony said he lost four hours of his life when repairing one of these. He thought it was his mistake that it was striking twice. There are two stories that were shared, one, the people out in the fields would hear the striking, stop work and wait again to count the strikes. Another story is the time between the striking allowed time for prayer.



Bernie Peralta brought a Movado Museum Watch. Most of them are black with a gold dot at the 12:00. Bernie's has a muted red dial. This is a transition watch between Movado and Zenith, as the dial has both names. It is a wind up watch. Movado means Motion, in Esperanto.

Doug Lynn brought a vial of Mercury! Or Mercury vapors that found at a Swap Meet. Dave Weisbart brought Ansonia's Macbeth, with a perfect dial. Ray Brown brought an AC powered Mystery Clock, a Jefferson Helmsman clock. an Anchor is the hand.

Dave thanked Derald and Irene Kliem for handling and mailing the Tic Toc Times.

The door prizes were won by Elsa Glidewell, Doug Adams and Doug Lynn.



## Super Mart Plans

Members in attendance: Dave Weisbart, Bob Linkenhoker, Doug Adams, Phyllis Adams, Ray Brown, Doug Lynn, Ken Lynn, Debbie Abbott, Ron Abbott, Buffy Brown and Julie Stevens.

President Dave Weisbart began the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Major discussion of the May mini-mart.

Doug Lynn will be the Chairman of the mini-mart. The El Bekal site, the same as last year, is penciled in for Saturday, May 16, 2009. For the room, the Oasis room and tables, the cost is \$500. There is no kitchen available. This is the same venue as last year.

We discussed food options. We do not have access to the griddle this year. It was agreed that coffee and donuts will be served and free. Maybe sell water? For lunch, Subway and chips? Someone suggested a detailed map on the flier.

Bob Linkenhoker will handle the money. Doug and Phyllis Adams will do the badges again this year.

The layout is the same as last year. Security – TBD. End of mart discussion.

Dave brought up the possible purchase of a lectern and amplifier. Last time we looked into this, the cost was \$450. Dave and Doug will look into the cost.

Ray Brown said the Tic Talk Times needs to be completed a week earlier this month and December. He asked that everyone send him their submissions earlier.

January 2, 2009 is the first meeting of the year. The Greater LA Regional is February 2, 2009. Should we look into changing our February meeting to Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>?

Phyllis Adams said people are returning their library books.

Dave Weisbart said the task of putting the videos on to DVDs is coming along. We need 50 cases for the DVDs. Dave will tell Julie where to order and Julie will order. The only other expense will be the labels.

Bob Linkenhoker asked for invoices from the last meeting so he could reimburse.

It was decided that the December mart will start at 6:30 and the meeting will have a Silent Auction. A \$1.00 entry fee will be charged. Doug and Phyllis have the silent auction forms.

Julie Stevens will do the 50/50 drawing at the December meeting. \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

January 2009 will be the installation of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## This Month (from page 1)

bring your item(s) and for just \$1.00 per item, you can place it on our silent auction table. Set your minimum price and watch it sell!

**50/50 Drawing** – For \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets, you can win big in our annual drawing. This also benefits the chapter.

**Horology Follies** – Our program is a compilation of humorous skits and animations, all clock related, from some of the biggest names in comedy: Sid Caesar, Charlie Chaplain, Mickey Mouse, Monty Python's Flying Circus, England's "Goon Show" and more. Guaranteed laughs galore!

## Presidents Message (from page 1)

this linear time into short bursts which represent a known fraction of an agreed-upon average of our earth's rotation and its orbit around the sun. It's a curious obsession for some of us, yet for most people, it is a casually accepted reference for measuring our linear time.

When we "look back" at time that has passed, we retrieve scattered memories and a few recordings of what was. When we "look forward," some things we can predict with relative certainty, but most of our thoughts about the future are shaped by our individual emotional natures. Some view the future with fear, others with hope. We are certain, however, that tomorrow will be 24 hours long.

When I look back at the last 11 months (or 334 days, or 8,016 hours), my memories include both great personal joy, and the anguish of my community over losses of property, economic security, and civil rights. But I am, I think, a hopeful person with regard to the future. (I think any self-employed person has to be.) As I am now closer to the end of my life than its beginning, and as my perception of time changes (can someone tell me where October went?), my personal past becomes an ever-richer tapestry of life experiences, and I become somewhat more sanguine about my future.

So I shall continue my work of dividing linear time as accurately as my chosen technology allows. And time, as the saying goes, marches on. Happy New Year (whatever that means).

— Dave Weisbart



**DATED MEETING NOTICE  
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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**Our Next Meeting: Friday, December 5, 2008**

*Program:*

It's Chapter 69's  
**Holiday Party!**  
Lots of fun for everyone!  
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• \$0/\$50 drawing  
• Silent auction table  
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And the premier of  
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*Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:*  
No Beginner's Corner this month

*Show & Tell:*  
Horological items beginning with the letter "N" or  
Holiday-themed clocks and watches

*Board Meeting:*  
No Board Meeting This Month

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

*Time:* **6:30** – 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

