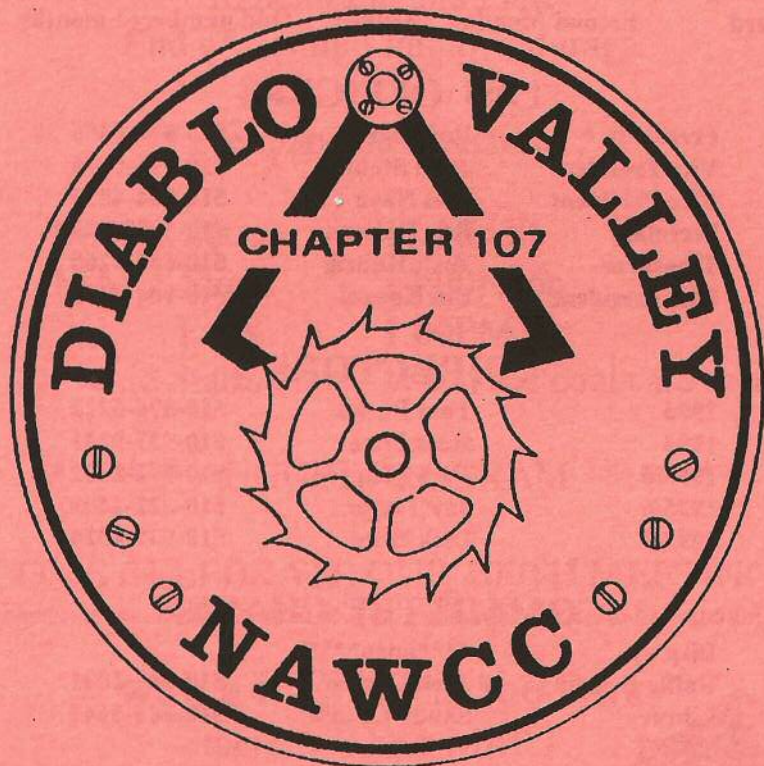


BULLETIN



August 1995

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***** Centennial Issue *****

DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER 107

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Chapter Motto "Accent on Education"

Meetings

Chapter	Second Sunday	11:30AM	- Even numbered months
Evening	First Friday	7:30PM	- Odd numbered months
Board	Second Monday	7:30PM	- Odd numbered months

1995 OFFICERS

President	Roy Clark	510-376-6356
Vice President	John Stohr	510-376-6476
Vice President	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
Secretary	Roy Holman	510-530-5428
Treasurer	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Past President	Bill Koppel	510-934-9391

DIRECTORS

1995	Tom Beales	510-376-6212
1994	Russ Price	510-937-9231
1995/6	Rich Simpson	510-672-2051
1995/6	Jay Taylor	510-522-2409
1994/5	Dick Heep	510-939-4924

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Display	****open****	
Raffle Drawing	Jack Coulter	510-284-1031
Library	Sandy Cuthill	510-686-3144
MART	****open****	
Membership	Roy Holman	510-530-5428
Nominating	John Stohr	510-376-6476
Photo	Richard Simpson	510-339-9529
Program	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
" "	John Stohr	510-376-6476
Refreshments	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
Tool Library	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Bulletin/Editor	Steve Fabes	510-831-8799

Meeting Information

PICNIC



Sunday August 13th, 1995

Rancho Laguna Park
End of Camino Pablo - Moraga

* * see map and directions * *

MART Set-up	11:30AM
MART Starts	12:00Noon
Ends	1.00PM
Picnic Starts	When the coals are ready!

***** AUGUST PROGRAM *****

COME CELEBRATE OUR 100TH MEETING

(Next one will be 200th in 2012 A.D. - some of us need to be watchful)

with a PICNIC in the Park

there will be a MART

(how big - we don't know)



Bring family and friends and have a good time
Chapter will provide grill, meat, chicken and soda-pop
Bring your favorite salad

President's Message

We have planned for a picnic at Rancho Laguna Park in Moraga for our August 13th noontime meeting. At our June meeting it was decided that the Chapter would provide at the Chapter's costs food and drink. This is contrary to what has been stated previously so each of you should note the change. Jay Taylor has agreed to bulk purchase food and drinks and Walt Hubrig is bringing a large drum type barbeque. We have not planned to provide salads so it would be nice if some members could bring some ready fresh vegetables/salads that could be shared by all.

