



Meeting minutes, Nov. 4, 2011

## Volunteerism is Alive

President Ray Brown called our meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The arrangement of the hall was unorthodox. The 19 members in attendance sat in a circle, a layout conducive to exchange of ideas.

Ray thanked Annette DiMino for bringing the refreshments (even though she was not scheduled to do so that night). He also explained that Chapter 69 is a corporation, which makes the formality of approving the



Ray Brown's Junghans  
"Electronom" clock

minutes imperative. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the Tic Talk Times.

We were reminded that there is a board meeting scheduled at the Adams' home on January 9. We were also reminded of the upcoming marts:

- Southwest California Regional, 17-19 of November
- Riverside Chapter's mart in Sun City on December 4
- The National convention in Pasadena in June

With the routine business out of the way, Ray delved into the reason for this special meeting. Both he and Secretary Dave Weisbart must leave the board at the end of this year due to other responsibilities. The pool of regular volunteers to do the work of the chapter has been shrinking, and Ray said he wanted to see a "course correction."

Phyllis Adams asked about the financial state of the chapter. She was told that money was not at all the issue – we're doing well in that department. But we needed volunteers to fill the board positions.

Phyllis then said she would take on the job of chapter secretary.

Several ideas were floated regarding increasing attendance. Larry Squires suggested a different night of the week. There ensued a discussion of marts, programs, meeting nights, outreach and other things that might get more people to come to the meeting. Dave Weisbart pointed out that a formal survey of our members was done years ago on exactly these issues. At that time, the chapter seemed to be on the right course. He also pointed out that there has never been a shortage of ideas to make the meetings better, just a shortage of volunteers to implement them.

Doug Adams pointed out that there have been very few new board

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*This month*

## The Follies Return

Back at our Holiday Party in 2008, Dave Weisbart introduced the "Horology Follies," 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 others. Thanks to some contributions discovered by Ray Brown, we have an expanded version of the follies to entertain you at this month's Holiday Party.

We'll also have our traditional 50/50 raffle. And don't forget that you get free admission to the meeting if you bring a plate of holiday finger-food. You're sure to have a great time. See you there!

It's Chapter 69's  
**Holiday Party!**



**HO HO HO**

**plus**

**"Horology Follies"**



- Free admission with a plate of holiday food
- 50/50 drawing
- Mickey Mouse
- Charlie Chaplain
- Sid Caesar
- Monty Python & more!

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members over the last many years, and that the same people have been playing musical chairs in the various board positions. Ray explained the duties of the president – primarily overseeing operations, M.C.-ing the meetings, and running the board meetings. He put out his first call for volunteers to be president.

Dave put forward the possibility that if the chapter were less ambitious, the work load would be lessened for all. He suggested fewer meetings each year. Ray responded with an idea that the chapter hold a total of six events per year: four general meetings with programs, our Goodyear Supermart, and the Directors' Pot Luck.

There was a discussion of the disposition of Chapter 4 after it dissolved earlier this year, including distribution of its remaining assets.

At that point, volunteerism came alive. Christopher Mabry volunteered to produce the Tic Talk Times. Phyllis Adams reiterated her willingness to be secretary. Bob Linkenhoker said he would continue as treasurer. Paul Martyn volunteered to join the board as vice-president. And long-time member Sally DiMino said she would be president! We had a board!

The slate was approved by the membership.

We finished the meeting with our traditional Show & Tell and door prizes. Our letter was "E". Doug Lynn had on display an E. Ingraham ebonized wood mantel clock.



Ray Brown brought a fascinating Junghans "Electronom" wall clock that actually worked on hot air! A "bulb" with a heating filament inside was connected via a rubber tube to the movement (*above*). At regular intervals, the filament would heat up (not to glowing) and push hot air through the tube. That energy was converted to wind a small spring that kept the movement going. Ray told us that this contraption was invented by one Martin Fisher in 1926.

Larry Squires brought a Earthquake survivor – an Ansonia white onyx that is said to have made it through the Great 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

Door prizes went to Christopher Mabry, Bob Linkenhoker and Phyllis Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

### Our Next Meeting: Friday, December 2, 2011

#### Program:

**HOLIDAY PARTY!**  
**"Horology Follies"**  
**50/50 Raffle**

#### Beginner's Corner Mini-Seminar:

No Beginner's Corner this month

#### Show & Tell:

Horological items beginning with the letter "F"

#### 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

