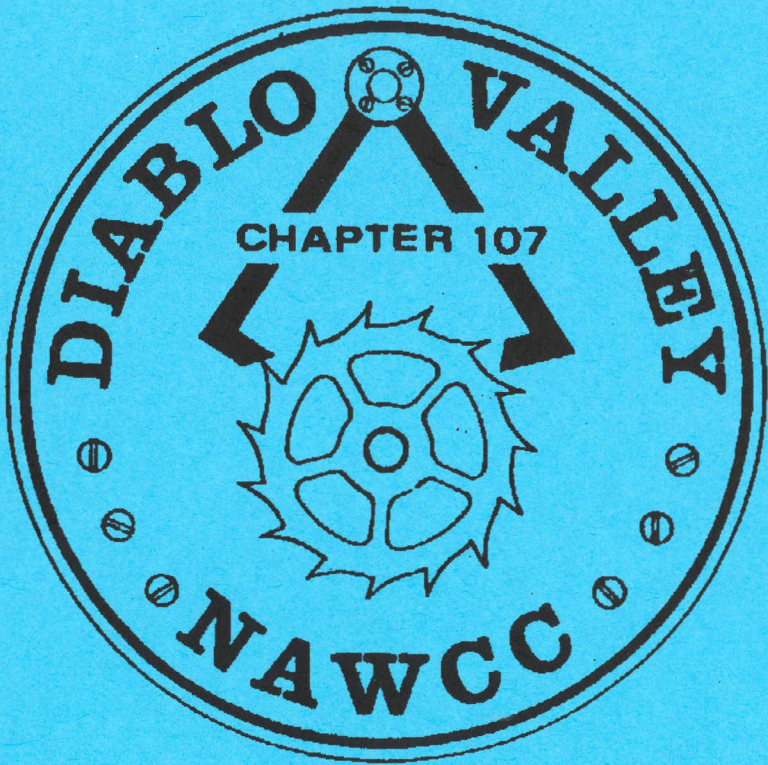


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DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER 107

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Chapter Motto "Accent on Education"

MEETINGS

Chapter Second Sunday 12:00PM - Even numbered months
 Evening First Friday 7:00PM - Odd numbered months
 Board Second Sunday - following the Chapter Meeting

1998 OFFICERS

President	Dale Gardner	510-531-7565
Vice President	G. Price Russ	510-937-9231
Vice President	John Stohr	510-376-6476
Secretary	Roy Holman	510-530-5428
Treasurer	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Past President	Jay Taylor	510-522-2409

DIRECTORS

1998	Sandy Cuthill	510-686-3144
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1998	Joe Kanter	510-235-4532
1998	Volney Cameron	510-222-3370
1998	Jack Coulter	510-284-1031

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	****open****	
Program	Dale Gardner	510-531-7565
" "	John Stohr	510-376-6476
Refreshments	Lois Naye	510-934-4557
Tool Library	Walt Hubrig	510-685-0260
Bulletin/Editor	Bill Koppel	510-934-9391

APRIL 19, 1998 Meeting

(3rd Sunday instead of 2nd Sunday due to Easter)

A special 11:30AM visit to Fred and Penny Bausch's clock shop "Clocksmith"

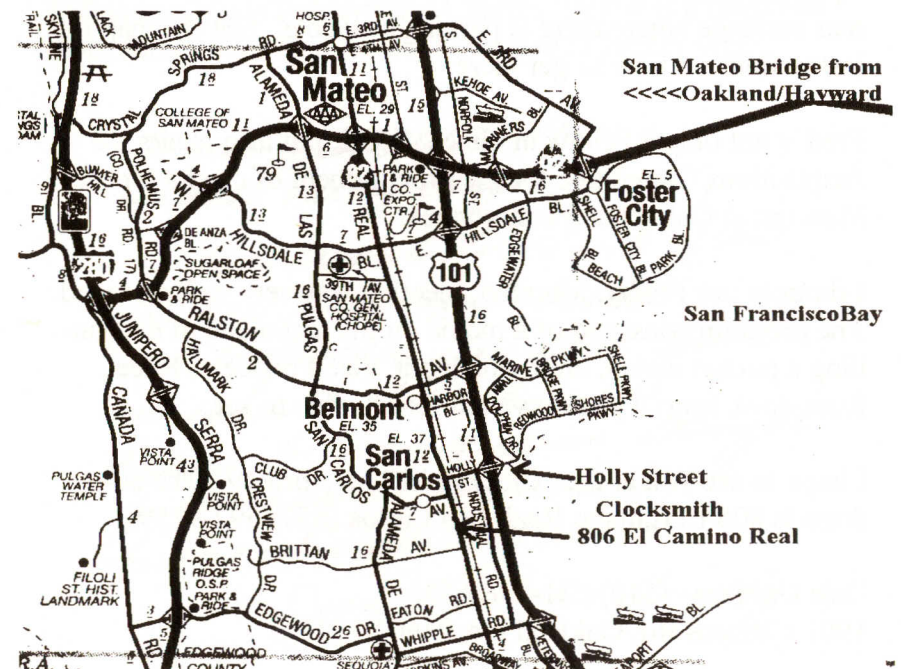
(806 El Camino Real, San Carlos 650-592-1762)

