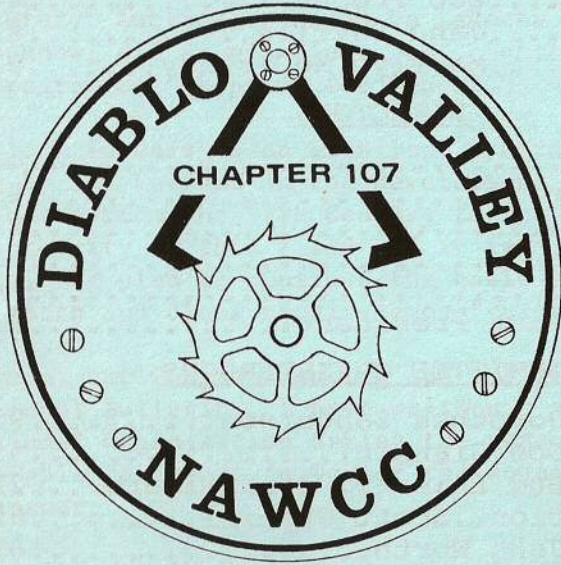


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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND  
CLOCK COLLECTORS

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CHAPTER MOTTO: Accent on Education

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\*\*\*\*\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*

I am sure everyone enjoyed the past June 13 meeting. We are looking for future meetings to be equally entertaining and educational. The White Elephant auction was certainly a success, not only entertaining, but netting \$101.20 to the chapter. Auctioneer Wayne De LaRoche and his aide, Bob Prochnow, did an excellent job. Scott Hampton had a great program on "Shopping for Clocks."

We can look forward to an excellent program at the August 8 meeting by Don Levison on the Development of the European Pocket Watch from the 17th Century to the present. Don is an authority in this field and it is a program you should not miss. We plan to continue the basic education programs with a watch and clock repair demonstration.

Once again, our Chapter meeting and activity failed to make the National Bulletin. I have written a personal note to the National Organization asking the reasons. Hopefully, I'll be able to report to you at the August meeting on their answer.

Time runneth on--the selection of candidates for the Chapter's 1983 officers is almost here. The Nominating Committee of Bob Prochnow, Wayne De Laroche, and Bob Wahrer will present their recommended slate of officers at the next Executive Board Meeting to be put in the October Bulletin. If you are interested in a position or want to suggest a candidate at the August meeting, please let the committee or me know or use the Suggestion Box. Candidates can be nominated from the floor at the October meeting.

We still need to have some "come-on" listings of timepieces for the December Auction. Please let us have a tentative listing of a few timepieces you plan to auction.

If you would like to see more workshops of a basic nature, let us know by the Suggestion Box or talk to me. Our theme is education. If you want to present a short program of 10-15 minutes, this can be arranged. I want our membership to be knowledgeable about timepieces and I'll do what I can to help.

We still want more sellers at the MART. Space is free, and customers are available. Also, we would like to have more contributors to the Bulletin. No particular format or paper is needed to submit your articles.

Through the expert help of Jay Hinkel, we now have our "Books" audited and a new fiscal control system. Thanks, Jay, for your fine help.

Please bring a display watch or a special display. See you on Sunday, August 8.

*Blud*

President

#### ATTENTION - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Aug. 16 th. unless otherwise informed, it will be held at President Russell's house. Although Officers and Directors are the only ones who can vote, input from committee chairmen is greatly appreciated, and welcome.

Let's see some new faces. It's only for a couple of hours and you might find it fun!

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#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Chapter #107 meets on the second Sunday in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The dates remaining in '82 are: August 8th  
October 10th, and December 12th. We have some good programs and special events yet to come this year ending with our Pot Luck Luncheon in December.

