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Newsletter of Orange County Chapter 69 of the
National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

General Meeting Nov.12, 2010

An Art Deco Time



*Neil Kuns, with a Lawson clock
from our November Program*

The Meeting was called to order by President Doug Adams.

We had one guest, Leon Coufel, and we thanked Sally for the refreshments.

New Business: Gene Osten gave a Nominating Committee report:

We have openings for officers and 3 directors, which includes one director filling a vacancy. We have a vacancy for the office of Vice President, who is in charge of programs. Dave suggested we put together a committee to arrange the programs.

The slate is as follows:

President – Ray Brown

Vice President – Phyllis Adams

Plus a committee consisting of Dave Weisbart, Doug Adams, Gene Osten and two more people.

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This Month

It's your show!

This December we continue our tradition of having an “untraditional” meeting in keeping with the end of year Holidays. In the past we have had games, sing-alongs and other activities in keeping with a festive spirit. This year, we are having something different...we are having a potluck of sorts with the program provided by the membership. The Pot Luck will consist of members presenting a story of a special watch or clock...an extended show and tell but not limited to a category or special letter. Bring a Horological item that has a special story to tell. Don't limit yourself to just a watch or clock but consider a unique tool or even an advertisement or even a horologically related story that would be of interest to members. You might also want to share a new purchase from the recent regional in Del Mar! Be creative, bring something neat, don't be afraid to brag a little!

We will also have a raffle for a restored Westminster chime clock, a good holiday present and all proceeds go to support our chapter too!



Clock Raffle



Forester British Clock donated by Bill Bruce. It has a Westminster Chime and was restored by Dave Weisbart and Tony Baker for this raffle.



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.

Meeting Minutes *(from page 1)*

Treasurer – Bob Linkenhoker

Secretary – Dave Weisbart

Board – Doug Lynn, Ken Lynn, Ed Athey, Annette Di Mino, Charles Register (who will be a Director Emeritus, so he can show up at his convenience).

This slate was received with no objections.

New Business: The financial records for the past two years have been reviewed by Gene Osten and are in good shape.

Beginner's Corner – Dave Weisbart gave a presentation on the Ward Francillon Symposium that was held in Williamsburg, VA. There were about 120 attendees and 18 of them were from California. Dave attended many lectures and workshops that he thoroughly enjoyed. He spoke of and took photos of: an Aaron Willard tall clock, a Henry Taylor tall clock and the piece de resistance, a Thomas Tompion Clock, ca 1700. He also went behind the scenes to see the Colonial Williamsburg Conservation Building. Another lecture he mentioned was on the clock from the U.S.S. Monitor.

Our program tonight was presented by Neil Kuns on the Lawson Clock Co. of Los Angeles which then moved to Pasadena and finally to Alhambra. It was one of 4 electric clock companies in California in the 1930's. The four were: Stanford Clock Co.; James Remindo Clock Co.; Kit Kat Clocks, and Lawson Time Limited. There was also Penwood Clock Co. in Pennsylvania. The metal cases came from Crown City Plating Co. also in Pasadena.

In 1948 H.W. Fenenbock was President in Alhambra. This was dissolved in 1951 but was still in



Various Lawson Clock's from Neil's presentation

business as a sole proprietorship until 1981. It was still run by Mr. Fenenbock. He also has a pen shop in Disneyland called Swanee's and was a salesman and the largest distributor of Parker Pens. He used some of the space for pen sets.

The time line is as follows: 1934-40 Los Angeles, 1940-42 Pasadena, 1946-1981 Alhambra. The company used many different motors including Waltham, Telechron B and Synchron. The company also used different varieties of materials used for cases. Model 36, Skyscraper style, 1954, was plastic and cost \$19.45. In 1938 The Zephyr was a metal clock, Model 304 that was attributed to K.E.M. Weber but not proven to be designed by him.

The December program will include an extended show and tell by all members who wish to participate. Categories include: your favorite clock, your first timepiece, ugliest clock, whatever comes to mind. Also a raffle will be held exclusively for the Forester British Clock donated by Bill Bruce. It has a Westminster Chime and was restored by Dave Weisbart and Tony Baker for this raffle.

Gary Walters' Seth Thomas mantel clocks, named "Prospect" to go along with our letter "P" November letter category.



Show & Tell: Gary Walters showed Seth Thomas shelf clocks, Prospect models. Leon Coufel showed a cuckoo clock that he had made, including a carved pendulum.

~Phyllis Adams



Leon's cuckoo clock from November's Show & Tell

Scenes From Williamsburg

2010 Ward Francillon Time Symposium



Room used for main lectures at the Croune Plaza



The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum



(Above) Thomas Tompion clock and watch. (Right) Tall case clock by Rife & Whipple.



Greater Los Angeles Regional February 4th & 5th 2011!

The Greater Los Angeles Regional, a two-day event on February 4 & 6, 2011, will be here before we know it! The regional is located as in past years at the Pasadena Convention Center in a brand new expansion opened last year. The next LA Regional will not occur until 2013, as the GLAR committee, along with others, will be working on the National Convention to be held in Pasadena in June of 2012 at the Convention Center. So don't miss this chance to participate in the 2011 Regional!

In addition to the Mart, we have a series of presentations for NAWCC members and the public plus an exhibit focused on clocks and watches with a California connection. Our banquet on Saturday now offers a choice of entrees with a chance to network with friends and enjoy the food and entertainment. Members can get more information and register online at our website <http://www.nawcc-glar.com>. Applications are also available in the December issue of the NAWCC "Mart" or pick up an application at our chapter meeting.

On Saturday, February 5, we will be open to the public. Public Day provides additional customers for our Mart, introduces potential members to the NAWCC, and helps serve our NAWCC mission as an educational not-for-profit organization.



**DATED MEETING NOTICE
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

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Our Next Meeting: Friday, December 3, 2010

Program:

**"It's Your Show!"
Plus Raffle &
Holiday Goodies**

Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

Show & Tell:

Bring your "Special Watch or Clock!" or share a recent purchase from the November Regional at Del Mar.

Board Meeting:

No Board Meeting This Month

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

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

