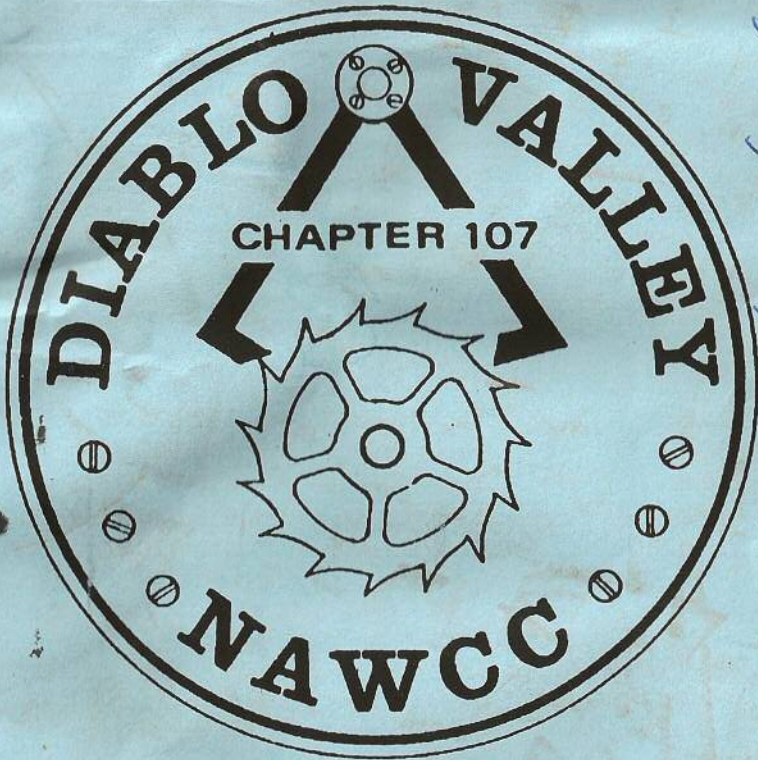


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DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER 107

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	Second Sunday - following the Chapter Meeting		

1996 OFFICERS

President	Jay Taylor	510-522-2409
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Past President	Roy Clark	510-376-6356

DIRECTORS

1996	Dick Heep	510-939-4924
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1996	Dale Gardner	510-531-7565
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 Stohr	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 August 11th 1996

!!!!!!! New Location !!!!!!!

see inside back cover for directions

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

PICNIC Starts 1:00PM

Board Meeting Following the Program

Members are invited to stay and attend the Board Meeting

***** August 11th Program *****

Annual Summer Picnic
at Lois Naye's house

see directions inside the back cover

- The Chapter will provide the barbecue and the hamburgers, hot-dogs, buns, soft drinks, plates, cups and knives/forks etc.
- Bring a folding chair - Lois only has a few
- You should bring the following based on first letter of your surname:-

• A - G Chips/Dips/Cut fruit

• H - S Salads and Veggies

• T - Z Easy Desserts/Treats/Cookies

President's Message

Fellow Members,

As a first order of business I would like to congratulate John Stohr on his appointment as a Fellow of the NAWCC. At Chapter #107 we owe a lot to John for his extra time and effort put into the activities and planning behind the scenes for the Diablo Chapter to keep running. So John, from all of us a big thank you and congratulations on a recognition so very well deserved.

I had the pleasure of attending the National Convention in Cleveland in June and what a wonderful experience. The convention hall was so large that a fast walk just scanning the tables for unique clocks took over an hour. The sponsoring chapter did a great job and they are to be truly commended for a fantastic National. There were over 1,400 sellers, some with single tables, most with multiple tables and about 4,000 members in attendance. The floor was laid out such that the sellers could drive onto the floor between the aisle to unload their cars. This was great as once the convention had started there was ample room to stop and talk and visit with old friends. The people of Cleveland both inside and outside the convention were very friendly and I hope that it is true that Cleveland will do another National in ten years if not sooner.

