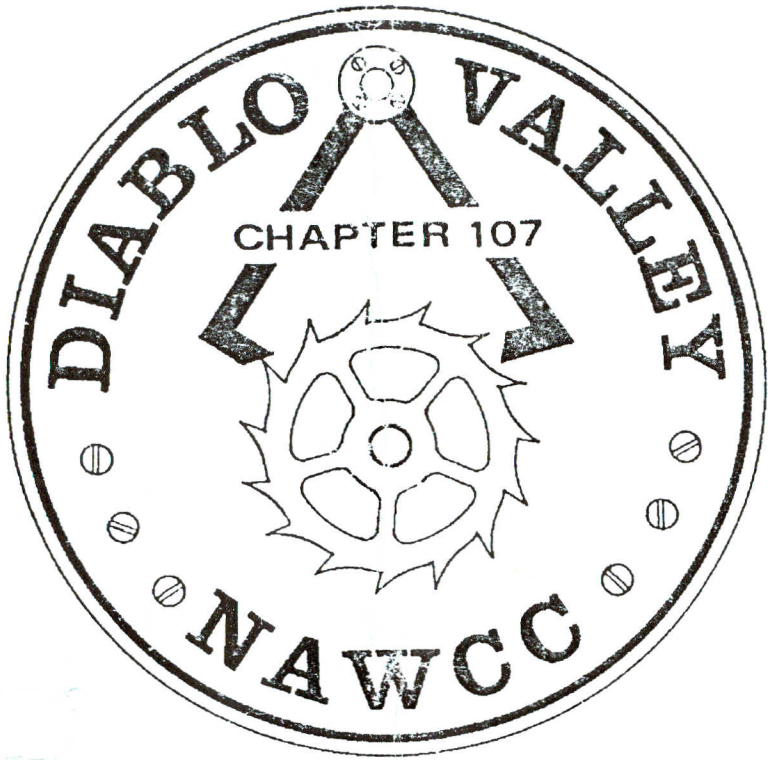


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MEETING INFORMATION

DECEMBER 10, 1989

at

HOME FEDERAL SAVING AND LOAN  
Tice Valley Road and Rossmoor Parkway  
Walnut Creek

MART SET-UP 11:30 AM  
MART BEGINS 12:00 NOON

PROGRAM

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POT LUCK LUNCH  
and  
ANNUAL AUCTION

No display this meeting

Space will be at a premium due to the pot luck and the auction, so kindly consider this when bringing Mart material.

Happy  
Holidays



## CHAUNCEY JEROME and his OGEE

by Phil Russell

In 1838 Chauncey Jerome selected the Ogee case style to become his famous "clock for everyone", and it became the first American clock to be exported. Jerome did not invent the Ogee molding. Actually, the Ogee molding was in common use in 1825, used on large quantities of furniture, and perhaps some clock cases. The wood was shaped by powered planes into the Ogival form, and "Ogee" was the common nickname used by all. (I found "Ogee" used in the 1852 Jerome and Co. catalog.)

It should be noted that in 1837 there was an extreme National depression which had affected most everyone. To compete in this moneyless market, prices had to be cheap. It was about this time that Chauncey's brother, Noble, had invented the inexpensive, stamped out brass weight driven striking movement which drove the wooden movement from the market.

This new movement was mounted in Chauncey's new Ogee case. This simple but attractive case consisted entirely of a molding of wood shaped in the Ogival form and then veneered, and having a glass tablet in the door. The Ogee clock was born!

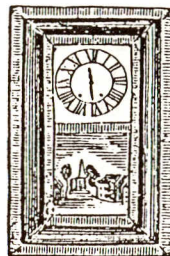
The general shape of the Ogee could be compared to that of a mirror or picture frame, with the clock inserted. Labor to make the case was about 20 cents, and material about 30 cents. The entire clock cost about \$1.50 to make. The Ogee style clock was produced for more than 50 years by many makers. At one time Jerome had 10,000 cases under construction at the same time. In the very beginning, Chauncey cut his own veneer with a handsaw. Early Ogees had wooden dials, and later ones used zinc. When the Ogee came in, it almost entirely replaced the Black Forest wall clock.

