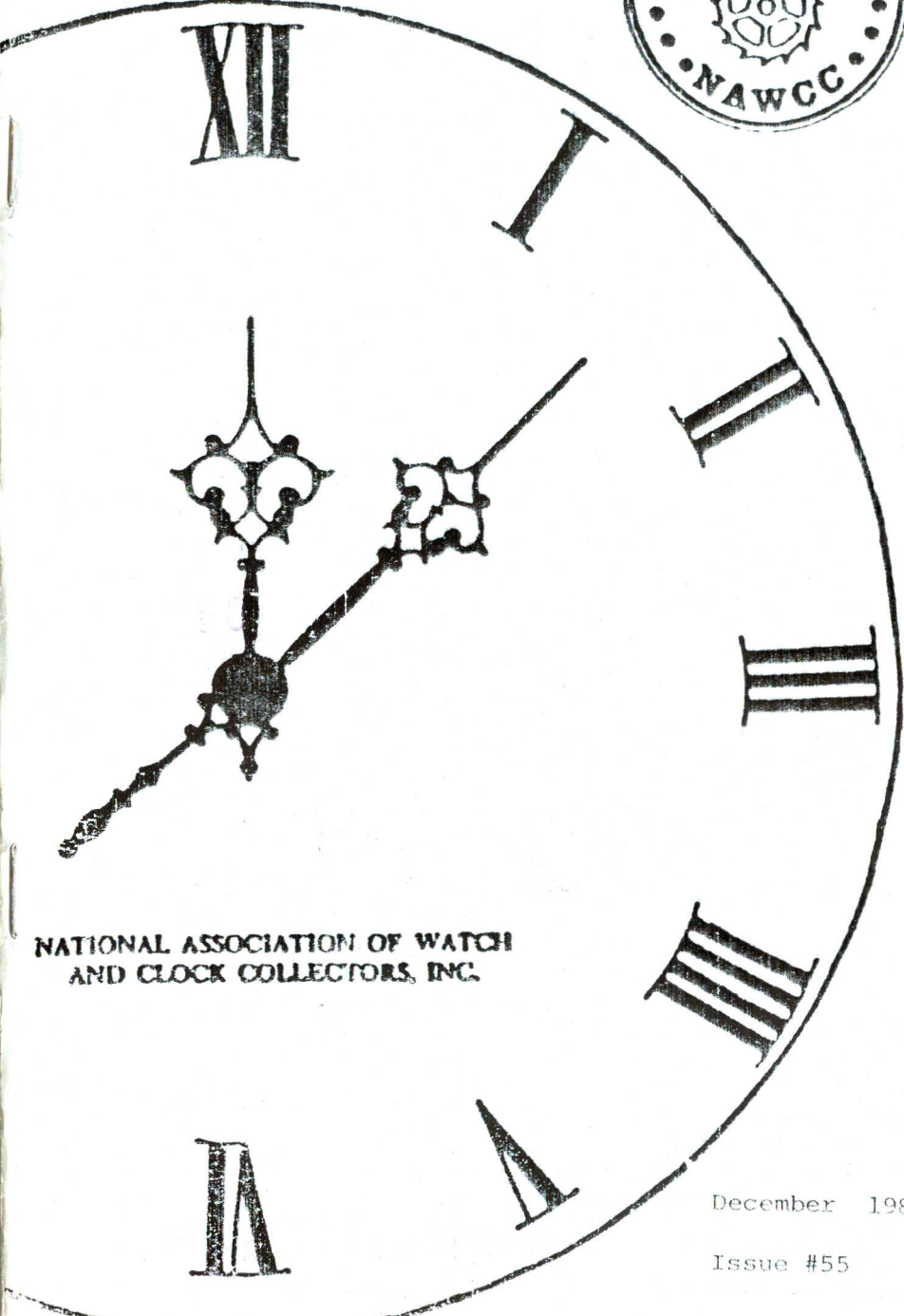


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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH  
AND CLOCK COLLECTORS, INC.

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CHAPTER MOTTO: ACCENT ON EDUCATION

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The President's Message

December already! Time moves fast when you're having fun. I want to thank your officers, directors, and chairpersons as well as members for making this a good year.

