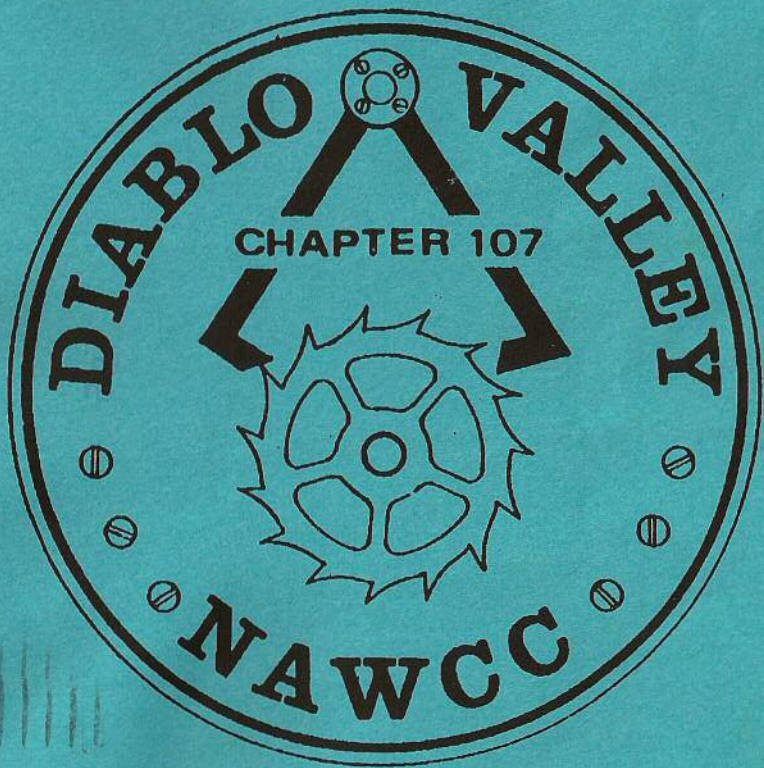


# BULLETIN



**December 1995**

**Volume 102**

# 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

**December 10th, 1995**

ACALANES ADULT CENTER

(the old Del Valle High School - Room D-1)

\* \* see directions at inside of the back cover \* \*

MART Set-up	11:30AM
MART Starts	Noon
Ends	1.00PM
Program Starts	1:00PM

\*\*\*\*\* December Program \*\*\*\*\*

The GRAND AUCTION

&

The POT-LUCK LUNCH



Come one, come all

Surnames are the clue to what to do

A-D Chips/Dips/Rolls E-I Desserts/Treats

J-O Salads and Veggies P-Z Main dish/hot/cold/luke warm!

If you have a specialty or just cannot be bound by directions

- then bring what ever you please

- it will be much appreciated and then quickly eaten!

\*\*\*\*\* AUCTION\*\*\*\*\*

Now's the time to bring out the GOOD Stuff

And remember - the seller gets all the proceeds - all the cash

We've all been good and are looking for treasures to buy

Bring in your watches, clocks, movements, tools, books

Nothing is too grand nor too small to auction

# President's Message

Fellow Members,

*This is our last Bulletin for 1995. Time does fly. We have had a good year gaining some new members and having some excellent meetings.*

*Our last meeting in October was a great one. Bert Hayenga told us about his invention to help control the beat of 400 day clocks and explained how it worked. It is truly a wonder that some clever individual working in his own shop can come up with an idea that is simple but has not been developed at all by smart people in the industry. Bert showed us that the so called "back yard mechanic" is alive and working well in Alameda.*

*At our November meeting a series of slides developed by Dorothy Glenk was shown. The title was "Architecture in Horology" - it was fascinating and new members were pleased to learn that Dorothy was a charter member of #107 but now resides in northern Arizona.*

*John Stohr has again worked hard to come up with the nominees for our Officers and Directors for 1996. Ballots are enclosed in this Bulletin. They should be reviewed before the December meeting. Remember we always welcome additional nominees and invite anyone who wishes to become a Director or Officer to contact John Stohr or any current Officer.*

*We have a wonderful group of people in our Chapter. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of such a group.*

*Thank you and my hopes for your happiness at this holiday time of year and our future on into '96.*

Sincerely, Roy Clark



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No minutes were received from the November Board of Directors Meeting - they will be provided in the next Bulletin as appropriate

### \* \* \* 1996 MEETING DATES \* \* \*

<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>FRIDAY EVE</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>BOARD</u> <u>1996</u>
-	Jan 5th	Jan 8th
Feb 11th	Mar 1st	Mar 4th
Apr 14th	May 3rd	May 6th
Jun 9th	-	-
Aug 11th	Sep 6th	Sep 9th
Oct 13th	Nov 1st	Nov 4th
Dec 8th		

We are going to stay at the same locations for all of our 1996 meetings. The even numbered month second Sunday meetings at Acalanes Adult Center and the odd numbered month first Friday evening meetings at the Civic Bank of Commerce just across the street next to the Safeways supermarket - so come along and join us!

### \* \* \* ANNUAL DUES - are due again! \* \* \*

The annual dues remain the same as in previous years at a low of \$15 for you and all of your family.

**Please be ready to hand Roy a check for \$15  
made payable to NAWCC Chapter #107**

Good old dollar bills are also accepted.

Roy will have his office open for business at the December meeting - also let him know if you need a badge for members of your family who are present or expect to come to future Chapter meetings.



