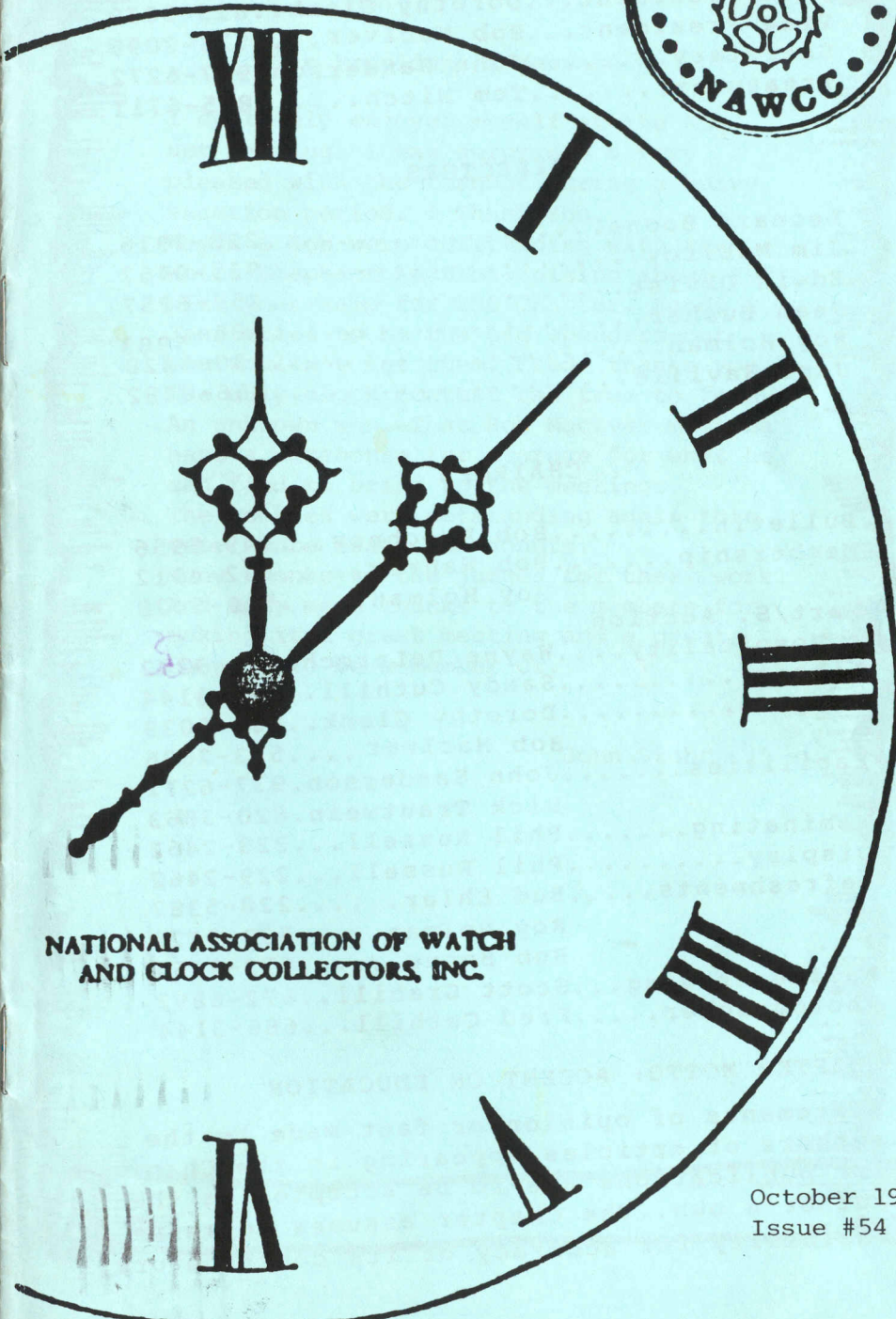
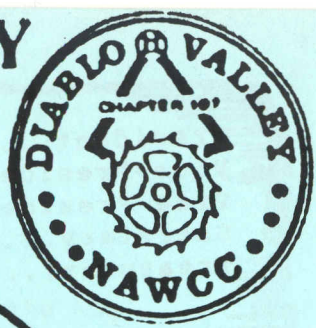


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CHAPTER MOTTO: ACCENT ON EDUCATION

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The President's Message

I certainly enjoyed myself at the August meeting. I was surprised & very pleased with the turnout during a heavy vacation period. I Thank You.
 Wayne & Bob were outstanding with the White Elephant Auction-raising about \$90 with your help for the Chapter. Sandy & Jane tried to be the big spenders-but you wouldn't let them. Fred thanks you. The ugly clock contest ran true to form. An unknown won. That Bob MacIver must have a warehouse for storage for what he can find to bring to the meetings. The cookies were outstanding again this year. Sure beats the donuts. Many thanks to the judges for their work. And many more thanks to the members for making it a great meeting and a great Chapter to be a member of.

