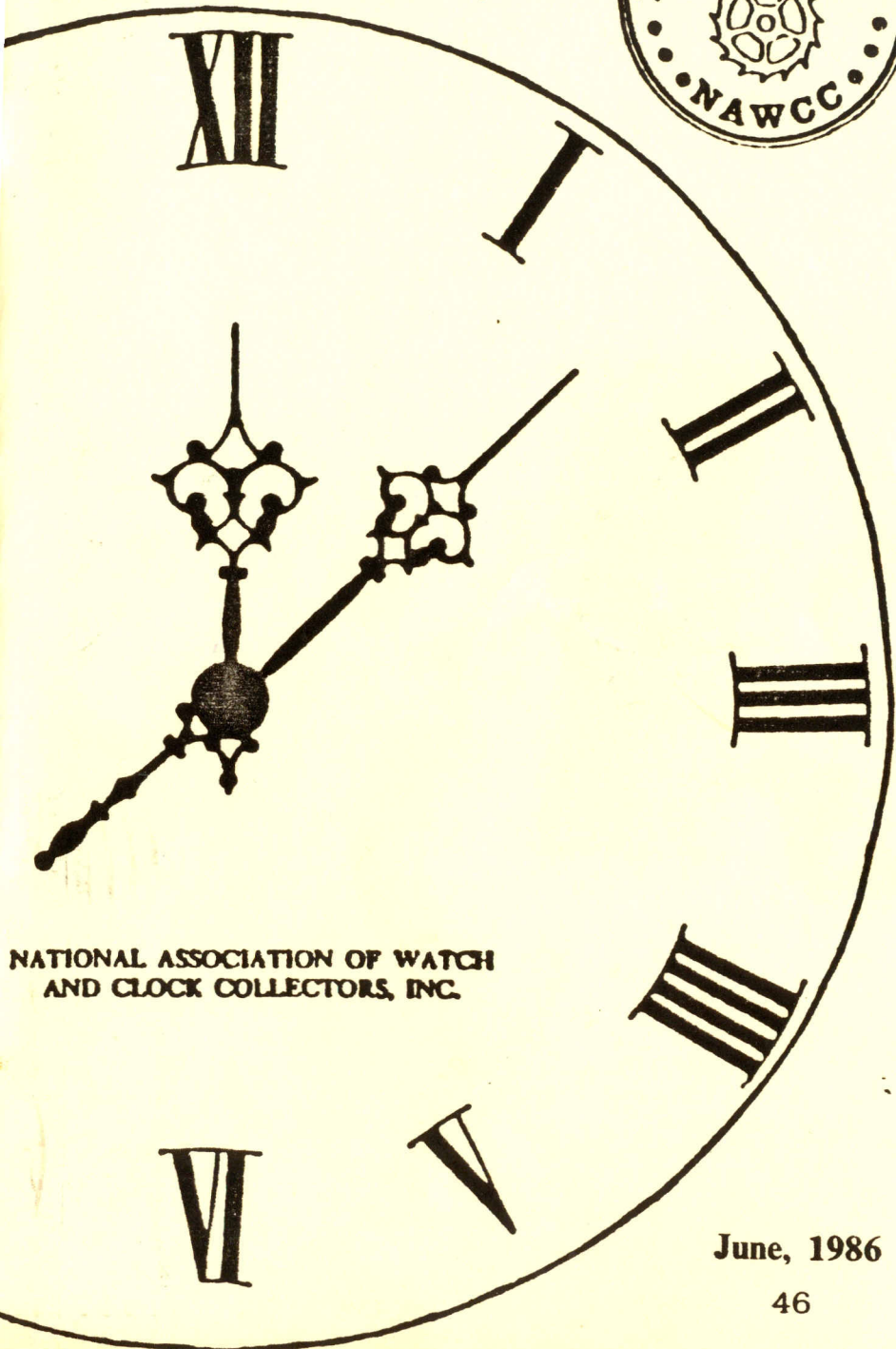
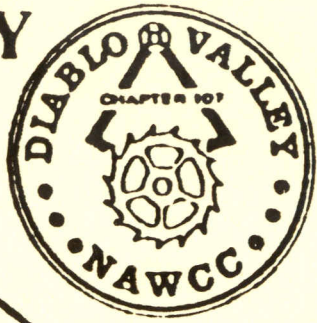


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CHAPTER MOTTO: ACCENT ON EDUCATION

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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Many thanks to all members who brought their unknown clocks to our April meeting. There were some real beauties on display- and some unusual ones as well. John Grass' presentation on Matthew Norman was both fun & informative. For those of you who didn't attend, ask one of us who did; Who was Matthew Norman?