\*\*\*\*\* **Wanted** \*\*\*\*\*

**Joe Kanter needs a Seth Thomas Mvt. #120**

Joe is looking for a ST #120 mvt that was used in the ST mantles or tambours  
If you have such a mvt., please give Joe a call at ..... **510-235-4532**

**Third and final call!**

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

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**

**Second call!**

**Steve Fabes wants to buy a Hamilton Model 22 Chronometer Box**

I have the numbered movement and brass case but am looking for the gimbaled  
box to now put it in. I bought the movement cheaply and will pay a fair price for a  
box in excellent/good condition. Any offers or leads will be appreciated.  
Call me at ..... **510-831-8799**

\*\*\*\*\* **For Sale** \*\*\*\*\*

- Roy Clark has a Seth Thomas 4 bell Sonora 18" high on a 12" base for \$500.
- Also a French shell that Roy describes as "wavy elliptical" in shape and  
20"x24" in size. It looks all original with the same serial number on the mvt  
and bob but needs a new suspension spring ... Price is open
- Finally, just a movement that weighs three pounds and is 6"x8.5" and has  
three coils and appears to be a controller for a group of clocks. It lacks a  
manufacturers name but does have a tag stating "Property of Self Winding  
Clock Co. Inc. NY" ... Price is open

\*\*\*\*\* **Reminder** \*\*\*\*\*

For those of you wanting **old and new glass domes** and bases at a fifth of the  
price of the established German supplier - I have the sales brochure of a  
company I found in Tonbridge England who have a tremendous range and very  
**do-able prices**. Ask Steve for a copy of the brochure at the next meeting or call  
him at 510-831-8799 and leave a message

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**"Do it While You Can ....."!**  
a story from life ... (Roy Holman's)

Several years ago my wife and I took a trip South and East and visited  
some of the early dirt pyramids and mounds built by the very early  
American Indians. One site for extensive mounds is Chillicothe, Ohio.  
While in Chillicothe I decided to visit a small museum as we had some  
time to spare.

The museum tended to feature European and "white-mans'" objects  
through 1910 or so. Part of this exhibit were a number of clocks. One  
of these was a kitchen clock on which the door was slightly ajar.  
Naturally I decided to peek inside. Much to my surprise the paper was  
in excellent condition and proclaimed that this clock was "special" as it  
came with ivory bushings. I noted that with only passing interest and  
we went on our way.

As I drove back to California the ivory bushings became more and  
more interesting.

I wrote to the NAWCC library and was informed that they had no  
information on such bushings except for a paragraph in an article that  
such (ivory) bushings had been used. Later on I wrote to the NAWCC  
Chapter in Ohio and suggested that some member look at the clock  
and report back on it - unfortunately I received no response.

My wife and I again went East and I drove several hundred miles out  
of our way to see the clock again. Alas and alack, they had  
"rearranged" the exhibit and the "my" clock was no longer on display.  
By chance a man who was there had the keys to their storage and he  
agreed to let me look around. There were a number of clocks stored  
but not the one that I was interested in. Also they had no record of  
what might have happened to it.

I had a chance to develop some special data on a special and unusual  
clock and blew it. If anyone of you ever come across a clock with ivory  
bushings please make good notes and forward to the National. You  
may only have one chance so do it while you can!

# TOOL Library

The following tools are available for two week periods .....at NO COST!  
call Walt Hubrig @ 510-685-0260

- \*\*\*\* TIMETRAX #160AC Timing m/c with beat amplifier
- \*\*\*\* Webster Depthing Tool
- \*\*\*\* Webster Escape Wheel Tooth Straightener
- \*\*\*\* Power Punch (for end holes in mainsprings etc.)

## TIP OFF

by the Members, for the Members...

The BANJO Clock was the creation of one of the most famous of the early clock makers, Simon Willard. He manufactured high quality clocks of all types with the banjo the best known. The design was patented in 1802 and banjos were built by many clock makers. These clocks were essentially hand-made and rather expensive. The so called Presentation Banjo started at about \$80 circa 1810.  
P&SR

## Editor's Note

by Steve Fabes

I have a letter from Dorothy Glenk who is now using the name Dorothy Ann Schafer. I will develop Dorothy's points made in her letter into an article for the February Bulletin. The points made by Dorothy are worth your thoughts, attention and possible action. The concern is for the lack of NAWCC interest in doing anything to balance the investment in the East Coast (Columbia, PA) National Headquarters and Museum when the West Coast is left with nothing remotely comparable. If any of you have thought, opinions, ideas on this subject, for or against, then please send them onto me and I will put together a balanced article on a very interesting viewpoint that Dorothy brings forward.

Finally, don't forget the December Auction - its always a lot of fun and some of you do hold back in both buying and selling - take the time to bring something along and also don't be afraid to put your hand up when the bidding starts. Its a pretty loose and friendly crowd and you'll be surprised how easy it is to keep your hand flying up and down once you get used to it - I know - I've some great clocks at home bought at this very auction. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Send me any article, news or any information you want to share.

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## From Oakland - Highway 24 going East

Take Pleasant Hill Road South exit

At light, turn right onto Pleasant Hill Rd

At end, turn left on Olympic

At light, turn right onto Tice Valley

Go up until first light

Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into

Acalanes Adult Center, Del Valle Theater - room D-1

(address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

## From San Ramon - Highway 680 going North

Take South Main exit

Left on Newell

Left on Olympic

Left on Tice Valley

Go up until first light

Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into

Acalanes Adult Center, Del Valle Theater - room D-1

(address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

## From Benicia - Highway 680 going South

At 680/24 take Highway 24 to Oakland/Lafayette

Take first exit - Pleasant Hill Road South

Go under freeway onto Pleasant Hill Rd

At end, turn left on Olympic

At light, turn right onto Tice Valley

Go up until first light

Go another 150 yards and just before Pedestrian X-ing - turn right into

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**Note:** *Due to our tax exempt status only NAWCC members can participate (buy or sell) in our MART - be prepared to show your current NAWCC membership card*