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Club Motto: Accent on Education

Our Bulletin is one of Diablo Valley Chapter's most important means of communication. Thanks to Dorothea Sanderson, The Bulletin is off to a great start. Few chapters of whatever age can boast such an excellent newsletter.

You can help Dorothea keep The Bulletin growing and improving. She can use short articles prepared by our members. News about horologically related events coming up in our area is valuable. Write up your want ads. They are free of charge, and can help you buy or sell that special watch or clock. Finally, give Dorothea your suggestions for changes and improvements for The Bulletin. Everyone's ideas are welcome and can help shape The Bulletin of the future.

Dorothy Glenk's program at our February 11th meeting was a great success. Thanks Dorothy for sharing your interesting slides and extensive knowledge with us. Our next meeting, April 8th, will feature watches. Vice President Roger Wilcox will give the program, and the display will be watches. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

John North

John has been home recovering from surgery in early March. I'm sure he is taking it easy so that he can regain his strength to preside over the April meeting. John I am sure that all our members join me in wishing a very speedy recovery to our president!

Dorothea Sanderson

Wasn't that a great February meeting? We had such a good turn-out. The display of French clocks was interesting, and Dorothy Glenk gave a very excellent talk and slide show on 500 years of European clocks. We had a good mart, too. Then there is the exciting news of our chapter taking on the restoration of the tower clock at the Arsenal in Benecia. And Royal English will be starting his new clock repair class on March 28th. There's lots going on, and we'd like everyone to participate in our activities.

Our next meeting will be on April 8th. Roger Wilcox will give a program on watches. Come on out and enjoy a good day.

Dorothy Cooley

We wish to thank all participants for their cooperation in pricing their horological items. This contributed to a successful mart last February.

Roger Wilcox

Roger Wilcox has written to the NAWCC requesting one or move of their slide and cassette programs. He is hopeful of getting the one by James Gibbs on "American Watches" but has also requested the new one on "What to look for in buying a watch." Roger will give NAWCC enough alternative program requests to put on a 20 to 30 minute show, and will attempt to answer questions after the presentation.

John Coulter

This is our third issue of the Bulletin, and believe it or not people have had results from their ads. So get your requests for and your for sales in. It is free, and it will increase the value of the bulletin to all our members. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME! Start thinking now for the next issue. Articles and ads will be due the first week in May.so type yours out and drop it in the mail.

Committee Chairmen should get their articles in by the same date.

John and I will not be present at our next meeting. We will be sorry to miss Roger Wilcox's program. We need it! We will be returning that very evening from England.

Sandy Cuthill has generously consented to "pinch hit" for me and will be overseeing the printing and distribution of this issue for me. She will also be on hand at the next meeting to receive any articles you wish to submit for the June issue.

Thank you for your help Sandy!

Dorothea Sanderson

Our first chartered meeting was held in April 1978 just one year ago. We started with 34 chartered members. We are now at 68 members and growing fast.

Waltham Pocket watches, 18 size, and 19 jeweled 1892 model. Also 17 jeweled Vanquard, 1892 model. Call.....Roger Wilcox 944-0788

To place ads in the Diablo Valley Bulletin, call Dorothea Sanderson, 937-6272, or mail to Box 23315, Pleasant Hill. Cal. Ads must be received by the 10th of the odd numbered months in order to be in the subsequent bulletin.

American Clocks - Minature Cottage Clocks and Minature 8 day shelf clocks. Call Tom Cooley - 937-3451

I have a 30 day Vienna G. F. Movement with 10" dial which needs a case - Movement c. 1875. John Sanderson 937-6272

Old Quail Cuckoo movement (new one as a second choice) Scott Hampton 284-4720

Movement for Junghans Swinger John North 676-9188

Welch Spring clocks of the opera or composer series. Call John Sanderson 937-6272

April Meeting

April 8, 1979

Mart Set up

12:00 Noon

Meeting begins at 1:00 pm

Display - Your favorite or unusual watch

Program: Roger Wilcox will present a film program on

watches and will answer questions after the program

so bring your problems.