## THE ENGLISH SHIP-MARKET STORY

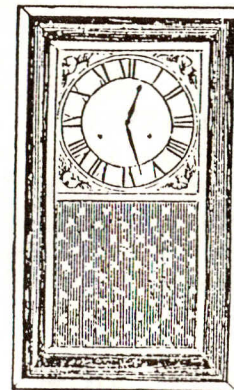
In 1842, Jerome sent a shipload of Ogee clocks to England. Each Ogee was invoiced at \$1.50, the value on which 20 percent English duty had to be paid. At that time the English customs officials had the right to purchase any import at the invoiced value, a system to keep importers from stating very low values to avoid paying the correct duty. The English felt the low \$1.50 price must be understated, so they bought the entire shipment. Jerome was pleased, and soon had a second shipment of Ogees at English customs.

Again the English officials bought the shipment. Jerome was overjoyed; he was making a very good profit with no retail sales costs. He sent over a third shipment and Jerome quotes the English officials as saying they had better let the Americans price their own goods. They allowed that shipment "unmolested" into England. Jerome also quoted the officials as saying the Yankees could make better and cheaper clocks than could be done in England. (Cheaper, but perhaps not better by our standards today)

In the next twenty years English clockmaking declined almost to extinction. Jerome sent his clocks to thirty countries. His success with overseas sales led other Americans to export clocks. Do you have an Ogee in your collection? Maybe even one that has come home from England?



O. O. G., 30 Hour Striking,



O. O. G. 30 Hour, also Alarms. O. G. 30 Hour, also Alarms  
HEIGHT, 26 INCHES, WITH WEIGHTS.



## ELECTION

The old saying "Many hands make light work" is certainly applicable to Chapter activities and I would like to thank each one of you who "volunteered" to serve our Chapter. I'm sure you will find it rewarding and enjoyable.

The following centerfold is already addressed to our Chapter post office box. If you cannot come to our December meeting please mail it. If you can come, tear it out and put it in the ballot box at the meeting.

Dorothea Sanderson  
Nominating Chair

## SPECIAL RAFFLE DRAWING

In addition to the regular raffle drawing at our December meeting, we will have a special raffle for two unique belt buckles made from clock parts. Tickets will be one dollar each for two chances to win one of the buckles.

Merry Christmas  
Harold Montano

## SPECIAL AUCTION ITEMS

Our Chapter has several nice 1924 PACIFIC GOLDSMITH magazines and a 1952 JEWELERS CIRCULAR KEYSTONE magazine which were donated and will be in the December auction. These are fine collector's items, with nice pictures and prices of the time on clocks and watches. Proceeds go to the Chapter, so don't be stingy!



Sandy Cuthill  
Librarian

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is the Holiday season, and the end of the year already. That means it's time to elect new officers and time to sum up what happened this year.

I think things went pretty well. We had good programs and attendance at our meetings. I would like to thank all those who put on programs for us, truly giving meaning to our motto, Accent on Education. February's program of demonstrations by Tom Armour, Roy Holman and John Stohr, April's on wrist-watches by Richard Rogers, June's slides and narrative on the Clockmaker's Guild in London by John Sanderson, August's black clock program by Phil Russel and Larry Bernard's October presentation on railroad watches were all very well done and well received.

We also made progress in meeting member's stated needs by starting alternate month evening meetings on a trial basis. The new officers will have to assess their success, and the fact that we are having difficulty finding a meeting room for them to see if they can continue.

Again, thanks to everyone who worked so hard, and especially to my officers. It was fun!

FRED CUTHILL



POT LUCK and AUCTION

Time again for that great event of the year,  
our ANNUAL POT LUCK LUNCH !!!!!!!

So we can have a variety, please bring food  
as follows:

Last name starts with	bring
A thru D	Main Dish, Hot or Cold
E thru I	Salads, Vegetable Dishes
J thru O	Chips, Dips, Rolls, Cheese
P thru R	Any Category
S thru Z	Desserts and Treats

If your specialty doesn't fit the specs,  
bring it anyway. Nobody will complain.

## AUCTION

And also, time for the ANNUAL AUCTION !!!!!!!

Our eighth annual auction is for GOOD STUFF,  
not white elephant items. Come prepared to  
buy and sell, it's the year's best chance!