Your nominating committee has obtained an outstanding slate of officers for next year, and deserves all our thanks. I know you will extend to the new officers the assistance you gave this year to keep the Chapter going forward. New blood & ideas will keep the Chapter from being a private club.

Remember to bring your 1988 dues with you in December. We don't spend much, but this is where our rent, postage, refreshments, etc. come from to keep us a Chapter. I would like to see the complete membership at our December 13th Pot-Luck and Auction, So I can say; Thanks Again!

John

## Meeting Information:

**Date:** December 13, 1987

**Where:** Pleasant Hill Community Ctr.

**Mart Set-Up:** 11:30 AM

**Mart Opens:** 12:00 Noon

**Meeting Begins:** 1:00 PM

**Display Theme:** Auction Materials

**Pot Luck:** 12:45 PM

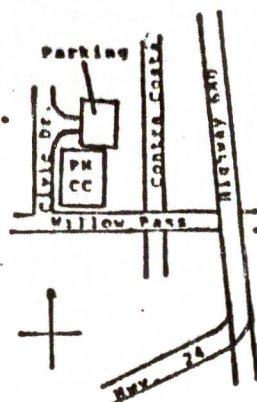
**Dues:** Chapter Members: \$15.00

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

**Mart: FREE**

**Silent Auction: FREE**

(Silent Auction postponed  
until February)



## AUCTION

The time is fast approaching for our 6th Annual Antique Clock & Watch Auction to be held at our December 13 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.

**Chapter Motto:**

**Accent On Education**



"The Auctioneer"

'The Tip Off' from the work bench  
By Phil Russell

I am pleased that Bob Ziriaux of Classic Clocks in Turlock is continuing articles on his methods of refinishing. If you have questions about Clocks and Watches let me know-I'll get your answer from the 'Experts'.

The Use of Fasteners in Case Restoration

By Bob Ziriaux

There is nothing that draws the eye as quickly as a mix in the metal of the hinges and the screws that holds them in place. I do not try and reuse screws in old cases as they are probably rusted or if brass, have a chewed up slot. Also today's brass screws are foreign made and very soft and are not reusable. I make a practice of never reusing a screw and replacing brass on brass and steel on steel.

I buy the screws by the box, since many are defective, you will not be tempted to use poor ones. I buy by the box of 100. They are cheaper this way.

**Screw size selection:** In selecting the size of the screw, look at the size of the hole in the hinge. The screw head should be countersunk in the hole just enough to be slightly larger than the hinge hole when fully inserted.

**Screw Holes:** Before replacing the screws, look carefully at the screw holes. Look for cracks in the wood due to the use of oversize screws. Also look for rust encrusted holes, enlarged by the use of rusted steel screws.

**Fillers:** Be cautious when using a wood filler to fill screw holes. Many of these harden to the point of splitting the wood when a screw is inserted. Better to use a wood putty which hardens more slowly, and gives more when the screw is inserted.

**Closing wood cracks:** If the clock case is made of thick wood, and a large crack exists, you

Fasteners continued:

might consider pulling the crack together with a screw. The screw is countersunk so that the head is not visible. The hole is filled with wood putty-or better-a dowel. First predrill hole and insert screw and attempt to pull the crack closed. If successful, withdraw the screw and place glue in the crack and on the screw and replace screw. When the screw is tightened, some glue will be squeezed out and this glue should be promptly removed.

If using a dowel to fill hole over the screw head, insert dowel and mark so that it is slightly longer than the hole is deep. Cut off so that a very slight amount protrudes out of the hole. This should be sanded to surrounding level and stained and refinished with the rest of the case.

Bob Ziriaux  
Bob, thanks for the fine article. Members appreciate knowing repair techniques.



I'll see all of you  
in December!

"Official Tear-Out Ballot"

Membership Chairman: A year-end Reminder

December is here and it's time for everyone to renew their Chapter Membership. Annual dues are still only \$15.00 and should be paid by January, 1988 to assure that you will receive the next Bulletin.