Our June meeting will center around Japanese stick clocks and the program will be presented by Chick Luna, who is past president of the Dr. Stephens Chapter. The display theme will be Oriental clocks or watches (Japanese, Chinese, Korean, etc.) so please bring some examples from your collections for the display table. If you have an "unknown" Oriental clock or watch, bring it in and see if one of the members can identify it.

See you all at the June meeting!

Jane

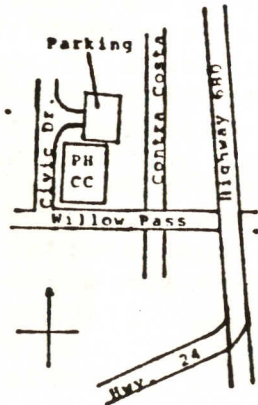
Meeting Information:

Date: June 8, 1986
Where: Pleasant Hill Community Ctr.
Mart Set-Up: 11:30 AM
Mart Opens: 12:00 Noon
Meeting Begins: 1:00 PM
Display Theme: Oriental Clocks
Japanese Stick Clocks
Dues: Chapter Members: \$15.00

There is a donation
of \$1 for non-members.

Mart: FREE

Silent Auction: FREE



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DISPLAY THEME:

Our clock & Watch display theme for the June meeting will be Japanese Watches & Clocks. Until 1873, Japan had its own unique time-keeping devices based on daylight & dark. We hope to see a few Japanese Pillar (Stick) clocks in our display-or any night & day timed clocks & watches before 1873.

However, since there may not be too many Japanese timepieces out there before 1873, bring Japan made watches, unique novelties, school house and box clocks. Clocks & watches marked 'Made in Occupied Japan' will also be good for the display. We'd also like to see American clocks & watches with Japanese case motifs. The display & discussion add to our program.

*You are welcome at any time, to bring a special Horological display not related to the display theme.

Phil Russell
Display Chairman

Change in Meeting Times?

There has been a request to consider changing the meeting times from Sunday to another day (Saturday) or evening. If there is any interest in this, please see Jane Saville at the next meeting.

About our Speaker:

Chick Luna started working on clocks in 1969. He picked up his first 'Stick Clock' in Buffalo, New York. He has done some research in this field and will share his knowledge at our June meeting. His collecting interest is both wide and varied.



U.S. Patent Information

Have you ever wondered about the inventor's data represented by the Patent number found on your watch or clock? Don't wonder any longer. Here is how to get copies of U.S. Patents & Trademarks.

1. Write to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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If you wish, you can request a free booklet "General Information Concerning Patents" which gives details on applying for a Patent or Trademark, and also how to obtain Copies of existing Patents & Trademarks.

At Sunnyvale, 68 miles from Pleasant Hill at 1500 Partridge Avenue, Bldg. 7; Phone number (408) 738-5580, there is the largest Patent center other than Washington, DC.

It is called the Patent Information Clearinghouse (PIC). The PIC has copies of 'The Report of the Commissioner of Patents from 1790 (When Patent #1 was issued) to 1835. The PIC has copies of the Official Gazette from 1836 to the present. The Gazette contains a brief writeup of the Patent with some diagrams (Some interesting reading). You may make copies of the Gazette pages on PIC Xerox for 15¢.

