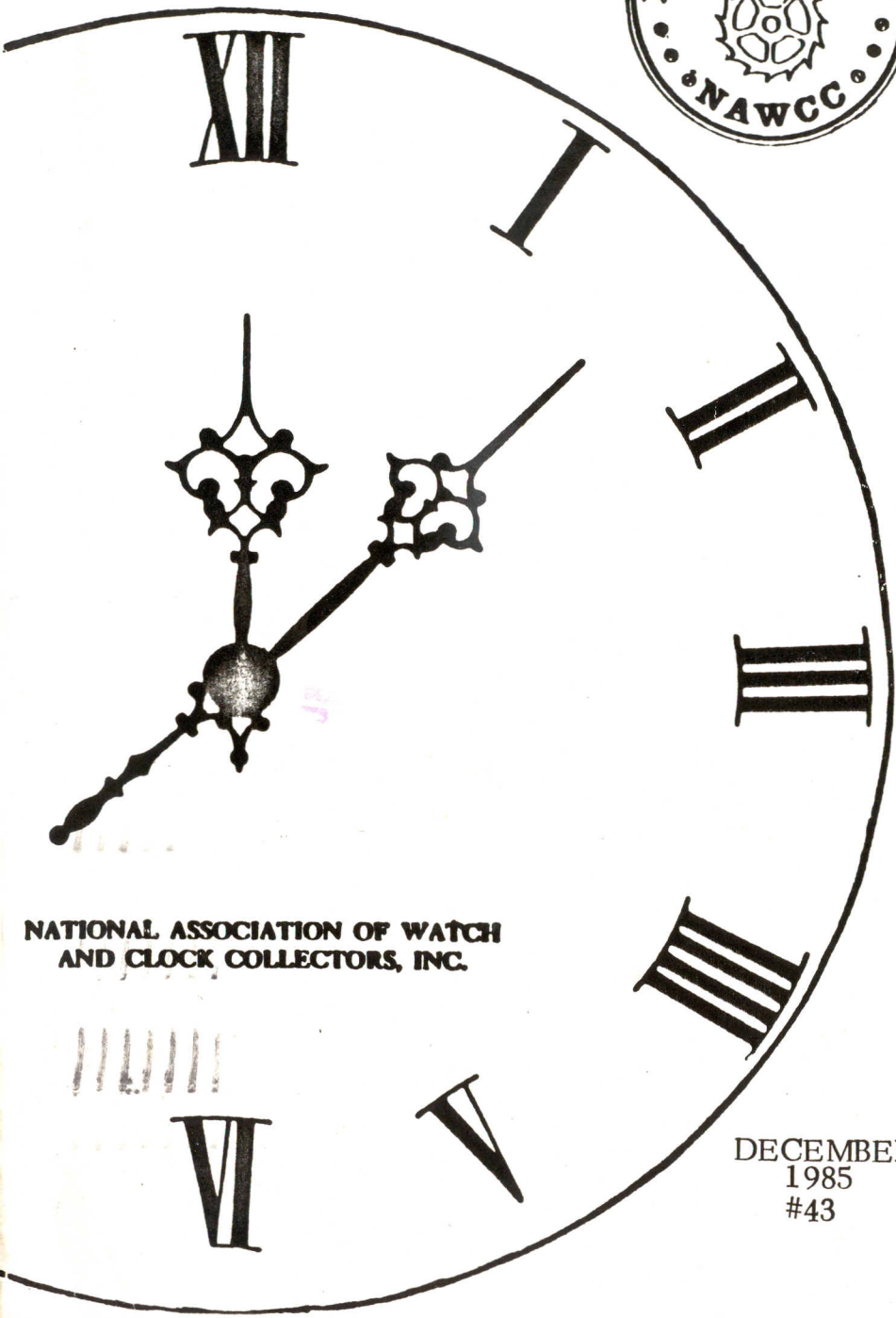
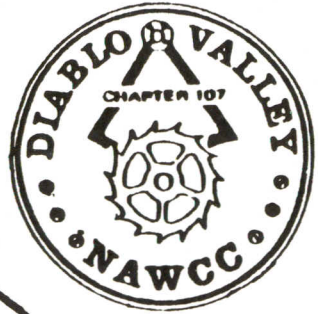


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CHAPTER MOTTO: ACCENT ON EDUCATION

Statements of opinion or fact made by the authors of articles appearing in the Chapter publications are to be accepted as the author's own; The Chapter assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or correctness of any statements of its contributors.

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As my year as President draws to a close, I would like to thank all the people who helped make the year go so smoothly; especially my officers, directors, chairpersons and all of the members of the Chapter and their spouses (In other words- "ALL OF YOU".).

