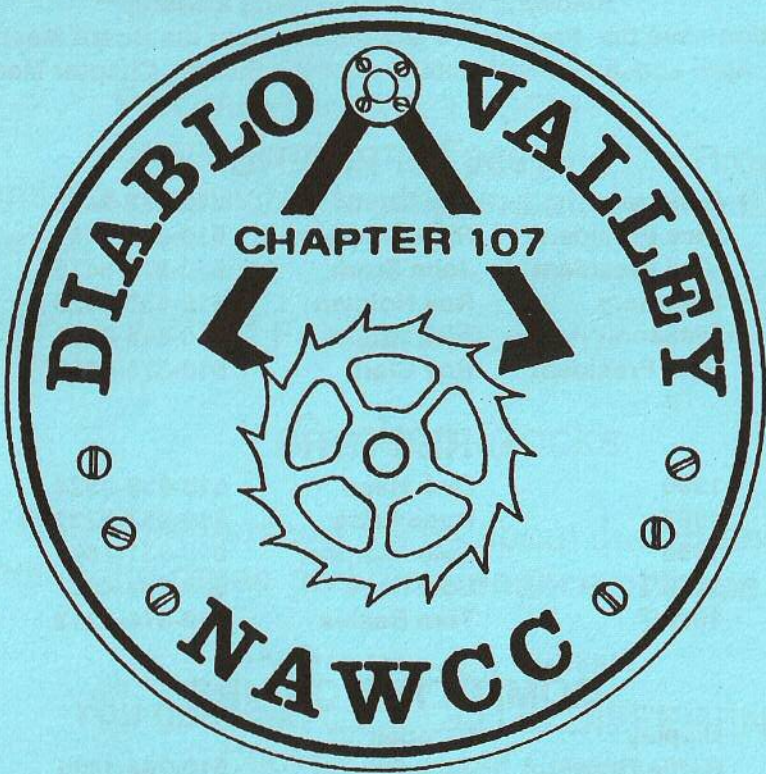


# BULLETIN



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# 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	7:00PM	- Odd numbered months
Board	Monday -	7:30PM	- Odd numbered months
	- following the Friday Evening Meeting***		

\*\*\* exception - see the President's Message to hold the Board Meeting in February, April and June immediately after the Sunday Chapter Meeting.

## 1996 OFFICERS

President	Jay Taylor	510-522-2409
Vice President	Rich Simpson	510-672-2051
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Treasurer	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Past President	Roy Clark	510-376-6356

## DIRECTORS

1996	Dick Heep	510-939-4924
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1996	Dale Gardner	510-531-7665
1996/7	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
1996/7	Tom Beales	510-376-6212

## 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 Storch	510-376-6476
Photo	Richard Simpson	510-339-9529
Program	Richard Simpson	510-339-9529
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Refreshments	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
Tool Library	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Bulletin/Editor	Steve Fabes	510-831-8799

## Meeting Information

February 11th 1996

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

Board Meeting Following the Program

Members are invited to stay and attend the Board Meeting

\*\*\*\*\* February Program \*\*\*\*\*

## Cuckoo Clocks

Bob Yoemans will tell us about the art and joy surrounding the repair and maintenance of these popular clocks

\*\*\*\*\* Display \*\*\*\*\*

You guessed it ..... OLD or DIFFERENT

Cuckoo or Quail Clocks

Animated - beyond the bird!

Wall models of course

Musical models

Shelf models would be great

Even heard of a fusee Cuckoo once

Bring what ever intrigues you for the pleasure of all.



# President's Message

*Fellow Members,*

*I look forward to my term as your President for the next year. I will do everything possible to continue the growing interest in horology with our membership at the Diablo Chapter #107.*

*As an introduction to everyone I work at the corporate headquarters for VISA International (the credit card company), I work on the design and development of global communication networks.*

*My first love is my wife and then my four wonderful children. My next love is the collection and restoration of clocks that started shortly after I met my wife. As some of you are aware Bert Hayenga is my father-in-law. On the third day of dating his younger daughter (now my wife) Bert asked me to accompany him to pick up a clock. which turned out to be a 10 foot German grandfather clock!*

*We purchased our first clock a couple of years later. A few more clock acquisitions and it all started. Fearing for our financial future I went in search of information on collecting and valuing clocks. Fortunately I ran across Fred and Penny Bausch from San Carlos at their business "The Clocksmith". From there Fred introduced me to numerous resources for books concerning clocks as well as a lead to the NAWCC.*

*Very soon I was a member of the National Association and followed that up with membership in Diablo Chapter #107, Dr. Stephen's Chapter #5 then onto lifetime memberships in both NAWCC and AWI and hopefully one day, the BHI (British Horological Institute).*

*The wealth of information and knowledge in NAWCC and Chapters 107 and 5 is astounding. The membership and enthusiasm shared for horology and technical accomplishments in horology are wonderful to experience.*

*The ever growing acquaintances of members who are always ready to share information, help with problems, work practice and have the patience to sit and listen to a novices problems that they encountered so many times before never ceases to amaze me.*

*Indeed, the NAWCC is an organization that I am proud to be able to claim membership.*

*Recently the Chapter #107 Board of Directors met for the first time in '96 and discussed several new approaches to the chapter meetings These items along with other issues are topics for the February meeting. One item that I want to present now is that we will hold the Board of Directors meeting for the months of February, April and June immediately following the normal Sunday meeting. I would like to invite everyone to attend these Board Meetings that are open to the general membership. Remember that the more participation the better the chapter.*

*I wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year and hope that all your Horological dreams come true in 1996. I look forward to seeing everyone at he February 11th meeting. Know that any suggestions concerning the Chapter meetings, presentations or items of interest will be well received by any of your Directors and especially myself.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jay Taylor*

*You can reach me at the following;*

*Home 510-522-2409  
Work 415-432-3802  
Fax 415-432-2957  
e-mail taylor@visa.com*

**It is with deep respect and regard for our fellow member Bob Mac Iver that we note the passing of his dear wife Clemence, a member of our Chapter for many years. Clem loved life, Bob and had an eye for beautiful ornate watches and celluloid boudoir clocks.**

**We will miss her and wish Bob well during this difficult period.**



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chapter #107 Board of Directors met at on January 8th 1996 at Jay Taylor's home.

