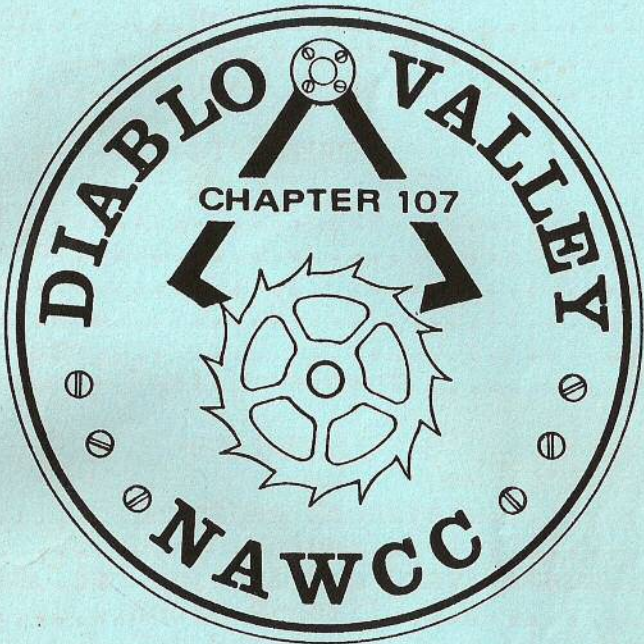


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CHAPTER MOTTO: Accent on Education

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
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The October meeting just goes to show you that we have a lot of talent in our chapter. The workshop idea is a good skill sharing format, and, from what I heard, should be repeated on a regular basis. It will be difficult for the program planners to create rich and meaningful events without your input. That input comes in two parts, by the way. By use of the suggestion box or telephone or one on one, let your program interest or desires known. You can even leave your name off the record if you wish. However, the program team will have to know who can perform the demonstration. We will need a talent bank. If you have a skill, and would like to share it, GREAT! If you have a skill but would like some help in presentation to a group, that can be worked out also. The key is, do not hide your candle under a basket.

In December you will be selecting a new slate of officers. You will find the nominating committee's offering in this Bulletin. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to voting.

As you can imagine, I will have more to say about this years crew of officers when we meet in December.

Royal English

*Royal*

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ATTENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Our new president will be making his plans for the next Executive Committee Meeting and will let you know when and where the next meeting will be held. All Committee Chairmen should be there as well as the Executive Committee. The more people that can be present, the more ideas there will be available. ....While we're on the subject, it takes about 2½ hours of your time six times a year to keep the association running smoothly. Don't be a "No-man". The association wasn't built by people who said no. Most of the Chairmanships require little or no time. The most time consuming are Membership and Bulletin. The added benefit is being able to see the collections of other members at whose houses the meetings take place. So when you are approached, say yes, and immediately appoint an assistant.

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Diablo Valley Chapter #107 meeting schedule is the second Sunday in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December. ONLY DECEMBER 13th REMAINS IN 1981!

This will be our "Pot Luck" meeting, luncheon, and social. Bring your recipies along for those who may wish to try it at home.

The rest of the meeting will be devoted to the election of officers for 1982, the Mart, Display and Raffle!

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A T T E N T I O N ! ! !

Deadline for the February issue will be January 10th. Committee Chairmen, Secretary, and other contributors please put this date on your calander!



MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 13, 1981

Mart Set-up: 12:45 to 1:00

Mart Opens: 1:00

Meeting Begins: 2:00

Display Theme: Fakes, marriages, forgeries and Christmas Presents

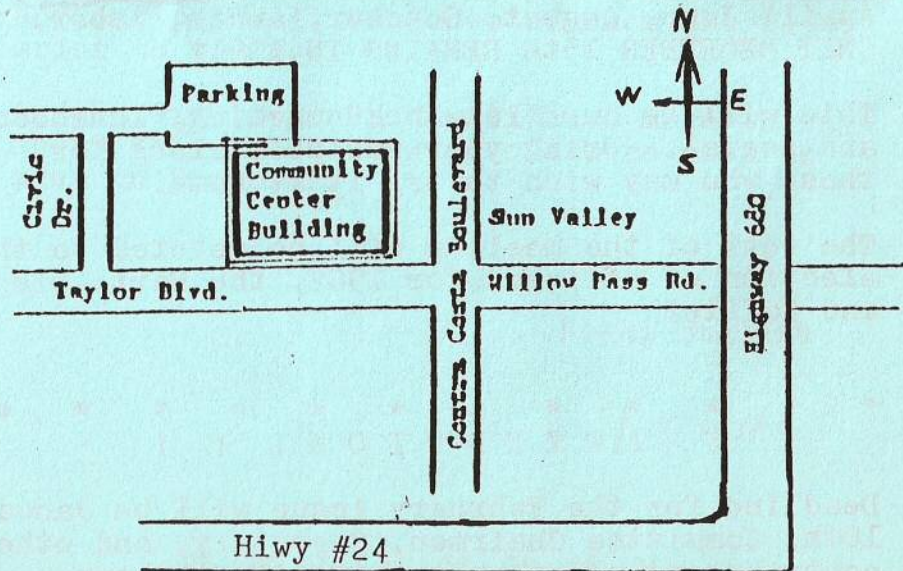
PROGRAM: POT LUCK LUNCHEON & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dues: Chapter members \$15.00 (includes refreshment donation)

Refreshment donation \$1.00 non-member (kids Free)

Mart: Free!!!!

At: The Pleasant Hill Recreation Center Civic Drive Pleasant Hill, Cal.



FOR SALE

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ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN IS FREE TO OUR MEMBERS. WE WILL ACCEPT ADVERTISING FROM NAWCC MEMBERS OUTSIDE OUR LOCAL CHAPTER AT A FEE OF \$5.00 per 1/2 PAGE, AND \$10.00 FOR A FULL PAGE. SEND YOUR ADS TO DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER #107, BOX 23315, PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA 94523

MEMBERSHIP IN OUR CHAPTER IS \$15.00 per YEAR.

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If you are looking for a good selection of long case clocks, call...

John North 676-9188

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DEPTHING TOOL

\$175.00

Call John Sanderson 937-6272

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Always a good selection of American and European watches. French Mantle clocks, English Skeletons, and Vienna Regulators.

Don Levison 567-4555

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Silvering Powder packet \$5.00

John Sanderson 937-6272

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FOR SALE  
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BANJO'S

are getting harder and harder to get, but I have some spring driven and weight driven ones available. Give me a call and come see what I have....English, American, French, German... big clocks, little clocks, I have them all!

Karl Von Mecklenburg (415) 228-6006

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Blick Time Clock \$375.

John Sanderson 937-6272

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Decals for your clocks to replace the missing one!

Dorothy Glenk 835-9039

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I am stocking a few books now as well as some nice novelty clocks. Come in and look around.

Scott Hampton 284-4720

GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

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ANSONIA GENERAL Bargain Price!!!!!! MINT!

Karl Von Mecklenburg \$2450.

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WANTS  
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I buy clockwork mechanical dolls and toys.

Karl Walker 532-0984

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I am always in the market for high quality, complicated, beautiful American, English and European pocket watches and wrist watches.

Don Levison 567-4555

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I still need a movement for my wall mission clock. If you have one, see me at the next meeting or call.

John Sanderson 937=6272

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I need the minute hand assembly for a thirty year old Elgin nurses watch. It is a Model # 547-15j G.F. watch. Some modern day botcher took it off and threw it away when he either couldn't repair it or my mother-in-law didn't want to pay the price to repair it!

Dorothea Sanderson 937-6272

Grandfather movement - 8 day with or without dial plate ca. 1850 or before...prefer with sec. and calendar hands.

Bob Prochnow 449-5956

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

HEAR YE!                      HEAR YE!                      HEAR YE!

Well, it's that time again! That is, time to start thinking about renewing your 1982 membership. It sure rolls around fast, doesn't it!

The membership cost remains the same as last year, which is \$15.00 per person. The \$15.00 price includes a \$5.00 charge for refreshments. I'd like to mention that membership renewal can be mailed in, or transacted at our regular meetings.