John Stohr

Meeting Information:

Program; Detecting antique.
clocks (dorothy Glenk)

Date: October 11, 1987

Where: Pleasant Hill Community Ctr.

Mart Set-Up: 11:30 AM

Mart Opens: 12:00 Noon

Meeting Begins: 1:00 PM

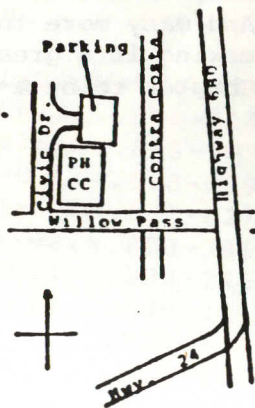
Display Theme: Clocks, Cases & Movements
by unknown makers

Dues: Chapter Members: \$15.00

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

Mart: FREE

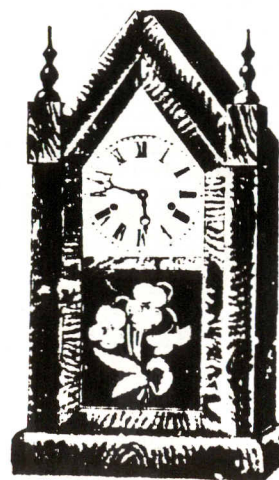
Silent Auction: FREE



Northern California Nawcc Chapters

- Chapter #5 Dr. Stephens- 2nd Sunday of odd months.
Except May which meets on 1st Sunday.
1700 West Hillside Blvd. (San Mateo
College) Off Hwy. 92 between 280 & 101.
Starts at 1 PM
- Chapter #65 Sierra Nevada- 1st Sunday of even mos.
Meetings rotate among members homes.
Secretary works in Berkeley-Call on
415-848-4916 at noon for location.
- Chapter #70 Monterey Bay- 3rd Sunday of even months.
Soquel Grange Hall, Soquel, Ca. South
of Santa Cruz on Hwy 1 at 1 PM.
- Chapter #71 Sacramento Valley-Odd months, preset
1987 dates remaining, Nov. 22, Art &
Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd.
Sacramento at 12 Noon.
- Chapter #94 De Anza- 1st Sunday of even months.
Odd Fellows Hall, Homestead Rd. at
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd., Cupertino
at 12 Noon (Just off Hwy. 280)

Chapter Motto:
Accent On Education



Poem Submitted by John Sanderson

Eli Terry was a master.
He made clocks faster.
He invented a way
To make clocks pay
And avoided financial disaster.

He had a young friend named Thomas,
A clockmaker of great promise.
To his friend, Eli Terry,
Seth said, "let's make merry.
Be the spirit of brotherhood upon us".

But Seth was ambitious,
From a family avaricious.
"I'll send ol'Ned to Terry's shed
For Eli is never suspicious.

Ned is so sly
He'll learn from friend Eli,
While generously paid,
How the best clocks are made,
For Ned is a clever guy".

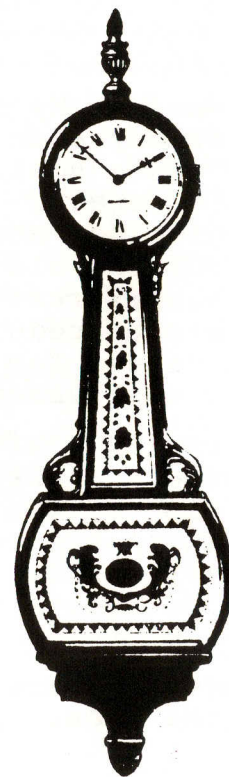
Then Terry was burned
Because Ned returned
To Seth, his old master
Who now made clocks faster
(From Eli he'd learned).

Seth, in the hollow,
Said, "I'll just follow.
Let others invent
I'm money bent
Here in Plymouth Hollow".

The council was game
To change the town's name
And after his death
Named it for Seth
Because of his great fame.

The town's still Thomaston.
But the factory's done.
It's all broken glass
And there's no more brass.
Clocks are no longer fun

Seth is now gone
But his name lives on.
Folks see it inscribed
On clocks at bedside
Upon waking each dawn.