We have a number of interesting meetings this year. Our June meeting featured Ugly Clocks but they are getting prettier each year rather than uglier. We had a great attendance at the June Sunday meeting but only seven at the July Friday evening meeting. This last meeting showed three different slide presentations, the most interesting being the one on OG. clocks. It amazing how many different sizes, features and movements there were in OG.s. One sample of each would stuff even a very large museum.

Several new members have joined our chapter. Make sure that you welcome them and invite others. We have a great Club and the members make it that way.

Sincerely, Roy Clark

The Chapter is saddened at the news of the passing of our member

Lenny Naham

Lenny had been with us for almost nine years and will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and bringing to the Chapter his broad knowledge and wide collection of fine and unusual pocket and wrist watches

We extend to his family our sincere condolences at their loss

The Beginning

The first Chartered meeting of Chapter #107 was held in April 1978 at the Sanderson home and Dorothea was elected the chapter's first President.

The early members had been meeting at the Sanderson's home since 1977 but did not apply to the NAWCC for Chapter status until 1978.

The first Bulletin was published in December 1978 and included the first reference to the Chapter motto "Accent on Education".

Charter Members.....circa 1980

Dorothea Sanderson	Karl Kochmann
Fred Cuthill	Jean Busher
Sandy Cuthill	Ralph Fletcher
John Sanderson	Andre Aldenhuysen
Scott Hampton	Jerry Kroeger
Dave Morgan	Charles Morehouse
Jack Coulter	George Loquvam
Joe Ford	Ginny Ford
Karl Walker	Dorothy Glenk
Robert Gutafson	W.A. Glenn
Warren Hampton	Phil Russell
Royal English	Don Giannini
Leonard Boone	Patricia Erickson
Roger Campbell	James Azeltine
Russell Erikson	Bruce Millar
Stan Peterson	Gareth Busher
Clayton Ferguson	Bennie Martinez
Gordon Richards	K. H. McKaig

Sandy Cuthill tells how the Chapter got funded back in 1978, this was before annual dues. Dave Morgan pulled out a twenty dollar bill and the few others present did likewise.

A remarkable way to fund a fledgling organization and a great investment for the future.

Meeting Notice - 1978

provided by Dorothea Sanderson

(who steadfastly renews and retains Membership #001)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

You are hereby notified that the Diablo Valley Clock Club is gathering on Sunday, February 12, 1978

PLACE : The Sandersons
699 Teak Court
Walnut Creek, Ca

MART: 12:00 Noon

PROGRAM: "Should I buy this clock?"
and
"Various methods of clock cleaning"

PLEASE BRING:

1. One unrestored clock for the program
2. Questions relating to the program
3. Answers based on your experience (limited or otherwise)
4. A suggestion for future programs
5. A guest (prospective member)

DONATIONS:

Refreshment: \$1.00 per adult
MART table: \$1.00

R.S.V.P. to the following numbers:

Daytime: 284-4720 (Hampton)
Evenings: 686-3144 (Cuthill)
937-6272 (Sanderson)

See you at the meeting!!

(signed John and Dorothea (Sanderson) and Fred and Sandy (Cuthill))

Dave Morgan

Phil Russell notes that Dave Morgan started the Adult Repair Class that still runs at Acalanes Adult Education Center, he was followed by Earl Glenk, Doug Green, Royal English and now Wayne English. This program has developed the skills of so many of us and has been a remarkable source of members for the Chapter.

Dave Morgan moved back East in June 1979 and is still very active in horology. He is expected to be elected to the office of National President of NAWCC in 1997. Chapter #107 benefited from his time with us and are proud to see his move on to such an important office.

(We will ensure that a copy of this Centennial Issue of the Chapter #107 Bulletin gets sent to Dave Morgan)

From the First Bulletin published December 1978

(kindly supplied by Roy Holman - he has the entire set!)

President	Dorothea Sanderson
1st Vice President	Fred Cuthill
2nd Vice President	Dave Morgan
Secretary	Sandy Cuthill
Treasurer	John Sanderson

Directors:	Scott Hampton
	Royal English
	Bruce Millar
	Robert Gutafson
	Roger Campbell

The Bulletin looks remarkably like today's and shows the strength of its origins.

