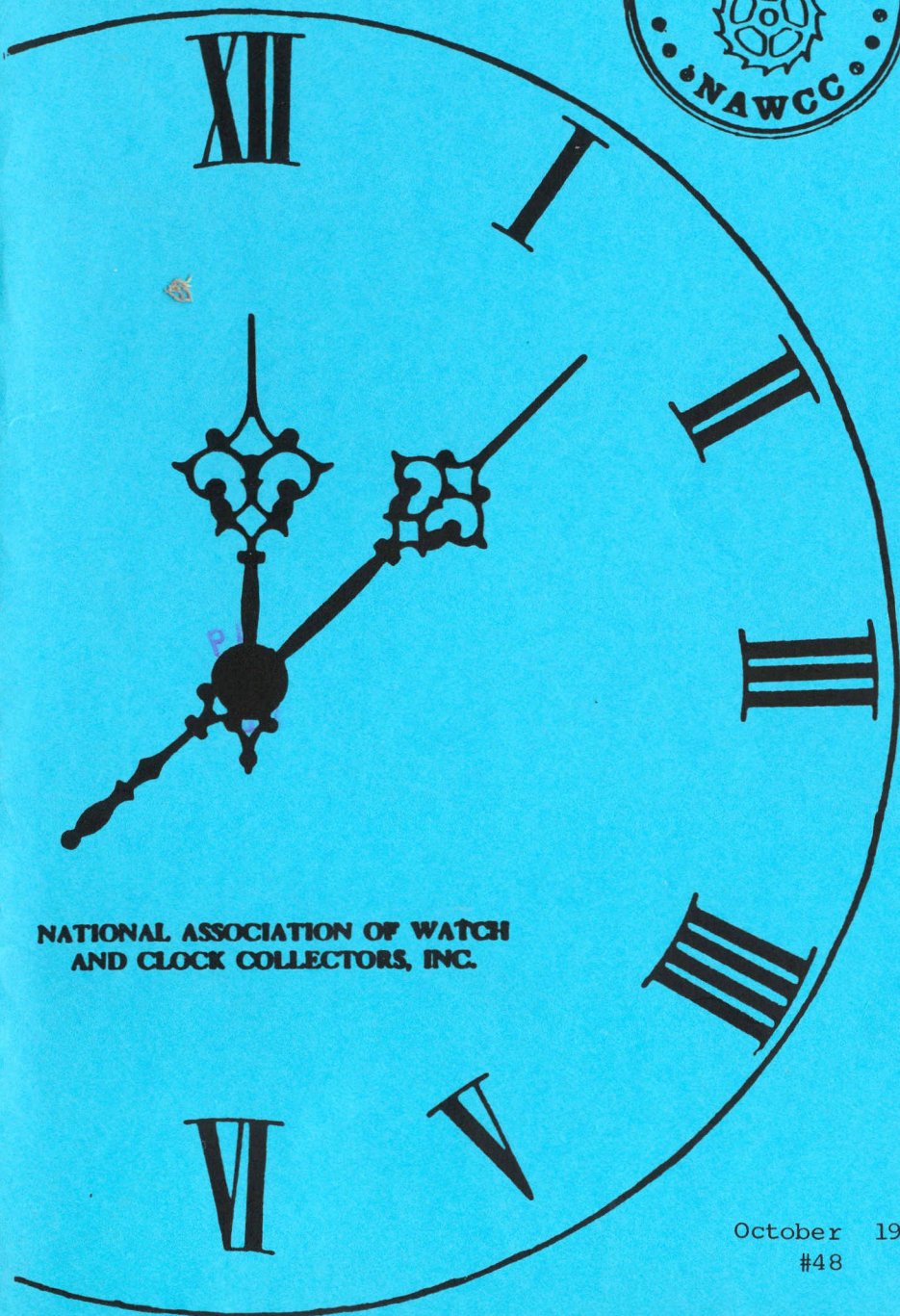
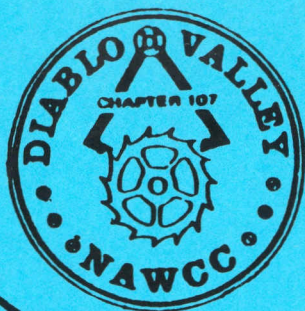


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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH
AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.**

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CHAPTER MOTTO: ACCENT ON EDUCATION

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The President's Message

Our White Elephant Sale was a great success and lots of fun. We raised over \$80.00 for Chapter coffers, and I'd like to thank all the donators and purchasers for making our event so successful. A special thanks to our auctioneers (Wayne De Laroche and Jack Coulter). They surely were smooth talking devils and generated lots of enthusiasm, and lively bidding.