As in the past, any member who has not renewed by the February meeting will no longer receive the "Bulletin" until they have renewed for 1982.

Don Gianinni

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!



Nancy Walker

Glad to have you with us. See Royal for duty assignments! (or our new president!)

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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DRAWING

Remember, the December Drawing is FREE, one ticket for each person attending - except - each person bringing one or more display items will get one extra ticket.

Our new member, Shelly Bergman, has volunteered to take over the drawing for 1982. I thank her for stepping forward, and know all of you will help her do a super job.

Over the two years I had the drawing we have taken in \$330.50 and given \$209.76 worth of gifts, plus many nice donated gifts (including the gifts for December 1981). So you can see it has been a small income source for the Chapter, netting about \$50.00 each year.

I hope you have enjoyed the drawing as much as I have enjoyed doing it. Good luck, Shelly!

John North

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ATTENTION: LIBRARY LOVERS!!!!

Your Library is missing National Bulletins # 145, 155, and 175. We would appreciate return or donations of same. Any one wishing to donate BOOKS or BULLETINS is very welcome to do so. 1969 and older can be used. THANKS to all the donors, and borrowers for a very active "reading" year. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SANDY



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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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REFRESHMENTS

It's December - and that means Pot Luck Time!  
Our annual feast is a great opportunity to show  
off your favorite recipe. Bring a dish to  
the meeting that will feed eight to ten people.

Here's what we need:

Names beginning with:	Bring:
a-d	Desserts
e-i	Meat & Meat Casseroles
j-m	Vegetables & Vegetable Casseroles
n-s	Salads: Green, jello Fruit, etc.
t-z	Chips, dips, relishes rolls

Please help to make this another successful  
Pot Luck! Happy Holidays!

Bud & Tom

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DISPLAY

Fakes, marriages, forgeries, and Christmas  
Presents! Strange combination??? Unh-unh!  
I bought one for my spouse last year that I  
think fits into all four categories!

There may be some of you who are not sure about  
clock, and may like to ask someone about it!  
Bring it and ask...besides you will get a free  
DRAWING ticket!



The  
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1982

Proceedure:

1. Mark this ballot,
2. Remove this entire centerfold from book,
3. Fold, with adress on outside, fasten with a staple or tape and drop in mail.
4. All mail ballots must be postmarked prior to December 5th.

If you are certain of being at the December meeting:

Bring your ballot to the meeting and deposit in the ballot box PRIOR to the start of the meeting.

	Yes	No
<u>President:</u>		
Phillip Russell	_____	_____
<u>Vice President:</u>		
Fred Cuthill	_____	_____
<u>Vice President:</u>		
Bob Prochnow	_____	_____
<u>Director: (vote for three)</u>		
Warren Hampton	_____	_____
Jay Hinkel	_____	_____
Andre Aldenhuysen	_____	_____
<u>Treasurer:</u>		
Jane Saville	_____	_____
<u>Secretary:</u>		
Marilyn McCartney	_____	_____



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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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MART CHAIRMAN

Mart set-up will be a little later this meeting. (see program page). The Mart set up will be at 12:45 with Mart opening at 1:00. It's Christmas so bring your goodies. It's the right time to sell! Let's make this one the biggest of the year!

We will also have a Silent Auction. Look around and see what you have for the Silent Auction. Let's have this one be the best of the year too. The Mart & the Silent Auction are two of the reasons that our meetings are fun! So get with it!

The  
Phantom  
Turkey



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PROGRAM

We would like to thank all who participated our programs this year and made them the success they were.

Anybody who will be willing to participate in the workshops of 1982 see the present chairmen or the new ones as soon as they are named. We need talent for we all like to learn more about our collections.



The  
Phantom  
Turkey



## CLOCK FEVER

### and Associated Cardiac Effects

Let me preface this story by saying that I am not usually laid low by clock fever. After collecting for nearly 25 years I have mellowed and I don't let a clock grab me by the collar like I once did. But recently I looked at a clock that "turned me on" like none I have ever seen.