The sections were:	President's Message
	The MailBag - Questions and Answers
	For Sale
	Wants
	Program Announcement
	Election Notice
	Announcements
	Tips

Yesterday's Prices

Past Presidents

1978 Dorothea Sanderson
 1979 John North
 1980 John Sanderson
 1981 Royal English
 1982 Phil Russell
 1983 Wayne DeLaroche
 1984 Bob Prochnow
 1985 Fred Cuthill
 1986 Jane Saville
 1987 John Stohr
 1988 Jack Coulter
 1989 Fred Cuthill
 1990 Steve Fabes
 1991 John Stohr
 1992 Harol Montano
 1993 Bob Boone
 1994 Bill Koppel
 1995 Roy Clark (present)

Past Editors

1978 Dorothea Sanderson
 1983 Scott Grabill
 1985 Bob Prochnow
 1989 John North
 1992 Tom Beales
 1994 Steve Fabes (present)

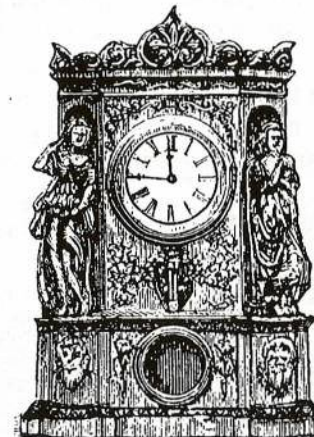
Longest and quietest held position.....!

Sandy Cuthill - Librarian
 shushhhhhhhh....! - since Day-1 (1978)

This piece was supplied by Phil Russell and will be appreciated by all and especially those who today walk around with smug faces saying "I've got one of those - bought it years ago - got it cheap - do you want to buy it - I'll let you have it for three and a quarter"

Price Examples from the 70's - all pieces in GRO and cases good to fair

American Black mantels - wood/iron	\$25-65
American OG.s	\$40-65
Cast iron, marble, slate mantels	\$25-50
Small Cottage style	\$20-30
Steeples	\$40-50
Seth Thomas - Adamantine	\$30-50
Camel backs - (Tambours to the purists)	\$15-35
Small Celluloids	\$5-10
Mission Wall - oak	\$30-45
Mission Grandfather	\$75-100
Japanese Schoolhouse	\$25-40
Japanese Box clocks	\$25-40 (arghh! - Ed)
Japanese Box clocks - 5 feet	\$75 (double arghh!)
Small German plate clocks	\$5-15
Cuckoos - small with weights	\$10-15
Iron Clad Alarms - Ansonia	\$5-10
Grandfather - English style	\$75-200



DRAMA

And now onto Horological items, some significant, other less so.

First, as its Summer time - a couple of Sun Dial pieces

Recreating the Miracle of Ahaz

from an article forwarded by Harold Montano

Ever want to turn back the clock? A unique sundial at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia may help you out. The device built in 1578 by the German instrument builder Christopher Schlisser, is known as the Dial of Ahaz. It was designed to recreate an Old Testament miracle involving King Ahaz who asked God for proof that he had been cured of a dire illness. He was convinced when the Sun's shadow, cast by an obelisk upon some steps grew shorter by ten steps as if time had been reversed.

Schlisser sought to duplicate this event with a bowl shaped sundial in which the shadow is cast by a bead on a line strung from the staff of a Moorish figurine. A Latin inscription on the dial explains that filling the bowl with water will cause the shadow to be "borne backwards by 10 degrees." The sundial, victim of an inept repair job in the 1890's did not work as advertised when examined a few years ago by astronomer and science historian Owen Gingerich at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CFA). The bead was in the wrong position.

This problem intrigued one of Gingerich's students, Philip Sadler, now a Harvard professor and director of science education at CFA. Working with photographs of the sundial, he noted where the shadow should fall at noon and then traced where the sun's light had to be to blocked to produce that shadow., thus determining the bead's location. Sadler who describes this project in the March edition of the American Journal of Physics, next created a mathematical model of the dial to show why it appears to make time recede. The trick depends on refraction. When light crosses the boundary from water to air it bends slightly, changing the apparent location of its source. "As you start to add water, the shadow moves backward in the bowl. It's weird," says Sadler. He found that at one point each day - the exact time depends on the latitude and season - the sundial's time could indeed be made to retreat by about 40 minutes or 10 degrees - presumably the 10 steps of the miracle.

***** Second Piece on Sundials *****

The closer the sundial is to the equator, the closer the numerals are on its face. Until they're so jammed up you can't read them, Sundials don't do well in the tropics. (HM)

Pacific NorthWest Regional Tacoma WA - May 1995

A trip report by Phil and Sarah Russell

As a fun trip we drove up to Tacoma Washington for the NAWCC Pacific Northwest Regional Clock and Watch meeting. It was held May 11-13th at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel.