The winner (?) of our "Ugly Clock Contest" was Phil Russell with his Rocking Chair Clock. After winning First prize, he was generous enough to donate the clock to our auction. Although it can't win again next year, I wouldn't be surprised to see it up for auction again.

October's meeting will cover Vienna Regulators actually made in Vienna (they were made in other places too). The program is from the National and their presentations are always educational and interesting. Our display will be Vienna Regulators (standard size or miniatures), or other Austrian or German clocks.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting.

Jane

Meeting Information:

Date: October 12, 1986

Where: Pleasant Hill Comm. Ctr.

Mart Set-up: 11:30 AM

Mart Begins: 12:00 Noon

Program: Vienna Regulators

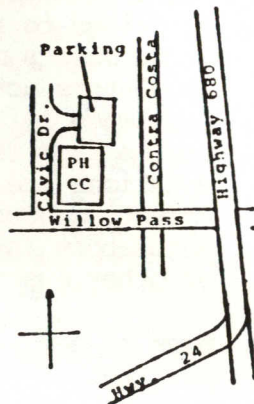
Meeting Begins: 1:00 PM

Display Theme: Vienna Regulators

Annual Membership \$15

Non-Member Donation \$1

Mart: Free
(to all members of the
Chapter)



TAKE PART IN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Vienna Regulators: Our October Display Theme

The Vienna Regulators will be our Display theme for the October meeting. The Vienna Regulator is a relatively common style clock not only made in Austria, but in Germany and the USA. It has been a favorite for over 150 years. We hope that you will share your Vienna Regulator with the Chapter Members. We would like to see various styles and periods of case design.

What is and why the Vienna Regulator? Well, around 1820 the popularity of the long case (Grandfather) clock associated with England and Holland came to an end. (The grandfather case popularity did not resume until about 1900.)

The Austrian clockmakers, about 1825, designed the Vienna Regulator to fill the void left by the grandfather clock case. The true Vienna Regulator was a modification of the grandfather case; It hung on the wall and the bottom portion was shortened. The original Vienna Regulator was an extremely well made and accurate clock.

There was one problem; The shortened case did not allow a 39.14 inch pendulum and those clocks with a second hand rotated in 45 seconds, not 60 and the second hand was only a conversation item. The hour and minute hands were, of course, accurate.

The Austrian Vienna Regulator case was so popular it was copied and massed produced by the Germans and the Americans. Major production was recorded from 1875 to about 1918.

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

Phil Russell
Display Chairman

TAKE PART IN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

What is the Problem?

Do you want to be a writer for a technical journal or contribute articles for the enjoyment of others? No experience is necessary. Our Chapter's Bulletin is intended not only to provide Chapter Meeting information, but it is a Technical Journal as well as a historical and newsy source for our hobby of Clocks and Watches. The Chapter has NO hired writers; no one is designated to write a single line - except for the President's message. ALL articles are volunteered by the Chapter members. HOWEVER, we are getting very, very few items to print.

The BULLETIN offers free space for technical articles, also free space for your watch and clock stories. Stories will be printed as you write them. Also available is space for your 'ads' - buy or sell or wants.

YOU are our Technical Reporters and Feature writers for the Bulletin - there is no one else (no little elves) to provide us interesting things about clocks and watches to read. We would like for each one of you (Our Reporters) to send in at least one item - topic of your choice. The material does not need to be typed. IT'S THAT EASY! Mail to:

Bob Prochnow
435 Laguna Ct.
Livermore, CA 94550

NOW WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Tick Tock

NOTICE

This is a tear-out ballot
for the Chapter 107 Members
to vote on the enclosed
Proposed changes to the
Bi-Laws. Please be sure to
return this to Fred Costa
by October 3rd.

At our last Board meeting a Committee consisting of Chairman Phil Russell, Bob Wahrer and John North reported suggested changes to be made to our Chapter By-Laws, dated November, 1980. These suggested changes were then discussed, revised and are presented here for your review.

Article II, 4, Vacancy Procedure: The President shall declare a vacancy to exist upon learning of the death of an incumbent, upon receiving written or verbal notice of resignation or upon a vote of the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph b, below. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of one or more candidates willing and able to fill the vacancy at the next Executive Committee meeting. Members of the Executive Committee may also nominate candidates at this meeting. The vacant office shall then be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The member so elected shall hold office until the normal expiration of the term of the vacant office and shall be eligible for nomination for any office in the succeeding term.

Section 2, 4. b: After any elected officer or director misses two consecutive executive meetings without having contacted the President with reasons for such absences, the President will contact the incumbent, if possible, and report to the next Executive Committee meeting the reasons for such absences. The Executive Committee shall then decide by majority vote if replacement of the incumbent is in the best interests of the Chapter. If so decided, the President shall declare the office vacant, and it shall be filled according to Section a, above.