I answered an ad on a master clock that interested me, a Cincinnati Time Recorder Co. special with an impulse dial to go with it. I met its owner and immediately found him to be quite an interesting person. He did make me a little uncomfortable though, being a bit on the nervous side--- talking at an accelerated rate that sometimes exceeded the intake capability of my brain!

We moved on to the den where the clock resided, and at first sight my heart began beating with excitement. This feeling actually worried me, since my heart has not been all that reliable in the last few years! The clock was in nice shape and was all that I had anticipated, but not the type of piece to warrant a feeling like I had just unearthed a buried treasure.

I was then escorted to the other end of the house where the slave was ably demonstrated. My heart returned to normal as quickly as it had departed, and after a few more minutes I left with the promise to call back in a few days.

I'll have to admit a couple of things-- first, I liked the clock but didn't feel like it was the right time to buy it, and second, I was perplexed about why that



## CLOCK FEVER Cbnt'd

clock had affected me so. The more I thought about it, the more I wanted to see that darned clock again. So instead of making a token phone call to thank the owner for showing me his clock, I arranged to take a second look. The only problem was I would have to wait a couple of days to accommodate the schedule of my friend who explained he was in the middle of a great project that he could not put aside. So I chomped on the bit for a day or so. That extra time to think did clear my head, though, and as I drove towards my friend's house I thought again that perhaps I would just take a quick last look and depart. I wasn't ready, after all, to spend that kind of money now anyway.

When I knocked on the door, I was greeted by my talkative friend who said he had just finished a great invention. An inventor, huh? That coincided with my earlier thoughts of his rather hyperkinetic tendencies! He led me to his hobby room, where the workbench was a mass of wires, small parts, and miscellaneous hardware. His 15 minute explanation of what he had just created didn't really enlighten me. I just made a few mental notes about the basic personality of an electronics nut. Then, as we entered the den and the clock came into view it happened again! My heart began throbbing at an alarming rate! I took a look in the bottom of the case and noticed an unusual array of wires and circuits that didn't at all look like original impulse producing circuitry. With my heart beating like it was, I stopped to think about what to do next. Was this





an advanced, uncontrollable case of clock fever? Or was the old ticker just giving me more problems? And then I began to piece this whole thing together. I asked what he had put in the bottom of the clock case, (presumably to actuate the dial in the other room). He went into a totally over-my-head dissertation on this wireless transmitter that actuates the slave. After gently bringing him down to my level of understanding, I discovered that this transmitter was strong enough to foul up the pacemaker that I had been wearing for the last three years. I left the den and just as suddenly my heart returned to normal. Now it was my turn to explain what I had just gone through. I can still hear his laughter. Why, he just didn't realize that what appeared to be a case of clock fever nearly progressed to cardiac overload! To me it was no laughing matter. It could have been the first known terminal case of clock fever!

#### The Phantom Pigeon



#### Clocks Designated as National Monument

In 1953, the Board of Public Works in Seattle, Washington recommended to the city council that all street clocks be removed. A strong fight ensued, led by the local chapters, NAWCC and others. The fight was long and bitter, but victory came in 1980 when the remaining ten street clocks were declared historical landmarks. The battle was won, but the war went on.

The Seattle City Council passed a resolution, and eventually a city ordinance requiring the clocks to keep accurate time. All is quiet along Pike Street in Seattle, except for the ticking of some grand old pieces from another day.

Royal

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Filippo Brunelleschi was a famous architect in Renaissance Italy. One of his feats, a tough one at that time, was to design the coupla over the Santa Maria Dei Fiori in Florence, no easy accomplishment in that day.

Few people are aware that Filippo was also a clockmaker. According to Vasari, his biographer he made several of them. Unfortunately, Vasari did not describe any of them.

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## 17th CENTURY HOROLOGICAL TRIVIA

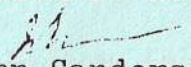
Charles II of England (1630-1685) was known for being a ladies man. He was also a staunch patron of science, horology in particular.

It was in honor of his patronage that the seconds pendulum was known as the Royal Pendulum. Hooke's balance spring experiment was first demonstrated for him. (the 14 foot pendulum kept oscilating by a watch balance).

Charles was a true clock nut for he had seven in his bedroom which didn't bother him but the lack of striking synchronization drove his servants crazy.