Present Dick Heap, Roy Holman, Walt Hubrig, Price Russ, Rich Simpson and Jay Taylor

Budget Walt Hubrig presented the budget for 1996. It was very similar to last year's.

National Convention We should send \$40 to the 1996 National Convention to be raffled off as a one year membership in the NAWCC.

Regional Convention We should continue to send financial support when requested to Regional held in the Western States. Concern was expressed that the upcoming Western Convention to be held in October in Oakland was not mentioned in the January issue of the NAWCC MART.

Library It was noted that few members have been checking books out of our extensive library and even less have made use of our Tool Library.

Meetings Our October '96 meeting must either be moved or skipped due to the Western Regional in Oakland that falls over the same weekend.

We will try having our the Chapter Board Meetings immediately following the Sunday program.

We will vote at the February 11th Sunday meeting on whether to continue the Friday evening bi-monthly meeting. Attendance has been averaging 8-10.

Another picnic is planned for the August meeting. It will be at the same location in Moraga as last year or possibly at Lois Naye's home.

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

SUNDAY  
1996  
Feb 11th  
Apr 14th  
Jun 9th  
Aug 11th  
Oct - canceled  
Dec 8th

FRIDAY EVE  
1996  
Mar 1st  
May 3rd  
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Sep 6th  
Nov 1st

BOARD  
1996  
\* now follows  
the Sunday  
General meeting

We continue 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 \* \* \*

Reminder for those who have still to pay their annual dues and missed doing so at the December meeting then they can still be paid to Roy Holman at the February meeting or can be mailed into the Chapter at the following address:

Membership  
PO Box 23315  
Pleasant Hill  
CA 94523

Your check should be for \$15 payable to NAWCC Chapter #107

## \* \* \* ANNOUNCEMENT \* \* \*

Nineteenth Century Clocks for the American Mantle  
A slide lecture by Robert Cheney  
sponsored by

The American Decorative Arts Forum of Northern California  
February 13th 7:30pm  
Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
Admission - members \$5, general public \$7

Robert Cheney has served as President of the Boston Clock Club and the Massachusetts Chapter of the NAWCC, he is also a Fellow of the NAWCC.



## Second-Hand Watches and the Law

an article copied from the Santa Anita Chapter #116 November '95  
TIC-TOC Gazette

Little known to watch collectors is a law about used watches in California Administrative Code Chapter 845.

Fifty or sixty years ago, California lawmakers reacted to unscrupulous dealings of street vendors and pawnshop merchants selling nice looking watches that were in fact well used if not worn out. Assembly bill 74 was approved by the Governor on July 1st 1937. The bill required watch dealers to mark all second-hand watches and keep accurate sales records of used watches. No watch that had been previously sold could be advertised or displayed without a distinctive tag or label clearly stating in "*the English language*" that the watch was second-hand.

Jewelers who had second-hand watches for sale had to include in their advertising that some of their wares were second-hand. Wetzel Publishing Company printed forms for jewelers to keep track of their second-hand watch sales activity. "Wetzel's Second-hand Watch Record" had columns for the seller to record the date, make and model, serial number, case number, kind of case, defacement or alterations and marks for used watches sold!

How does this affect NAWCC members who trade old watches. Generally laws that go un-enforced loose in court. However we all know of occasions when laws are selectively enforced to maintain order.

The outlook is grey. Perhaps one of our legal members could ask a law clerk or a law student if the law is still "on the books" and if it remains in force, how it will affect watch trading that takes place at our local, regional and national MARTS.

Thanks to Dennis Contreras who "discovered" this little known California law along with a heap of used watch material along with the watchmakers hand-written records of the '30's and '40's.

### "Do it While You Can ....."!

a story from life ... (Roy Holman's)

The editor was too far into the egg-nog while preparing this article for the December Bulletin and is now able to report that the story about the ivory bushed clock seen once in Chillicothe, Ohio and lost again was not from the annals of Roy Holman's travels. If the correct author could identify themselves to me I will ensure they receive full credit for an enjoyable tale.

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

The following ad appeared in the last Bulletin and was backwards! Joe has the movement but he'd now like a mantle style case to put it in! .....sorry Ed.

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!

**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 \*\*\*\*\*

- Bud Ehler has an **L&R T21 Ultrasonic Cleaning** tank with timer plus stainless steel basket, cleaning pan and covers. Price is open. 510-228-5387
- 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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## 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...

Recall that the Omega was the first watch in space, well now former astronaut Tom Stafford is now the Chairman of the Board of the Omega Watch Corporation of America. (SF)

## Editor's Note

by Steve Fabes

I said that I would develop an article from the letter from Dorothy Schafer concerning 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. I also asked the members for their views and opinions.

The pressures of my job and the lack of response from the Chapter give me little hope that the article will develop.

See also that this issue has no material of substance from the #107 membership and that I have plagiarized an interesting article from the good folks down at Santa Anita #116.

Please see if you can find time to jot anything down that I can share or develop into an article for this Bulletin which strives for excellence and to meet the motto of our Chapter ..... "Accent on Education....." Thanks



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

(address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

**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*