- Article I. A. 5: Treasurer shall
- a. be responsible for keeping the Chapter's financial record.
 - b. be responsible for making all deposits and disbursements.
 - c. be an ex-officio member of the Membership Committee.
 - d. be responsible for the changing of Authorized Signatures.
 - e. file Income Tax Statements and various government reports as required.
 - f. report to each Executive Committee meeting the amount of money in the Treasury, money received and spent since the last Executive Committee meeting and any large or unusual financial events such as liabilities incurred but not yet paid.

Article I, E, 2: No member of the Executive Committee shall be elected to any office or directorship for the year immediately following the expiration of his/her term of office except to the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall not succeed himself. The Secretary and Treasurer may succeed themselves as many times as the Chapter wishes to nominate and re-elect them.

Article III, B, 3: The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee and the results shall be reported at the March Executive meeting and to the membership in the April bulletin.

Article IV, C. 1. Budgets: Committee Chairmen should provide an estimated budget for the following year based on current budget with known, necessary modifications at the September Executive Committee meeting. Executive Committee to vote on/approve budget.

Article IV, E. 7. The Program Committee shall be responsible for developing and securing programs for Chapter meetings. General program topics for the April through February Chapter meetings shall be submitted to the second Executive Committee meeting for the year for approval. The Program Committee shall firm up programs in sufficient time to write an announcement including information on both the program and speaker for publication in the Bulletin announcing the meeting.

Article IV, E. 8. The Display Committee shall select a display theme for each meeting. This theme should tie in with the program to be presented to the extent possible. The Display Committee shall prepare a display announcement for each Bulletin.

Article IV, E. 9. The Drawing Chairman should provide Treasurer with an accounting of monies spent and monies collected at the September Executive Committee meeting.

Article V, D: The annual dues for the succeeding calendar year shall be set by majority vote of the Executive Committee at the September Executive Committee Meeting.

Article VI, Chapter Meetings

Article VI, A. Regular meetings shall be held during the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. The meeting place shall be held in Contra Costa County within seven and one-half (7½) miles of Interstate Hwy. 680.

Article XII - Amendments to the By-Laws

Article XII, a.2. For A-2. If a proposal for amendment is passed by the Executive Committee, the suggested amendment(s) along with a ballot will be published in the next following issue of the Bulletin. Ballots shall be counted at the next following regular meeting following publication and if passed by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast, the amendment shall become effective immediately. The results of the ballot count shall be announced to all members present.

BALLOT
CHANGES TO BY-LAWS DATED NOVEMBER 1980

	Approve	Disapprove
Article II, 4., Vacancy Procedure	-----	-----
Section 2, 4. b., Vacancy Procedure	-----	-----
Article I. A. 5., Treasurer shall	-----	-----
Article I, E, 2., Terms of Office	-----	-----
Article III, B, 3., Duties	-----	-----
Article IV, C. 1., Budgets	-----	-----
Article IV, E. 7., Program Committee	-----	-----
Article IV, E. 8., Display Committee	-----	-----
Article IV, E. 9., Drawing Committee	-----	-----
Article VI, Chapter Meetings	-----	-----
Article V, D., Annual Dues	-----	-----
Article XII,a.2., Amendments to the By-Laws	-----	-----

Please complete and mail this ballot to: Fred Costa
1556 Fieldcrest Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Our By-Laws state that this ballot should be returned to the Secretary, Fred Costa, not less than five days before the date of the the Regular Meeting. Please mail prior to October 3, 1986.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 1987

I am very pleased to announce the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 1987 as selected by the Chapter's Nominating Committee. The Committee was composed of Phil Russell, Fred Cuthill, and Jane Saville. Each candidate was contacted and agreed to serve the Chapter in the selected office. As prescribed in the By-Laws of the Diablo Valley Chapter, No. 107, the proposes slate of Officers and Directors for 1987 is as follows:

President: John Stohr
 Vice President: Bob McIver
 Vice President: Dorothy Glenk
 Secretary: Fred Costa
 Treasurer: Tom Mitch
 Directors: Leonard Boone
 Jim McElroy
 G. Edwin Okvist

All Committee Chairpersons are selected by the incoming President.

Additional candidate nominations will be requested from the floor at the October meeting. Prior to a floor nomination the proposed candidate Must have agreed to serve in that particular office. The slate of officers will be completed at the October meeting.

The Official Ballot to vote for Officers and Directors will be available in the December Bulletin. New Officers will be inducted at the December meeting.

Jane Saville
President

The great American showman P.T. Barnum (Barnum & Bailey Circus and Barnum Museum fame) had a major effect on the American Clock manufacturing industry in 1855. Some facts are still in dispute, but the ultimate effect was the bankruptcy of Chauncey Jerome and the very end of the Jerome Clock manufacturing company in 1855. Barnum was NOT a clockmaker, but an investor. Barnum coined the philosophy "There is a sucker born every minute."