'The Tip Off' from the Work Bench
By Phil Russell

The techniques of veneering has been a mystic-but now JIM McELROY, one of our Directors, has provided some interesting information on the work bench approach to veneering. Thanks, Jim, for sharing your 'know how'.

veneering Old Clock Cases
By Jim McElroy

Many of the old veneered clock cases which are found will have parts of the veneer badly cracked or chipped, and portions of the veneer is peeling off. This is usually due to humidity and lack of care. Trying to repair the old veneer is frustrating-not only in matching the grain and color, but also thickness and leaving a scar on the case. I determine if the veneer should be patched and if the patch will result in a nice appearing case. I usually decide to strip the veneer from the entire case and put on new veneer.

Removing old veneer: My method for removing the old veneer may sound radical but it is effective. I use a small propane blow torch to heat the old veneer. This heats the glue (probably animal glue) and the old veneer peels off. BE CAREFUL-the old veneer can catch fire. I can easily remove almost all the old veneer by this procedure. Where possible I save the old veneer for color comparison and use on minor distressed cases.

Sanding and Cleaning: After the old veneer is removed I sand and clean the wood case until there is a clean, smooth surface. Any foreign objects or lumps are removed that will affect the new veneer finish. I also lightly sand the new veneer to remove any obvious defects.

Buying new veneer: There are many suppliers of veneer in the area. I purchase my

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veneer from the Piedmont Lumber Co. in Walnut Creek. The veneer is 5" wide and 36" long-4 strips cost about \$8.00. (By searching you can find veneers 5" to 17" wide and from 3 feet to 8 feet long.) Usually I can find the grain and wood veneer I want.

Cutting and Applying Veneer: I measure the veneer needed for each section of the case and use a razor blade to cut the veneer. (There is a veneer saw). I cut the veneer oversize about $\frac{1}{2}$ " on all sides. I then apply contact cement to both the wood case and to the veneer piece and allow the cement to dry as per manufacturer's instructions. (Usually 15 minutes and not more than 2 hours, until cement is glossy). Contact cement essentially eliminates the need for complex clamping.

When the cement has dried I lay a sheet of wax paper on the cement on the veneer (it won't stick) and position the veneer on the case. When the veneer is positioned I slip the paper from one end of the veneer as I press it in place as I slide off the paper. I roll with a wooden roller. The cement bond is INSTANT and the veneer cannot be moved. That is the reason for the overlap in sizing. A razor blade is used to trim the overlapped edges. On the curved surfaces I use thin veneer and am careful that the veneer grain is lengthwise to reduce bending.

Final Finishing: I carefully use sandpaper as needed. Use a tack cloth on the surface and add an oil stain. When this has dried use semi gloss 'Deft' spray which seals, primes, and finishes. The veneering job is done.

Cautions: Remember veneer surfaces should be treated with respect as any other painted surface. It is very easy to rub through the veneer when lightly sanding. Many veneers are paper thin. Old glues come loose easily.

Jim McElroy

Congratulations to Royal English

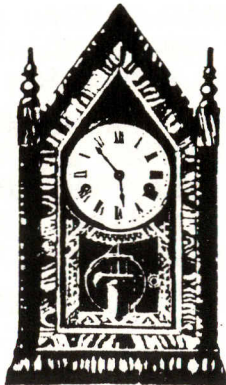
Congratulations are in order for Royal English of Royal Clockworks in Walnut Creek. Royal, a Past President of our Chapter was honored by the Acalanes Adult Education Center as presenting the most popular and unusual adult education course in their District- Repair of Antique Clocks.

The Contra Costa Times newspaper on Aug. 5th had a large picture of Royal with several old clocks and two of his students. The class is open to all.

As a former student, Royal presents an excellent class program-it is well rounded and not only includes repair, but case restoration techniques, mechanical calculations for timing, etal. Royal is a strong supporter of our Chapter. He has presented numerous programs; is on our Chapter's 'Answer Box'; and no doubt has brought in more new members than anyone. Royal has been recognized by the National NAWCC for his efforts beyond that expected.

Again, Royal, Congratulations-a well earned reward!

Phil Russell



Executive Meeting:

The November 9th (Monday) Board Meeting will be at Jean and Gareth Busher's Home in Concord. All members are welcome and invited to attend.....
Give Jean a call for directions.

Golden Gate Western Regional "88"

There haven't been many new items to report since the August Bulletin.