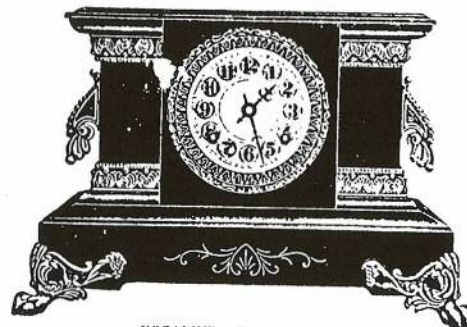
622 NAWCC Members registered for the Regional and there were 199 MART tables. Jim Colson, our NAWCC National President was there and we had a nice chat with him after his presentation at the Banquet.

The Tacoma Regional management and operation of the Regional was well organized, both the MART, the operation and the reception - an excellent job often under difficult circumstances.

Facilities at the hotel were spacious, nice and convenient. Lots of safe parking in and around the hotel. We did not see many Chapter #107 members there. Loren Scanlon was there with his traveling book show - hope our members continue to buy their watch and clock books from Loren who has proven to be a very helpful Chapter contributor.

Since there is always an interest in MART prices - we did not see many "sleepers" but did see that prices for clocks and watches have certainly gone up both in the MART and in the shops and stores outside. Inside the MART my old favorites - the black mantels ranged from \$125-325, Kitchens from \$250-350, Schoolhouse styles \$250-550, O.G.s \$150-450.

Our trip back was along Highway 101 and the Pacific coast, the sea and the waves were just great.



ROSALIND.- Enameled Iron.

Missing Bulletins

We are very pleased to note that the Chapter Library's two missing Bulletin copies (#88 and #93) have been volunteered and can be replaced.

We owe a round of thanks to both Walt Hubrig and Minnie Naham the thoughtful wife of Lenny Naham who passed away on June 14th after a short illness.

***** **Wanted** *****

Roy Clark is looking for a clock with "CLARK" on the dial.

This month's competition is to supply the answer to the question Why?

Seriously, I've heard Roy ask for this on several occasions and this time he is in earnest.

A tall case clock would be the first choice but with a name as uncommon as Roy's he will probably accept any shelf or mantel.

Keep looking and give him a call at..... **510-376-6356**

Question.....My clock strikes the number of hours on the hour and has a passing strike on the half hour. I arrived at my house and after doing some work I left the house. During the time I was in my house I heard on five separate occasions a single strike. When did I first get home and how long did my work take me?

Answer will be provided in the October Bulletin..... call me (Steve) if you know the answer - I'm at 510-831-8799

Certificates of Appreciation

A respected few of us get awards at the end of the each year for helping to run the Chapter. Some get a special recognition certificate for outstanding service to the chapter - I recall Royal English getting one earlier this Summer before he moves to Washington State. We are grateful to receive these awards but there is a real injustice surrounding a very well hidden person who never gets an award and I refer to John Stohr's wife who with remarkable calligraphic skill provides these hand written certificates to the chapter.

Well here and now in this Centennial Issue we want to put the record straight.....

"The Chairmen/women, Directors, Committee Chairs past/present and future say "thank you" and extend a real hand of appreciation to

Lorraine Stohr

for her work in providing the Chapter Certificates over all these years"



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Editor's Column

I am of two minds here and if you read on you will understand why.