Barnum entered the American Clock business in the early 1850's with a marine clockmaker who failed. In 1854 he bought into the firm of Theodore Terry, son of Samuel Terry, to make clocks under the name of Terry & Barnum. Prior to the merger Terry's factory doing business with Ansonia Clock Company was destroyed by fire. Barnum agreed to rebuild the factory and he did. Stock consisted of damaged clocks and parts and some out-of-date clocks.

Now for the kicker! Chauncey Jerome also had a major fire in April, 1845 and which all but wiped him out. In 1850 he formed the Jerome Manufacturing Company and again was a major clock maker. His son, S.B., was the manager and Chauncey let him run the business. After the big fire and reconstruction, Jerome, no doubt, was operating on a shoestring.

Barnum and Terry convinced S.B. Jerome that a merger would benefit all. Barnum would use his name known world-wide to sell clocks. He said their company had debts of \$20,000 and stock. Chauncey knew nothing about the merger and had never talked to Barnum. After the merger the Terry-Barnum debt turned out to be \$70,000 and unuseable stock. Neither Chauncey nor Barnum could cover the debt and KAPUT - the end of the Jerome Clock Company. Company stock went down and out. Chauncey blamed Barnum, and Barnum claimed he was ruined by the Jerome Company. Chauncey went to work for wages. Barnum went back to his Museum. And that is the way it was, maybe?

Phil Russell

DID YOU KNOW?

° Did you know that Eli Terry is considered the 'father' of the clock manufacturing industry? Eli is credited with the first mass production of clocks with interchangeable parts. Between 1807 - 1809 Eli constructed 2000 wood movements for grandfather clocks. Eli sold this business in 1810 to his hired help - SETH THOMAS AND SILAS HOADLEY. Eli made his first clocks by cutting the wheels and teeth with a saw and a jack-knife. Eli in 1814 invented the Pillar & Scroll top case. His uncle was Eli Whitney - inventor of the cotton gin.

° Did you know that Chauncey Jerome (1793-1868), an outstanding inventor and clockmaker, said that SETH THOMAS never invented anything new. He always looked for improvements from others.

° Did you know that Elias Ingraham became world known with his development of the Sharp Gothic style case in 1845 (we call it the steeple case). Elias is also credited with the process for the Black enameled clocks. But did you know the Ingraham Co. also was the FIRST TO:

1. Develop an unbreakable watch crystal made from celluloid.
2. Place stem shut-offs on the top of alarm clock cases.
3. Made a one piece pocket watch crown in the non-jeweled field.
4. Produce an electric motor sealed in oil.

° Did you know that Chauncey Jerome was the inventor of the one day brass movement made in 1837 by his brother Noble. This brass movement ended the manufacture of the wood movement. Chauncey did not patent his new movement and missed a chance for a fortune.

Now you know.

Phil Russell



FOR SALE: Over 25 years collection of clocks of all types: French English, Austrian, Black Forest, American; some 70 pieces plus parts, fittings, etc. This sale will include tall clocks, art nouveau, S.B. Terry's and many other rare and unusual clocks.

The sale will be held on Sunday, October 12 from 9AM to 5PM, at 974 Santa Lucia Drive, Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523. Directions are: Highway 24 from Oakland to Walnut Creek, Int. 680 North to Willow Pass Rd., left to Santa Monica (across from Sun Valley Mall), immediate left to Santa Lucia. For further interest contact D. Glenk (FNAWCC 8232) at 415-825-9039. Items will be sold on a first come basis. Anxious to sell, Let's Deal. For pics, send large SASE and \$2.00.

NAWCC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An NAWCC Membership Roster is planned for publication in 1987. Members who do not wish to have their names and addresses published, please contact Headquarters by

DECEMBER 15, 1986

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Sierra Nevada Chapter and the Sacramento Valley Chapter will be hosting the 1986 Sierra Nevada Western Regional at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino in Sparks, Nevada on October 16 through the 19th, 1986.

The San Joaquin Watch and Clock Association will be hosting a one-day Mart at the Madera Fair Grounds, (Hatfield Hall) on Saturday, Nov. 15, 1986 (Fresno). Admission is \$2.00 for adults with Children under 16 Free. Contact Eugene Peabody at 209-674-4948 after 6 PM for further details.

NOTICE

The Oakland Museum is in need of a volunteer to take care of and wind their clocks. If interested, please talk to Fred Costa at (415) 228-4637 for more information.

Also, if anyone would be interested in participating in a field trip to the Oakland Museum to see which of their clocks need work, again please contact Fred Costa at (415) 228-4637