Chapter Membership Includes:

- \*Receiving the Bulletin 6 times a year.
- \*Free ads in the Bulletin to buy or sell Horological items.
- \*Free publication of articles submitted for the Bulletin or requests for information.
- \*Free Mart table at the Chapter meeting.
- \*Refreshments at the meeting.

Diablo Valley Chapter #107 does not send out individual membership renewal requests. Therefore, the best way is to pay your dues at the December meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail your check to:

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

*Merry  
Christmas*



Diablo Vally Chapter  
NAWCC

Official Ballot for election of 1988 Officers

President:

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

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Vice-President: (Vote for two)

H.C. Cox \_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Knauf \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary:

Roy Holman \_\_\_\_\_

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Directors: (Vote for three.)

Bob Wahrer \_\_\_\_\_

Tom Amour \_\_\_\_\_

Ed Okvist \_\_\_\_\_

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Treasurer:

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

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Please bring to the meeting or mail to the  
Chapter's P.O. Box.

Election For 1988 Officers:

In the center section of your Bulletin, you will find your "Pull-Out" ballot for the election of 1988 Chapter Officers.

Bring your ballot to the meeting with you or if you cannot make our December 13th meeting, Mail the ballot to the address on the outside of the Ballot. Please allow mailing time for the ballot to reach the P.O. Box by the 12th.

As discussed at the October meeting, our By-Laws require 3 directors to be elected in the odd years. To conform to this requirement, Director Ed Okvist elected in 1986 for two years will stand for election again for a two year term. (We elected 3 Directors in 1986 instead of two, due to the appointment of a Director to be Secretary during 1985).

The remaining Director will be carry-overs from last year- Leonard Boone and Jim McElroy. This year's President, John Stohr will make the 6th Director as Past President.

Estate Sale:

The Chapter conducted a sale at our October Mart of Horological items from the Ken Munger Estate. \$1400 plus was raised at our Mart and \$276 at the Chapter #5 Mart. Marge Munger has thanked the Chapter and for the work done by Royal English, Dick Trautwein, Bud Ehler, John North, & John Stohr.

Sick Call:

Member Dick Trautwein, Director in 1985/86 has had major Heart Surgery at Mt. Diablo Hospital. Think good thoughts for Dick so he can have a speedy recovery.

From:

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

When was the last time you ran across the name of a maker and couldn't find out any information on him? Did you ever wonder about some of your clocks as to age, originality, etc? Well, the answers are not that far away. Besides having several knowledgeable collectors in the Chapter, we have a very extensive Chapter library. Many of those questions you've been asking yourself over the past few months (or years) are just a few steps away at the meetings. Stop by the Library table at the next meeting and find a book that interests you. Who knows, those questions could be answered in a few minutes. The library is also an excellent way to preview those books you want to add to your own library. If you don't see a book that you are interested in, let Sandy know and its quite possible she can add that book to the library in the future.

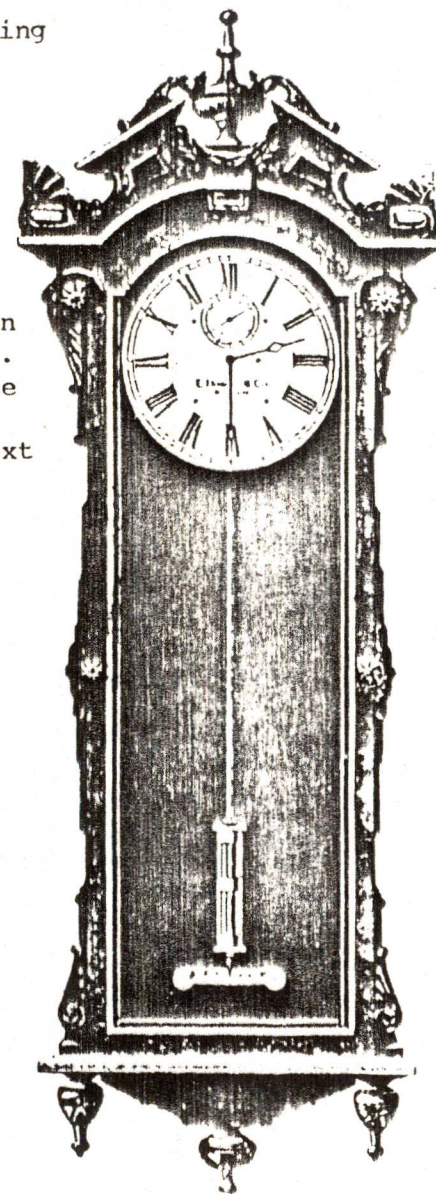


**Wanted:**

Any Horology books relating to American clocks. Any Old Catalogs, etc.