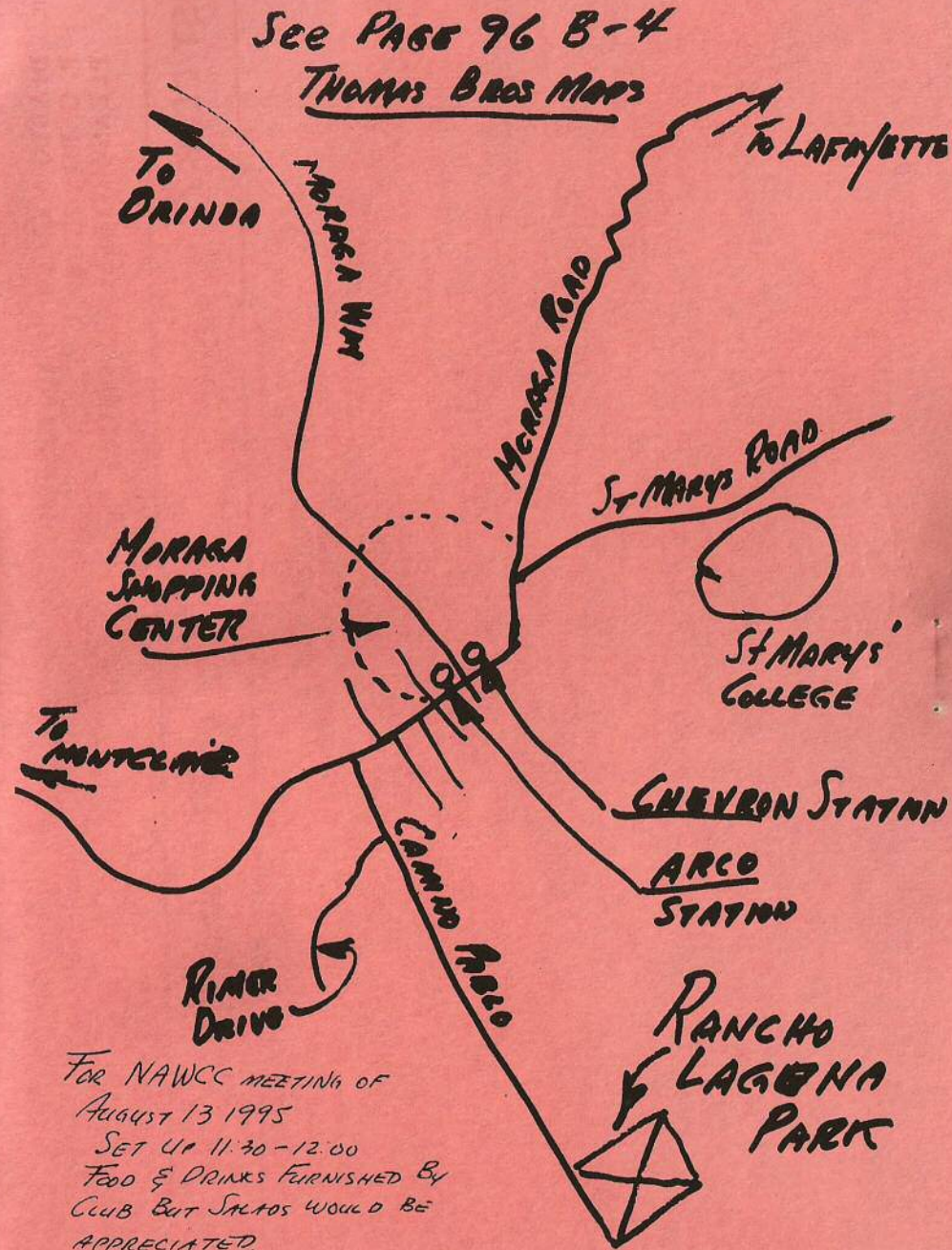
The first is with a tremendous sense of pride in being a part of this Chapter. What has been presented here in the Centennial Issue is but a mere shadow of just what has been going on these past 17 plus years.

I spent scant time reading through the full set of Bulletins. I was fortunate to be lent the entire set by Roy Holman. I am constantly busy and always late and never have time to do what I want but I have promised myself to quietly go back and read through the entire set of Bulletins. They are no match to the now glossy NAWCC Bulletins but the amount of valuable and helpful information contained in almost every issue is really remarkable. We probably do not know how much we have. Perhaps, as I dream, I will try to pull together in a single publication the major articles - it would be a great collection of a wealth of information and tips.

My thought aside, enjoy this Chapter as I do. Get ready for 1996, we have to elect new officers and its really very easy to put in just a little time and make a difference.

My thoughts away from the Chapter are for the loss of a good and dear friend. As we reported on page 2, Lenny Naham died mid-June after a brave fight with cancer. I spent hours with this man and we enjoyed watches together. His excitement in finding new pieces and then us working to get them cleaned and running was a tremendous pleasure. We used to set up at the De Anza and Dr. Stephen's meetings and even went to Sacramento on occasion. Lenny was so anxious for the October 1996 Regional and its unfair that he will not be there with us.

I miss him and wish I had more time with him but as it turned out the time together was just great - so to Lenny Naham I say "thank you - it was fun".



FOR NAWCC MEETING OF
August 13 1995
SET UP 11:30-12:00
FOOD & DRINKS FURNISHED BY
CLUB BUT SALADS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.