MEETING DATE: August 8th 1982

MART SET-UP: 11:30  
MART OPENS: 12:00

MEETING BEGINS: 1:00

DISPLAY THEME: EUROPEAN POCKET WATCHES

PROGRAM: Development of the European Pocket Watch - 17th through 20th Century

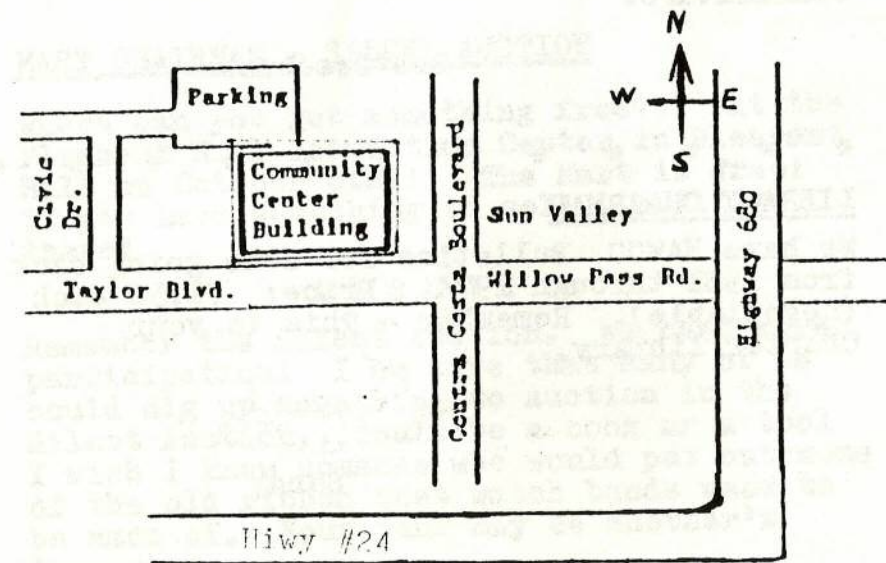
By: Don Levison

NEW: QUESTION AND IDENTIFICATION  
Dorothy Glenk & Royal English

DUES: Chapter members \$15.00 (includes refreshment donation. (kids free!))

MART: Free! Free! Free!!

AT: Pleasant Hill Recreation Center  
Civic Drive  
Pleasant Hill, Cal.



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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN

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DISPLAY CHAIRMAN

Some of the most beautiful pocket watches ever made came from Europe. Of course, we think of Swiss and French watches, but the Germans made fine ones too, and the Danes, and others. Bring a few of your nice ones to show. Remember, if you bring one or more, you'll get a free drawing ticket as the Chapter's thanks to you.

John North

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NOMINATION CHAIRMAN

Would you like to be President, Director, or serve as a Chairman? The committee is looking for those of you who are interested in any position. Please see one of us at the next meeting to voice your preference. We are: Wayne Delaroche, Bob Prochnow, or Tom Ciarimitaro.

Bob Prochnow

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LIBRARY CHAIRMAN

We have NAWCC Bulletins for sale going back from 1981 through 1974. Price: \$1.50 each (negotiable). Remember - This is your Chapter library.

*Sandy*  
Sandy

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN

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Program Chairman

Our next program will be presented by Don Levison and will entail a slide presentation on some of the better watches made in Europe from the 17th to the 20th century.

Don is a banker by trade and developed his love for watches about 11 years ago. While he does collect clocks and barometers, watches are his real forte. We will be seeing a variety of watches, not only from his own collection, but also other outstanding pieces from other collections.

This will be a rare opportunity for all of us (especially clock oriented) to become more familiar with some truly unique watches.

Bob Prochnow

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MART CHAIRMAN - SILENT AUCTION

Where can you get something free??? At the Pleasant Hill Recreation Center in Pleasant Hill on October 8th!!! The Mart is Free! If you have something to sell...sell it there!

A L S O ! ! !

Remember the Silent Auction. We need more participation! I am sure that many of us could dig up something to auction in the Silent Auction...could be a book or a tool I wish I knew someone who would put out some of the old ribbon that watch bands used to be made of. Your junk may be another's treasure.

The Phantom Turkey

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Our membership is now over 75 strong! If you know of anyone who is not getting their Bulletin, please let me know. I will see that the records are corrected. If you know of anyone who would like to join, let me know and I will send a copy of the Bulletin and an application.

As you know this is a club for members and run by members. We need membership participation. Elections are drawing near and people will be needed for Directors, Chairmen, and Directors. No office requires a lot of time nor does any chairmanship, but it helps the Chapter to run smoothly!

The Phantom Turkey

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The amendment proposal as printed in the last Bulletin passed by a majority vote. Therefore the meetings of Chapter 107 will be held in Contra Costa County within 7½ miles of interstate 680.

THE PHANTOM TURKEY

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS ! ! ! !

Alan Matsuda  
Mike Weintz  
Ken Clark

Loren Scanlon  
Glen Sharp  
Dan Fish

GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US! If you want to volunteer for ANYTHING see Phil!