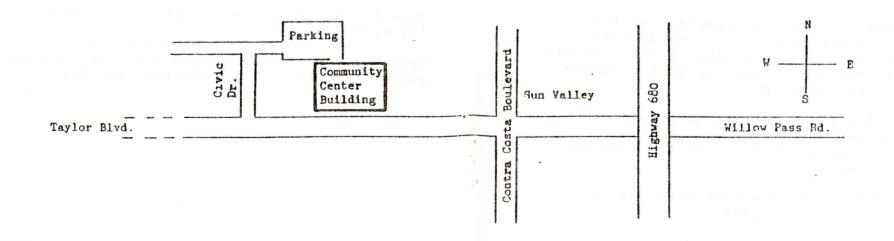
HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY TO CHAPTER 107

Place: Pleasant Hill Community Center Club Room

320 Civic Drive

Pleasant Hill, Cal. 94523

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I failed to indicate in our February Bulletin that club dues are \$10.00 per year. Jerry Kroeger very kindly called it to my attention. Thanks Jerry.

We are all sorry to hear that Ian Buist was killed in a skiing accident while vacationing in Canada.

Our very sincere sympathies are extended to his family

Our next meeting will be arranged differently. We are at the point of needing a little more space than the room we are using can provide. At last count we had 67 members and if they all showed up for a Mart table · · · !!

As an experiment, we are going to hold the Mart upstairs. There are both stairs and a ramp leading from the front of the building to the second floor so access is easy.

We'll also reverse the direction of the "podium" so the entrance to the downstairs room will be the one closest to the sidewalk. The refreshments can then go in the alcove near the new entrance.

These facilities are reasonable and, we hope, are convenient to all. Perhaps by rearranging a little we'll be able to use them for some time to come.

Let any Officer or Director know how you feel about the new layout.

Fred Cuthill and John Sanderson

In their remarkable article in the february 1978 National Bulletin supplement on the Welch, Spring and Company, Mr. and Mrs. Burt commented on the lack of an operatic name for one model, the Khedive.

In a sense, however, the Khedive was an operatic figure. Verdi composed the opera Aida at the invitation of the Khedive of Egypt. The Khedive had asked Verdi to write an opera on an Egyptian subject for the opening of an opera house in Cairo in 1869. While it was to be part of the celebration in honor of the dedication of the Suez Canal, the opera was not completed in time for the festivities.

John Sanderson

Remember, you read it first in the Chapter 107 Bulletin.

The Editor

FOR SALE

Electric factory wall clock (Batteries)
c. 1906. Mahogany - 15 x 43. Maker, American Clock Co., Chicago. \$195.
Call Bob Gustafson 687-3389

Modern G. G. Clock, triple chime, moving mood dial, black walnut, beveled door glass: 7' tall \$695.
Distilled (clean) mercury for sale. \$7.50 per pound. 10 pounds available.

Call..... Tom Cooley 689-4047

F. Kroeber Metal Mantle Clock \$250

Waltham 23 jewels, Vanguard pocket watch 16 size railroad model, lever set, adjusted to six positions, silveroid case \$150.

Hamilton U.S. Air Corps Navigation pocket watch 22 jewels, 16 size sweep second hand, "Hack" feature, 24 hour dial, adjusted to six positions, original military (Silveroid) case. \$135.

Call.....Roger Wilcox......944-0788

French Morez repeater (like a spring driven Morbier) - Black picture frame with mother-of-pearl inlay gong strike. \$250.

Call Dorothea Sanderson 937-6272

English G. F. C. 1800 30 Hr. Endless Rope, false winding holes, country pine case, (has been stripped), Father Time figure carved on the front door. You refinish-\$500.

Tips

To identify iron and steel, touch with nitric acid using a wooden dip. Wash with water. If steel, the stain will be black. If iron, the stain will be blus.

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To hold finials securely while refinishing, pake holes in the tip of a shoe box and set the finials in the holes.

Scott Hampton

How many times a year does the typical cucked clock cucked? Approximately 87,000 times.

The average watch ticks 18,000 times an hour, traveling $9\frac{1}{4}$ miles every day! That's 3,558 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles yearly.

Scott Hampton & Lissa Hallber

Ordinary household Cream of Tartar makes an excellent silver polish. Make a very thin paste with water and apply lightly and rinse. Dry with a soft cloth and lacquer lightly.

John Sanderson

ANYONE HAVE OTHER TIPS???????????