Call Bob Prochnow  
(415) 449-5956

Don't forget that your wants and needs can often be just a few words away. The best part is that the ads are free! So don't delay...see me at the next meeting with your Wants or For Sale list.





## 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>
P thru R	Choose any category below.
S thru Z	Desserts & Treats.
A thru D	Main Dish, Hot or Cold.
E thru I	Salads, Vegetable dishes.
J thru O	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!



## Our Chapter Management

When our Chapter was organized and the Chapter By-laws were developed, it was the intention that everyone have the opportunity to participate in the operation and management of the Chapter. It appears this has been done. The changes and new administrations have certainly provided the chance for new ideas and a variety of programs as well as promoting the Chapter bulletin (our newspaper).

Over the past 11 years (including 1988) of selecting officers and directors we will have had 11 different Presidents. Dorothea Sanderson was our first President. Others have been John North, John Sanderson, Royal English, Phil Russell, Wayne DeLaRoche, Bob Prochnow, Fred Cuthill, Jane Saville, John Stohr and soon (?) to be Jack Coulter.

There have been only 3 repeats as Vice-President - who are the Program Chairpersons. In all-from my scanning-we have had over 60 different members who have served as Officers or Directors. This is truly a remarkable achievement for any organization. In addition we continue to have excellent Chairpersons who manages the intricate Chapter operation-the Library, the Membership, the Bulletin, Refreshments & Facilities, Photography, our Mart, the Displays and other needed operations.

The By-laws until 1986 prohibited any Officers or Directors from being re-elected (except to President). This was changed to allow the Treasurer and Secretary to repeat.

I hope this sharing of power will continue. If you want to be an Officer, Director, or Chairperson in 1989-let the President know.

Phil Russell  
Ch. Nominations Com.

## Why Veneers?

veneers produces fine quality clock cases and other furniture at a far less cost than using solid quality wood. One piece of quality wood can be cut into 14-20 pieces of veneer.

Veneers have been used for over 3500 years. Veneers are thin strips of wood cut from a fine quality wood such as mahogany, ebony, oak and many other woods.

Before 1820 veneers were cut by hand saws (Chauncey Jerome talked about using a hand saw to cut veneers from mahogany planks he obtained in New York). Hand sawed veneers were often more than 1/16" thick. Thus for every 1" of wood almost 16 veneer strips could be cut. Then in about 1820 the circular water driven power saws were used to cut veneers. The power saw reduced labor costs and prices were reduced considerably. Quality, quantity, and uniform thickness were sharply improved. Some veneers today are paper thin.

Sometime the selected veneer wood is not adequately seasoned or dried. This will cause shrinking and result in ragged cracks and also veneer separation. This is often seen in the crossbattens on wall clocks.

In England before 1700 a veneering process called Marquetry was used. Various colored veneers were stacked and cut into patterns by a saw called a Markatree cutter -like a jig saw puzzle. The pieces were very effectively fit together in flower patterns and other artistic designs. We see this Marquetry in many English clocks and other quality cases.

Veneers are here to stay. The latest is the veneering of oak, mahogany, etal on cheap particle board for TV cases and other furniture.

Phil R.

Merry  
Christmas



From Your Editor:

I have been doing the Diablo Valley Chapter's Bulletin for quite some time now and I have had a lot of fun doing it. The time has come to turn over the reigns to some lucky individual. I know there are many aspiring publishers out there who would enjoy taking on this duty. It only requires a few hours 6 times a year. If you are interested, see me or John Stohr at the December meeting.

Bob Prochnow