Bring only horological type material. Order  
of auction will be order of items checked in  
with auctioneer. You will need to fill out a  
form giving your name, brief description of  
items to be sold (type and condition, running  
or not) and minimum bid to be sold for.

Auctioneer will start items at minimum bid.  
If no bids, auctioneer will ask owner if a  
lowered minimum bid should be used to get the  
sale moving. Seller may not bid on own item.

In addition to being a good opportunity to  
buy and sell good items, this is a way our  
Chapter can generate some funds. So a small  
fee will be charged the seller for each item  
offered, whether sold or not. Up to \$4.99,  
no charge. \$5.00-99.99- \$1 charge, \$100.00  
and over- \$2 charge, all based on minimum bid  
originally specified.

LETS ALL PARTICIPATE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

INFORMATION PLEASE

STEVE FABES ASKS:

I need to glue the front of a 3" dia. brass  
movement to the rear of a clear glass dial.  
The movement plate should not show through  
the dial. I know the original used a black  
pitch type spread adhesive that both bound  
and hid the plate. I want a glue that will  
hold well as the clock is wound from the  
rear, but that can be separated for future  
disassembly. Suggestions please???

Steve Fabes... 932-5091

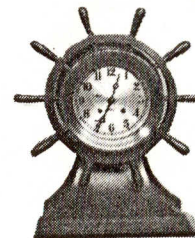


I need a four inch diameter cast iron bell.  
The type used on English clocks would work,  
but I prefer a deeper one.

John Sanderson...937-6272

Hour wheel for Seth Thomas engine clock  
needed.

John North...676-9188



Want ads are free to Chapter 107 members. To  
take advantage of this send or give your want  
ad to John North...

## PHIL RUSSELL'S TIP OFF

\*\*\*\*\*Gosh O'Gee, if you know an Ogee and I know and Ogee it must be plain to see (recognize the tune?) What is an Ogee, an O.G., or an O.G. on O.G.? How about an OOG, a reversed Ogee, or a cyma reversa or a cyma recta and how about a flat Ogee. What is this Ogee thing anyway and where did the name come from???

Simply(?) an Ogee clock case is made from pine. A molding is cut from wood in an "s" shaped curve and the molding is veneered. This molding is then fitted on the front of a clock case. So far so good? Now the "S" shaped curve looks like an ogive--a diagonal rib of a Gothic arch. The "S" is also similar to the architect's irregular drafting curve (sometimes called "sweeps") which has the "S" curve. Probably, instead of calling the curve "Ogive" the users just called it O.G. and thus we have the Ogee.

To help clear up the names-- an Ogee, the O.G., and the cyma recta are all the same and all used for the "S" shaped molding. The OOG or O.O.G. means a second "S" curve was repeated over the first Ogee curve-- two Ogees used in sequence. The O.O.G. is also called a double O.G.

A cyma reversa or reversed Ogee is simply a backward "S".

The O.G. on O.G. is used when the clock has a double door and the Ogee molding is used completely around each door. Here, the outer molding is convex and the door molding is concave. Finally, the flat Ogee is slanted and straight, not really an Ogee. Lets not forget the Ogee dial, which has a raised curve under the hour hand. Now you know all about Ogees--Ogee or rather OK?

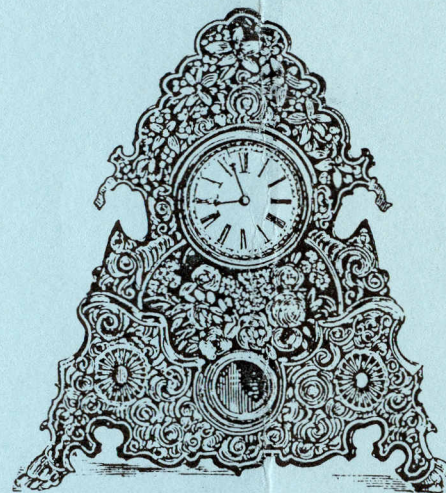
## DUES TIME AGAIN

Time to renew your dues for 1990. Your \$15 dues make you a member of one of the NAWCC's best chapters.

This Chapter doesn't send out renewal notices so please renew at the December meeting. If you can't do that mail your check to:

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

Len Boone, Membership Chair



WASHINGTON

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

NON-MEMBER MEETING DONATION \$3.00

GUESTS ARE MOST WELCOME

however

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