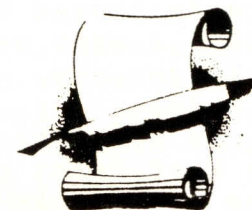
You cannot see the original patents but you can get a copy for \$3 if you pick up or \$4 by mail. If you go to Sunnyvale, get all the information you can on the Patent (ie. dates, Patentee, assignors, etc.). For example, I had the patent number on Seth Thomas Adamantine-found it was invented

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the Celluloid Manufacturing Co. Seth apparently got it from the Celluloid Co.. However the Patent number remained the same.

HAVE FUN!!!

Phil Russell



BOOK REVIEW:

Revolution In Time by David S. Landes

If you are interested in a look at the history of time, the cultures, the people and the course of Horological events, this book is a must for your collection. Don't expect to find a lot of pictures in this book because there are very few. This book gives the reader a rare look at Time through the events that the cultural history of of Horology was built upon. It is a good book if you want a better understanding of what time has meant through the ages to the different people of the world. The price won't break you either (The cost is \$8.95).

Bob Prochnow

No More Wholesale Priced
Antique Clocks & Watches

If you are planning a Clock and Watch hunting trip to England & other foreign countries, don't be surprised to find the wholesale markets and other sources for wholesale clocks and watches have essentially dried up. Many American wholesalers have or are in the process of 'going out of business' because of no replacement available for their stock. Even though there were millions and millions of clocks & watches made, the supply is limited, even in Japan. Many of the timepieces were destroyed by fires, wars, & other disasters, & many were thrown out when they would no longer run, or they were replaced with newer models.

Prices of clocks & watches in Europe and on the East Coast of the U.S. are now about the same as here. It is estimated that 20% of the timepieces found in Europe were made in America. Most of this 20% have been returned back to the U.S. by American dealers & collectors. There may be a few sleepers out there, but it won't be easy to find them.

Old clocks & watches prices rose sharply when numerous books were published showing the price range for various models. The fun of clock & watch collecting will decrease with the scarcity of clocks & the high prices. BUT...continue looking and having fun finding those sleepers just waiting to be found.

Phil Russell

★ SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN GRASS FOR HIS EXCELLENT PROGRAM IN APRIL. IT WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE MEETING.

Horology Stamp Not Approved
For 1987

We have learned through Congressman's George Miller office that the proposed NAWCC Horology commemorative stamp honoring Watches & Clocks was not approved for the calendar year, 1987. However, the Postmaster General's Citizen's Advisory Group considers the Horological stamp as a viable subject for a future commemorative issue.

We feel that the National NAWCC and the efforts of our Chapter was just excellent. As you might guess, there is keen, keen competition on subjects for commemorative stamps issues, especially by emotional & pressure groups. We were told that our efforts were a major step for the issuance of a Horology stamp in 2 or 3 years.

The Chapters response was clearly heard and it has helped pave the way.

Thank you all for your responses & efforts.

Jane Saville
President #107

White Elephant Auction



Our annual WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION is currently scheduled for August. Start searching through the cobwebs now to donate items for one of the FUNNEST events of the year. The bidding is ALWAYS "Hot and Heavy" with items bringing in the 'Big Bucks'.

Bob Prochnow



WANTED:

- Lux Keebler Clocks.
- 3 1/2" ivory Waterbury dial for 'Mogul'.
- Dial for a Seth Thomas Eclipse.

Call: Wayne DeLaroche
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Wanted: Old Horological books, also Mercury barometers and parts.
Call: Bob Prochnow 449-5956.



For Sale: Seth Thomas Parlor Calendar #4
Good Condition..all original.
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E. Ingraham	T&S	(1 Bar Chime)
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New Haven	T&S	(No Chimes)
3 CB Cases		(LOT)

All for \$75 or \$15 each

Call: Phil Russell 229-2462

FROM THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to all the contributors of material for this issue of our Chapter's Bulletin.

This bulletin is made exclusively by the Chapter members for ALL the Chapter members. The material which comprises each issue gives us all a better knowledge of Horology and its intrigue to us as collectors. If you have a story to tell the members, from how you got started in clocks or watches to some historical or informative facts, we would all like to hear from you. I know that there are many potentially Great stories that our members can tell. Let's hear from you!!!

Bob Prochnow
Bulletin Editor



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