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FROM YOUR CHAIRMEN  
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Unfortunately, Shelly Bergman will no longer be able to continue the duties of Raffle Chairman, and I have consented to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. I will miss Shelly as a regular contributor to the bulletin.

Come prepared to buy a ticket! It's fun and designed to BE fun and not a money maker. The more tickets we sell, the more money in the raffle kitty!

I have appointed Brigit as my assistant, and would like an understudy who can take over when this term is over.

Dorothea

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The Christmas meeting is not too far away, and for planning purposes we would appreciate some input as to participation in the proposed auction as mentioned in the last Bulletin. If you plan to place merchandise in the auction, please see Phil or Wayne at the next meeting. We should have an idea as to time needed in order to extend the hall rental time if it is needed.

We'd also like to make this year's raffle a biggie. If you have anything to donate for the December meeting (or any time for that matter) please see me at the next meeting.

Dorothea

SAGA OF THE AMERICAN CLOCK - PART VIII

Spring; small and sensible size

By 1840 the tempo of American life had increased dramatically. As the country expanded west, population and wealth expanded with it. For the nations of the world, the 19th century dream was industrial growth, economic wealth and political power and America was already well underway to becoming one of its leaders.

The "god" of the 19th century was industry with its promise of producing ample goods, cheap enough for everyone, but already the glittering halo of this god had become tarnished by the squalor of city slums and the poverty of the nameless army of sweat shop laborers. Avant guard thinkers such as Thoreau, Rousseau and John Ruskin were preaching a return to a more simple and rural style of life; a life within the bosom of nature where man's innate goodness could once more manifest itself.

Cities and slums would not cease, but the national mood did change by escaping into the visions of the romantic past and gaining a new appreciation of the wild and natural beauties of America. The hard edged rational style of classical Greece was subtly being replaced by the more romantic and picturesque Gothic image.

The clock industry too was to make several dramatic changes in the 1840's. The area in and around Bristol Connecticut had experienced three profitable decades of producing cheap and dependable weight driven clocks that all could afford. It witnessed much experimentation with movement styles and motive power to make these clocks run longer, more efficiently and cost less to produce. The one limitation seemed to be the ungainly case size needed for the drop of the weights.

The spring driven clock was hardly a new innovation, for the coiled clock spring was invented about 1510 by a Nuremberg locksmith, Peter Henlein. Portable spring driven clocks and watches were made throughout the Renaissance and the finest pendulum governed pendules and bracket clocks were produced in 18th century France

and England. Clock springs, however, remained a costly import and hardly practical for common use in the fledgling American industry dedicated to the production of a cheap affordable clock. Silas R. Terry in 1830 and John Pomeroy of Bristol about 1840 developed methods for tempering coiled springs, making them less costly. In 1838 Joseph Shaylor Ives, nephew of Joseph Ives (experimenter of wagon spring motive power), obtained a patent for making coiled springs of brass and also for a devise to convert weight driven movements into spring driven.

By the end of the decade of the 40's, spring driven clocks had attained a great popularity and with the smaller more compact movement came the possibility of housing it in a smaller case capable of infinite design. The earliest models were brass spring types, as they were cheaper to produce, most of 30 hour duration and the production of the first of what was to become the great Connecticut companies; Brewster and Ingrahams, Elisha Manross, Terry and Andrews. Most movements were simple; essentially replicas of 30 hour or 8 day stamped OG types with the springs attached openly to the great wheels. No longer supported by a seat board, these movements were commonly attached top and bottom by a small screw block. Many clocks included an alarm, central dial setting disk and alarm mechanism separate from the movement.

The case style reflected the changing times. Wood was usually mahogany or rosewood veneer, often with satin wood inlay. Brewster and Ingrahams continued to make the still acceptable geometric and classical cases: the round dial Grecian with side rosettes and rectangular base; the Ionic, a double round drop wall clock; the Venetian, round top with side columns and rosettes, to mention a few. New styles were the round and sharp gothic (beehive and steeple), with etched glasses and romantic transfer scenes. Double steeples and steeple on steeple styles, often with fusee and wagon spring movements were also part of early Victorian design.

The era of the spring was at hand and with it would come many large manufactories as well as new and unusual innovations in movement and case style.

Next issue: Innovations and Oddities; Materials & Movements.