I would like to be able to look back in future years at the "older" bulletins and see that every member participated as a working member of our Chapter- officer, director, chairperson, speaker, committee member, writing articles for the bulletin, Regional or National helpers or even putting 'Wants' or 'For Sale' items in our bulletin. All of this is a help to your Chapter and only your involvement can give you the true feeling of belonging.

Our December meeting is our 'Pot Luck' and Auction. 'Pot Luck' means food galore with appetites to appreciate it. So bring your goodies and come prepared to bid on our auction material.

Again, thanks to all who made this a wonderful year for me. See all of you at the December meeting!

Fred



## MEETING INFO

Date: December 8, 1985

Mart Set-Up: 11:30 AM

Mart Opens: 12:00 Noon

Meeting Begins: 1:00 PM

Display Theme: Auction Materials

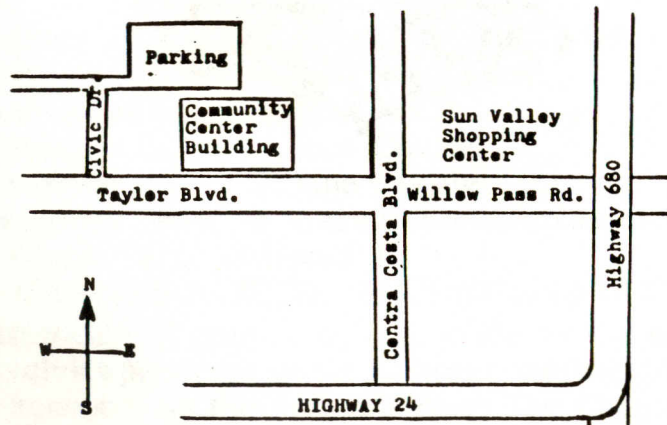
Now is your chance to dust the cobwebs off of some of those clocks or watches or what have you and get some extra cash for Christmas.

Dues: Chapter Members...\$15.00 (For the year)  
Non-Members.....\$ 1.00 donation for refreshments.

Mart: FREE

Silent Auction: FREE

Place: Pleasant Hill Recreation Center



## AUCTION

The time is fast approaching for our Fourth Annual Antique Clock & Watch Auction to be held at our December 8th meeting. Please don't mistake this for another "White Elephant Auction", because it isn't. This Auction gives each of you the opportunity to buy/sell some quality items that your fellow members have brought.

The rules are simple, when you bring your watches/clocks to the meeting, you will be asked to take a minute to fill out a small form giving (1) your name or card number, (2) brief description of item(s) to be sold i.e., type and condition of GRO or not running, etc., (3) minimum bid item(s) to be sold for. The order of Auction will be based on order of item(s) received at the door. I will then start out each item by giving the item number, brief description, and the minimum opening bid. If there is no opening bid, I will ask the seller if he/she would like to lower the minimum bid in order to get some bidding started. The seller may not bid on their own item(s).

Besides being a good opportunity to purchase fine items, it also will be a way the club can generate some money for the treasury. Therefore, a very modest fee will be charged for each item put up for Auction, whether it is sold or not. These fees are \$-0- to \$4.99 (No Charge), \$5.00 to \$99.00 (\$1.00 Charge), \$100.00 and Above (\$2.00 Charge).

In order to have a successful Auction ....  
WE NEED TO HAVE CLOCKS AND WATCHES TO OFFER !!!!

So please help make this meeting a successful and fun time for all who attend.



"The Auctioneer"

HOROLOGICAL TRIVIA

- \* French Ivory is merely celluloid. Also there is no silver in German Silver.
- \* James M. Breckenridge of Meriden, Mass. was the inventor of the wire bell around the 1830's. The first bell was made using a steel bar which was coiled after considerable labor, bending, hardening, tempering, etc., but it was successful and lead to the common wire bell.
- \* The composition of clock feet, side decorations, and column tops and other finials was 87% lead and 13% antimony.
- \* William L. Gilbert, clockmaker, one of the richest citizens in Winsted, Conn., died on July 3, 1890.
- \* B.B. Lewis, born 1819, is credited with inventing the calendar for clocks in 1845 while working as a jeweler in Huron, Ohio. F.W. Carter, clock mfr., was first to use it, followed by the E.N. Welch & Co. and E. Ingraham Co.. Lewis got 50¢ to \$1 royalty per clock for the use of his calendar.
- \* In October, 1931, Waterbury Clock Co. was still making the Black Mantel Clock.
- \* Use of gilt in the 1700's and early 1800's was not done because of expense and the lack of buyer demand for it.
- \* Women, Take A Bow! They did much of the assembly work on 8 day clock movements and watches. Clock makers recognized the women had greater dexterity and performed the operation better and quicker.