Jean Busher and her roommate Gareth have accepted the Chairmanship for the reservation committee. About July 1988, they'll be needing help to open reservation request for Mart tables, admission & dinner tickets and return confirmations to the senders. Reservations are Chapter 107's responsibility, so please let me know that you'll help.

From your President:

Your Chapter Officers met on September 21st at Jane Saville's home in San Ramon and 12 members were present. Thanks, Jane. The next National will be in Orlando, Florida on Feb. 10-14, 1988. Feb. 14th is our scheduled meeting date. Your board recommends that we change our meeting date. Let's talk about this at our October meeting.

Many Thanks to our Chapter's nominating committee for selecting a slate of officers for 1988 and also thanks to those who "volunteered". Willing members make for a Great Chapter.

Notes on our August 9th meeting will appear in the December Bulletin (National).

Plan now to attend our December "POT-LUCK" and Auction. A fine way to end the year.

I have entry blanks for the 1988 National Craft Contest. See me if you want one.

John

Slate of Officers and Directors
Proposed for 1988

It is a pleasure for me to announce the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 1988 as selected by the Chapter's Nominating Committee. 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 proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 1988 is as follows:

President: Jack Coulter
Vice President: H. C. Cox
Vice President: Wayne Knauf
Secretary: Roy Holman
Treasurer: Tom Mitch
Director: Bob Wahrer
Director: Tom Amour

The carryover Directors who are not up for election are Leonard Boone, Jim McElroy, and G. Edwin Okvist. John Stohr will be a member of the Board as Past President.

All Committee Chairpersons are selected or reappointed by the incoming President.

The President will request additional candidate nominations from the floor at our October meeting. However, on a floor nomination the proposed candidate MUST agree to serve in that particular office at the meeting. (The nomination will not be valid unless this is done). The slate of Officers and Directors will be completed at the October meeting.

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

John Stohr
President

DETECTING CLOCKS

"Nacherly" when a vice-prexy is asked to come up with a program for a meetin', the person has to think mighty hard. But since I'm a researchin' and teachin' the idea of Detecting Antiques, I thought the topic might be timely. Don't fret if you're only a beginner, I've found that those whose minds are open to new ideas and thoughts can teach us a lot.

So bring a provoking, frustrating, "marriage" or whimididdle clock of any kind. We'll smell it, feel it with eyes closed, make scratching noises, probe and scrutinize and see what we can find out.

Come-with a pencil and paper and lots of ideas and, let's let our "brain gears" get oiled.

Display: any clock that's wierd, incomprehensible, an enigma, never before seen by man nor beast and not pictured in any books you know, thinking and wondering about keeps you awake at night.

ATTENTION:

NEW REVISED CATALOG for the restoration of antique clock glasses and for use on contemporary reproductions will be available at October meeting. These are made and distributed locally and readily available to chapter members. Pick up your copy.

Dorothy Glenk

FOR SALE:

Thomas and Hoadley tall case clock, 30 hour works, wood. First Seth Thomas patent purchased from Eli Terry in about 1820. Fine dial, original delicate pewter hands. Some minor movement work needed. \$350.

Dorothy Glenk
825-9039

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

The entire horological estate of one of our local watch and clock repairman will be at the October chapter meeting and for sale at very reasonable prices. Come prepared to acquire that special tool or movement part, etc, that you have been looking for all these past years.

Included, but not limited to, all the following:

Hand tools of all sorts, some very old and very collectable of themselves.
Clock movements, Clock movement parts (by the box) box full, that is.
Clock cases. mostly shelf clocks. A few wall cases and at least one floor clock.
Oh! Did I mention a Clock Horse. That's a thing used in the repair of clocks.
Vises, pliers, screwdrivers, micrometers, specialty tools.
Watch movements by the box full, watch crystal cabinet will press on top. Full of crystals.
Watch parts in factory cases, bottles etc.
A least one Boley jewelers lathe
A watch cleaning machine.

Ah, Heck, There is too much good stuff to be listed here. You will just have to come early and be amazed.

P.S. Did I mention the boxes full of clock parts, dials, glass, etc. etc. ?

PPS. I guess I should mention the cigar boxes full of little goodies.

You may want to bring a shopping bag or two.

ROYAL ENGLISH
BUD ELLER
JOHN STOHR

FROM THE EDITOR:

Articles Wanted!!!

No tidbit is unimportant!
Keep those cards and letters coming in!!

As always, send articles, jokes, puzzles, etc.
to me at:

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Livermore, CA 94550