*Ornately Glens, the Damned Yankee*

The Executive Board met at the home of Phil Russell on June 21, 1982. Discussion was held but no action taken on the following due to the lack of a quorum.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- (1) White Elephant sale should be a yearly event.
- (2) Members sharing their watch/clock "finds" should be continued at meetings.
- (3) Committee chairmen should ascertain operating expenses by October in order to determine members' 1983 dues.
- (4) Will extend contract for meeting location through February 1983.
- (5) Commercial rates for full-page Bulletin advertisements - perhaps \$5 per issue.
- (6) Suggestions on books to purchase for library.
- (7) August 8 meeting:
  - A. Program: European pocket watches, 17-20 century - Don Levison.
  - B. Display: European pocket watches
  - C. Suggested Demonstration: how to open pocket watch cases and remove hands.
  - D. Clarify how to set alarm on kitchen clocks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- (1) 1983 slate of officers should be printed in October Bulletin.
- (2) Raffle Chairman has moved. Decided to use volunteer for the remainder of the year.
- (3) December auction:
  - A. October Bulletin should list clocks to be auctioned.
  - B. Space is limited in present meeting room as far as inviting guests is concerned. Will check to see if larger room is available.
  - C. Charge a flat fee for each item auctioned.
  - D. Chapter will not be responsible for auctioned item or the way it is represented.
- (4) Desirable to have a designated person welcome new members.

The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, August 16.

Narilyn McCartney, Secretary

Thomas Jefferson once complained "I am like an old watch with a pinion worn out here and a wheel there, until it can go no longer." He was a man of many talents including clock-making.

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
#### HOROLOGICAL TRIVIA

Helpful hint on clock cleaning. (ca. 1850)

Saturate a cloth or pad of cotton with kerosene oil and lay it inside on a small dish that will prevent the woodwork from becoming saturated. As it evaporates, the fumes will loosen any foreign substance on the wheels of the clock and cause it to drop. Repeat as often as necessary; the fumes also tend to lubricate the works.

To oil clocks: Use only the purest olive oil and apply by means of a matchstick.

This is a real money saver for those of you who have pendulum clocks; this advice should save you more than a few visits to the watchmaker.

(.....until the final one....)  John Sanderson



I was lucky enough to be able to attend the Midwest Regional July 16 and 17 in Chicago.

The mart was great but no bargains. There must have been 200 tables. Watch sellers seemed to be doing a more brisk business than clock folk. Irrespective of sales activity, there were some very unusual clocks available. In fact I viewed the Mart as a display. The actual display was small, only electrical clocks, but very complete.

Past presidents Simmons and Bundens were on hand as were several of the National's Board members. They held an hour's session on what's going on in our Association. Shortly they'll launch a fund raising campaign for the Museum operating fund... professional fund raiser and all that.

Another class of membership will shortly be available. It's a family membership; for an additional \$10 spouses and other resident relatives may acquire all privileges of members, voting etc. However no duplicate mailing will be made.

There was a lot of talk about improving the quality of the Bulletin. The officers seemed to want direction from the membership even though they disapproved of the present policy (no continuing articles and lack of notification of non-publication to contributors). I asked why they didn't use their good judgement and change policy since there probably wouldn't be any more outcry after the change than before. They gave me no direct answer.

California is the site of the 1987 National meeting...Anaheim.

While reciting the recent accomplishments

of the National officers and Board of Directors, Mr Simmons said the West Coast members' Mart was now mailed earlier than the rest of the country. The implication was that a long standing problem was now solved. In spite of my resolve not to cause trouble, I couldn't help myself. I spoke up citing that one of our chapter members who placed an ad had received an offer by mail before receiving the Mart itself. I suggested that what they were doing was not enough...we didn't mind taking our turn being last but why must we always be so. What an outcry!! One of the Board members said he had the same thing happen - he received an offer from the west before he in the east received his Mart. The Central folks joined in the hoot-down, while the meeting moderator (the Chicago chapter president) kept saying we were running out of time. Since it was apparent they were all on a first name basis (I was obviously not a part of the "click") I gave up.

The final blow, however, came when I asked a fellow westerner who regularly advertises in the Mart if my feeling agreed with hers. She agreed but was reluctant to say anything. The remaining two westerners also agreed and were silent.

I had a short talk with two of the Sacramento members. They wanted to know why we dropped out of the sponsorship of the '82 Regional. I explained it was our inability to get any definite information on our expected financial involvement. They were sympathetic and said their general membership knew very little about the extent of their participation. I hope you feel your Executive Committee does a better job of communicating.