Additional notes of interest, first Bob MacIver received two Second Place Awards from the NAWCC National Craft Contest. Bob's were the first to be submitted posthumously into the National contests. The awards were for the category of Horological Novelties, the first for a Victorian Walking Cane with two interchangeable handles, the first being a wooden ball handle, the other a watch movement in a brass mount with a half glass ball crystal. The second award winner was for Decorative Metal Parts for a 400 Day Disk Pendulum.

A second item of interest is that Bert Hayenga has officially been granted his US Patent and has the number now to prove it.

Remember that the August meeting will be a special picnic at Louis Naye's home.

For the next Friday evening meeting, please contact me if you have a special topic that you would like presented so that we can get the available material together.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the mart Set-up for the upcoming October Regional in Oakland let me know. The majority of the time will be from Thursday October 10th from Noon to 9pm and then Friday in the morning from 6.30am to about 9.00am

Sincerely, Jay Taylor

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chapter #107 Board of Directors Meeting held June 9th, 1996 immediately following the Sunday Chapter Membership meeting. Recorded by Secretary Roy Holman. The meeting was opened by Board President Jay Taylor.

Present Jay Taylor, Price Russ, Roy Holman, Lois Naye, John Stohr, Tom Beales, Dick Heep, Walt Hubrig, Steve Fabes, John Stohr

Minutes Program - the June White Elephant Auction took in \$252 and will be used to help defray some of the picnic costs.
- there will be no Friday night meeting in July.

- the August meeting will be a picnic at Lois Naye's home. The Chapter will provide the barbecue, meats and drinks. Members will be asked to supply salads, desserts and to bring folding chairs.

Officers - Jay Taylor suggested that the Chapter Officers' terms be extended from one to two years. It was moved that we put this change to the membership for a vote of approval.

The Chapter was saddened to learn of the death of Ed Kane at just 86 years following a triple by-pass operation. Those who knew Ed will miss his energy, his contributions at the meetings and his warm greeting and real encouragement for everything that we did.

Proposed Chapter By-Law Change

Your Nomination Committee Chair has been unable to find an active member to stand for election as President of the Chapter. We have been able to find Chapter members agreeable to stand for election for the other open Executive and Director positions.

When the problem with the lack of President nominations was discussed at the June 9th Board of Directors meeting it was suggested and agreed to request a by-law change to allow an existing president to stand for election and succeed him/herself for one additional year.

Jay Taylor has agreed to stand for election in December if the proposed by-law change is approved.

So, the change required reads as follows:-

Article 1, section E - Terms of Office, para 2:
"no member of the Executive Committee shall be elected to any office for the year immediately following the expiration of his/her term of office except to the office of President, Secretary and Treasurer. *The President shall not succeed him/herself.* The Secretary and the Treasurer may succeed themselves as many times as the Chapter wished to nominate and re-elect them."

Remove ... "The President shall not succeed him/herself."

Add "The President may succeed him/herself for one additional year for a total of two years with the approval of the Chapter membership".

Ballot

NAWCC - Diablo Valley Chapter #107

Ballot

Shall the Chapter By-laws be amended to allow,

"The President to succeed him/herself for one additional term for a total of two years with the approval of the membership"

YES

NO

Check one box and mail to:-
PO Box 23315, Pleasant Hill CA 94523
or bring to the August 11th meeting.

Father Gerbert

(Shamelessly taken from Santa Anita #116's June '96 Bulletin who shamelessly took it from John C. Losch, who shamelessly took it from the 1893 publication of the "Treatise on Watch Work Past and Present" by the Rev. H.L. Nelthrop, E& F.N. Spon publishers)

Gerbert, a shepherd boy in France was born around 920 AD, used his night watch of the flocks to study astronomy, thereby attracting the attention of a priest who directed him towards a formal education. He studied at the monastery of St. Gerald where he soon mastered all that his teachers could offer.