On his deathbed, with family gathered, he told his brother, who succeeded him, to "be kind to Portsmouth" (a mistress) and "let not poor Nelly starve" (another mistress, Nell Gwyn).

He then asked that the curtains be drawn as he wanted to see the dawn for the last time. Next he asked that the new 8 day clock be wound for it was the day. He died at noon.

  
John Sanderson



## TICK FEVER...

### Famous Marriages.

Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet... Well, you can see I'm not talking about real marriages, just love affairs. And don't let your love affair with a clock or watch trick you into buying a "marriage" unknowingly.

"Marriage" is the word collectors use to describe a clock or watch where the movement is not original to the case. Of course that reduces the value of the piece significantly. You may want to buy the piece even knowing it is a marriage, but you should pay accordingly.

An honest dealer or fellow collector will tell you he is selling a marriage, if he knows. Sometimes its hard to tell, but usually it isn't.

A few tips I've found useful to detect marriages are:

1. The price. If its too low to be true, watch out.
2. Extra holes in the case where a different movement was mounted. In a watch, open the back and look for screw head marks on the case where a different movement's case screws originally were.
3. Patches on the dial where the winding holes have been moved, or a completely replaced dial. Sometimes the dial comes with the wrong movement and you will find wrong screw holes in the case under the dial, where the old original dial pan was screwed on.



4. Disagreement between maker's name on movement and on case, even if screw holes match.
5. Cut off seat boards or trimmed side pieces which support seat board on a tall clock.
6. Poor fit of the case around the dial of a tall clock.
7. And of course, wrong period or nationality such as an English movement in a German case.

Just keep your eyes open, above all, ask the seller if the clock is all original or what parts are not, and don't be in too much of a hurry to buy. In passion, we all lose our critical facilities, they say.

*John North*

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Bub Ehlur, The maker of good coffee at each of our chapter meetings, sallied forth this summer past, to see the old steam powered street clock in Vancouver, BC.

ROYAL

*ROYAL*

HOW ABOUT SOME INPUT TO DOROTHY'S SUGGESTION!

ANY MORE COMMENTS!!!!!!!!!!



THE ANSWER BOX:

Since our chapter "dedicated to education" has been established, I have been asked by many many people horological questions; not indeed because I know much about the restoration, cleaning and bushing of movements, but I guess, because I have done much research in the history of clocks, case styles and movements. I consider this aspect to be an important facet of the business of horology. I must say that I have been pleased to be consulted about the many phases of case style and movement design of many old and perhaps unique clocks and would like to continue to contribute my services as best I can to the continuance of this endeavor.

I would like to propose to the chapter a committee of experts (not that we all are) to be available at meetings and otherwise to help "oldsters" and "newsters" with horological problems.



Please count on me: Dorothy Glenk, 825-9039.  
And others: -----

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SUGGESTION BOX



Folks, remember that the Suggestion Box is for your benefit. It appears at every meeting for your use so that you can be heard at our Executive Committee meetings. The suggestions from the box are always discussed, and a report made in the Bulletin or announced at the next meeting.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

This is the third anniversary issue of your bulletin, and I hope this will be the best year. We will soon have a new set of Committee Chairmen, and I urge you to read your by-laws, and be aware of what is expected of you. In some cases, you are expected to write something for your bulletin in every issue, examples are Display, Program, Secretary, President. In others, Treasurer, Refreshments, Nominations, and Mart, the requirements are less. If you want bigger marts, the Mart Chairman should use the bulletin to drum up more enthusiasm for it. There is no reason that he can't be involved with the Mart section of the bulletin either!

Display chairman and Program Committee (the two Vice Presidents) MUST have the programs and displays NAILED down for the year, and ready for approval by the Board before the end of March.....not just suggestions.

All Committees will be responsible to work out their budget for the year, and submitted to the Treasurer's report in March.

MAKE IT WORK BY DOING YOUR JOB!

We have had some new contributors this year the latest one being The Phantom Pigeon! I think I know who he is, but I'm not sure. If you have something to contribute, see me at the meeting. I am usually right next to Sandy & the Library.