...John Sanderson...



(The following is an excerpt of a letter to Joe Ford from the National Question Box.)

With regard to your Henry Terry, weight driven miniature OG, I have personally seen two unusual OG's with no veneer on front and only feather grained stain for a finish, and I recollect that both clocks appeared to be original. I have never heard of a Henry Terry OG finished in this manner, but in many years of collecting, I have come to recognize that unique clocks can still come to light.

I assume that the wood of your OG moulding is white pine or poplar. This would be significant in the mystery. On other pieces of New England furniture of both pine and light hard woods (maple or birch) no veneering was applied, the finish being only mahogany stain with a graining effect imparted by the judicious application of a chicken wing feather. A light red coloring was applied by the feather. In one other case, a dark streaking effect was observed.

Henry Terry, by his own published account, left the clock business in 1836. I have seen at least one miniature OG with 4 spindle brass works and label of Henry which leads me to suspect that Henry lent the use of his name and financial backing to his less successful, but ingenious, younger brother, Silas Burnham Terry, because the movement looked very much like some of Silas Terry's earlier productions.

Signed-Amherst Huson

Thanks for sharing this with us Joe. - Editor



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WANTS AND FOR SALES  
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For Sale: 1 wt Vienna Regulator - Becker  
Good Dial \$575.

2 wt Vienna Reg. French -  
Good Dial \$750.

Bud Ehler Tel 228-5387

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Wanted: Clock face for Yorkshire G.F...  
19 1/2 by 14".....works too!

Black mantels, pieces, Works etc.

Phil Russell Tel 229-2462

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For Sale: Large selection of Pocket Watches domestic and foreign. List available. Call or write Dick Williams PO Box 2034, Martinez 94553 Tel 935-7198. I also have a large variety of American and European clocks. Photos on request.

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For Sale: Gilbert box clock. Plates appear to be nicked \$180. Also have a S.T. Long drop school clock \$375.

Tom Ciaramitaro 687-0644

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Wanted: A sonic cleaner - 3 qt size for clocks. Needs to be in good running order

Phil Russell 229-2462

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For Sale: S.T. drop (short) made for the English market. \$275.

John Sanderson + + + 937-6272

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Dorothy Glenk and Royal English would be glad to answer your questions on clock history and clock repair. (However, they will not answer questions on values.). If they are not at the meeting, leave a written question, and it will be answered via the Bulletin.

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Note: What happened to our contributors! We all miss Tick Fever...and what about something from our repair people???? what mistakes do you commonly see in repaired clocks. Take a little time to write a page for the next bulletin. Isn't there anyone who disagrees with what they read???how about some letters to the Editor!!

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SACRAMENTO REGIONAL - SEPTEMBER 23 - 26 AT THE RED LION MOTOR INN.

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ATTENTION -October Issue Deadline

The Deadline for the October issue will be Sept. 6th. Send your articles to the club box number (Shown on the cover) or to me at Box 3304, Walnut Creek 94598 or see me behind my bright orange "Editor" sign at the August meeting.

Dorothea

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SUGGESTION BOX

It is always at the meeting. It hasn't missed one in over two years. If you have a beef or a suggestion and are too shy to speak out in the meeting, say it via the suggestion box. It will be acknowledged in the Bulletin.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I'm sure that all of you have received your NAWCC Bulletin #218 by now, and have noticed that we have again (although chapters No 5 and 94 did) not made it in print! Chapter 5 even had 2 (TWO) pictures printed as well! We not only didn't make it, but we still show Royal English as president although our Secretary notified the National of the new officers (elected in December) immediately after the December election. Surely, these changes should have been made by now!

Not getting changes in in a reasonable amount of time is inexcusable. By the time we get our new slate of officers shown, we (there are only two more issues this year) will be showing a slate of officers who are already obsolete or ALMOST so (assuming they get these changes into one of the next two issues).

The eastern and mid-western blocks of the NAWCC are very powerful (as John Sanderson found out at the recent Chicago Regional when he tried to speak out for the west and was shouted down by that block). Until the western people band together and make our block felt, we will continue to get no results and no ear. Divide and conquer it's called. If they have some of us convinced that there is nothing they can do and others of us convinced that there IS something they can do, they have divided, and therefore conquered!