In 955 Count Borel of Barcelona took Gerbert with him to study in Cordova, Spain, where he worked with Prince Abdel-Rahman III, a Moorish scientist, as well as other Muslim intellectuals. From there he traveled to Rome with Count Borel, had an audience with Pope John XII in 961 and made contacts leading to a position in the court of Louis V, King of France.

Intellectual curiosity led Gerbert to visit a number of significant monasteries of France, then the principal seats of learning in that country. During that time, being as much concerned with things temporal as spiritual, he commenced to apply mechanical knowledge to the measurement of time. While visiting the monastery at Rheims he constructed a clock which because of its mysterious workings was thought to be the work of the devil.

In 996, Gerbert constructed a weight driven clock for the University of Magdeburg which is well documented. History has dubbed Gerbert as the first to make a mechanical clock. After "various ups and downs in life" he was elected Pope of the Catholic Church in 999 where he took the name Sylvester II. He died in 1003, respected much for his scientific achievements as for the dignity of his papal reign.

Not bad for a country clockmaker...

* * * Chapter #107 1996 MEETING DATES * * *

SUNDAY
1996

FRIDAY EVE
1996

BOARD
1996

* now follows
the Sunday
General meeting

Aug 11th
Oct - canceled
Dec 8th

Sep 6th
Nov 1st

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!

* * Dr. Stephens and De Anza Chapter Meetings * *

Chapter #5 meets at the San Leandro Boys Club, San Leandro Blvd. at Marina Way on the second Sunday of the ODD months with the exception of May when it is the first Sunday. The MART opens at 11am.

Chapter #94 meets the first Sunday of the EVEN months, (a week before our #107 meeting) at the Cupertino Odd Fellows Hall at 20598 Homestead Road, Cupertino. Take Highway 85 exit off Highway 280, DeAnza Blvd. - Old Sunnyvale - Saratoga Road towards Sunnyvale to Homestead. MART opens at 12.30pm.

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.)

Editor's Note

by Steve Fabes

Wonderful news of Johnny Stohr's recognition of the tireless contribution he makes to the operation and success of Chapters 5 and 107. We see his efforts in the Chapters but never forget - he is a most skillful clock man and knows the answer to questions and problems that stymie many of us. I know he has helped me out on several occasions.

Ed Kane's passing is a loss for a lot of us. I knew him only through the Chapter and recall his openness and expressions of appreciation for what we were and what we were doing. Ed was always ready to help and it was a real pleasure to meet and to talk to him. He will be missed.

Thank you for sending in the material for me to publish - it really helps a lot.

I hate to remind us all but its almost October and the Regional is upon us. Do contact Jay to participate - we have a good roster of help but last minute sign-ups for helping out create more of a co-ordination problem that you realize.

I used the Tool Library!! - the Escape Wheel Tooth Straightener - it works very well - the tool and the system. My only fear is that having written about it that I will now forget to return it on Sunday.



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* Special Announcement - Bob MacIver's Clocks *

Bob's daughter has decided to sell some of the clocks that the family does not want to keep. Fran has decided to hold two sales for Chapter #5 and #107 members at Bob's house in Alameda on September 14 and again on the 21st, hours 10-2pm. They will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Any items remaining will be taken to the October Regional. Jay Taylor advises that Fran will be selling clocks, watches, tools and parts. Can you image anything that Bob did not have!

The address of the sale is 1550 High Street Alameda

For the August meeting you need to get to around the Walnut Creek Hickory Pit restaurant and the Kaiser Hospital. For those coming in off the 680 Highway take the Walnut Creek South Main street exit and continue about half a mile towards Walnut Creek but at the stop light at the Hickory Pit turn onto Lilac Drive and very quickly find yourself driving under the wide 680 Highway. As you come out from under the Highway, I recall a stop sign. Go across that, still on Lilac past Lancaster on your left, turn onto Arlene Drive which is a loop on Lilac. At the top of this loop (Arlene Drive) see Arlene Lane and Lois is the third house on the right, the address and phone number is

20 Arlene Lane - Walnut Creek

Phone 510-934-4557

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