Phil Russell

*Merry  
Christmas*



Diablo Valley Chapter #107  
NAWCC

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
for  
Election of Officers  
1986

President:

Jane Saville \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President:  
(Vote for two)

Merwyn Grabill \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Coulter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

Marilyn McCartney \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Directors:  
(vote for three)

Jean Busher \_\_\_\_\_

Fred Costa \_\_\_\_\_

Roy Holman \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Treasurer:

Tom Mitch \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Before writing in any person, please  
check with that person to make sure they  
can serve.  
Please bring your ballot to the December  
meeting or mail it in to the Chapter P.O.  
Box.



Unusual Wear in Some German  
New Clock Movements

A problem has developed in the manufacture of some newer German clock movements. Some German manufacturers decided to reduce machining labor costs and making parts faster by using a new softer metal for clock pivots and arbors. The softer metal is a time bomb causing the deterioration of the pivots in 2 to 3 years. (of course, after the warranty has expired).

The pivots disintegrate leaving cracks & Ridges which will not polish out. The only repair solution is to replace the pivot (this is very costly) and of course repair the damages in the bushing area.

Some clock repair people will not even attempt to make repairs for their customers. (Fix on pivot and another will fail some place else).

There is a solution! The Germans can return to the time tested oil tempered steel. There is no short-cut to quality.

Phil Russell

(Information provided by clock-repair persons and National professional magazine.)



I'll see all of you  
in December!

From:

To:

Diablo Valley Chapter #107  
P.O. Box 23315  
Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523

**Attention All Members:**

Have you ever wondered how old that clock you picked up last year is or who made it? Wee, now you can find out through the Chapter's ANSWER BOX. Send in your questions with an explanation, photo, etc. or bring it to a meeting. Members will try to solve your dilemma. Just send your material to Bob Prochnow.

Also; Members with a particular expertise in certain areas, please let me know, so I can refer those questions to you.



Bob Prochnow

**Book Review: Survey of American Clocks:  
Calendar Clocks**

by: Andrew & Dalia Miller

This book covers the subject of calendar clocks from the first patent in 1853 to the early 1900's. There are descriptions of 43 different makers as well as 47 different calendar mechanisms. It covers makers such as B.B. Lewis, Ithaca, Prentiss, as well as many others. This book is the standard for researching just about any American Calendar Clock.

There also is a pricing supplement to establish some values to the many clocks in the book. No Horological book collection is complete without this one.

**POT LUCK AGENDA**

Here it is December again and time for all you 'Great Chefs' out there to start showing off your stuff. To make sure there is not too much of any one category, could everyone try to make something as broken down below:

Bring an item to feed about eight people:

<u>Initial of Last Name</u>	<u>Food to Bring</u>
A thru D	Choose any category below.
E thru I	Desserts & Treats.
J thru O	Main Dish, Hot or Cold.
P thru R	Salads, Vegetable dishes.
S thru Z	Chips, Dips, Rolls, Cheese.

P.S.: If your last name is English, you may bring Fried Chicken.

Let's see our annual GREAT turnout for this affair. If you haven't been to one of these lately, you don't know what your missing. A GREAT TIME FOR ONE AND ALL!



December Meeting Display Theme:

We will not have a display for the meeting because of the "muss & Fuss" of our annual auction.

I want to thank all who brought displays this past year. The Chapter appreciates your time and effort in bringing and informing us of the different items. It was great!

Phil Russell  
Display Chairman

Time To Renew Your Dues:

It's that time of year again... Time to renew your dues for 1986. For those of you who haven't done it already the December meeting is the perfect time & place. The annual dues are still just \$15.00. Make sure that you don't miss a single issue of the Chapter Bulletin.

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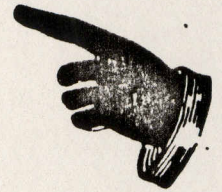
Election Time Again:

It is time once again to vote for the officers for the 1986 calendar year. In the center of this bulletin is your "Official" ballot. If you can't make the meeting you can send it in to the Chapter's P.O. Box.

Chapter #107 Pins:

If you do not already own one of the Chapter pins (or even if you do.); there are less than 25 left. What a collector's item!!! There are less than 100 in the world; today. Amazingly; the price is still only \$2.00.

*Merry Christmas*



ARTICLES, ETC.

Many thanks to all those who provided material for this issue. The more people who get involved, the better the Bulletin will get.

Keep those cards and letters coming in!!!

Bob Prochnow  
Editor

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Chapter Library News:

Books are available for checkout at all meetings. Let's all use the library to its fullest extent.