For those wishing to car-pool to the meeting: meet at 10:30AM at the parking lot outside Acalanes Adult Center (old Del Valle High School, our normal Sunday location — see directions on page 11).

Directions to Clocksmith:

Take Highway 880 to the San Mateo Bridge Turnoff.
 Go over the San Mateo Bridge and take the 101 turnoff to San Jose.
 Continue South (approx. 3 1/2 miles) and take the Holly Street exit.
 At the stoplight turn right and continue to El Camino Real.
 Turn left on El Camino Real and continue to 806 El Camino Real.

Park in the back of the shop and come in the rear entrance.
 See you at 11:30AM.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How often, as kids, did we enter a candy shop and think how great it would be to get behind the counter and sample all of the goodies? Well guess what - Fred and Penny Bausch, owners of "Clocksmith", are permitting our club members to get behind their counter and feast our eyes on all those just cleaned and repaired running movements— not cased up, but on the test bench being finely tuned by Fred and Penny. There is a separate room where cases are cleaned, repaired, polished and/or restored before movements and cases once more come together. The sales room in front of the store must contain about 200 clocks to look at.

Fred and Penny have kindly offered to open up their private residence above the shop to show us their personal collection, where coffee and donuts will also be served.

Well, I won't tempt you any more. I will just see you there April 19, at 11:30AM. Fred and Penny request that we use the rear entrance where there is parking available. See the map for instructions on how to get there.

Fred is not only a Fellow in the NAWCC, but also chairs the Acquisitions Committee for the procurement of clocks for the Museum at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

I thought our Friday, March 6, meeting was very well attended. The program consisted of a movie on the technique of dismantling a pocket watch, after which our Vice President, Price Russ, took apart a pocket watch for all of us to see.

I hope to see you at the "Clocksmith" on April 19. The address is 806 El Camino Real, San Carlos (650) 592-9159.

Dale Gardner (510) 531-7565
1901 Clemens Rd. Oakland CA 94602-1913

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN McKEEN



On March 2, 1998, Chapter 107 lost a good friend and member. John, a native of Kansas, was a member of the NAWCC since 1962. He had been the Treasurer and a Director of Chapter 107. He had a number of Chauncey Jerome clocks and a great deal of knowledge about their history and design. As have most of us, John attended Royal's classes and a few of us even got together in the workshop in back of his house to continue our work on clocks. We will remember him with the smile and good humor that always accompanied him. He was the type of person who helps make a club like this what it is, a friendly and enjoyable place to go. Several Chapter members attended the funeral service at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Below is a thankyou from John's wife Jean for the flowers the Chapter sent.

*To our friends at NAWCC,
Diablo Valley Chapter #107,
We want to thank you
for the beautiful basket of
white flowers you sent John.
He would have been so
happy to know your thought-
fulness as he valued your
friendship so very much.
Jean McKean & family*

KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

—WALT HUBRIG—

Walt became interested in clocks in 1975 when his mother-in-law passed away and his wife (Dottie) inherited an Ansonia 30-hour O.G. that did not work. Dottie noticed an adult education class for clock repair so he signed up. He liked it so well, he repeated it, then took Royal English's advanced course. After retirement in 1991 he worked in Royal's shop as a volunteer one day a week for a year.

Walt has been a Chapter member since 1987. He keeps our Chapter tool library for member use. He has also been Chapter Treasurer since 1994.

Since 1993 he has been donating time and parts to repair clocks for Hospice of Walnut Creek. People donate clocks that do not work and are unsaleable. He tries to give them new life plus income for Hospice. The best Hospice clock so far has been a Seth Thomas 4 bell Sonora chime.

ADDING GOLD

I really like new and innovative methods of repairing clocks (or old ones rediscovered). It shows ingenuity is not dead. This how-to-tip came in from Steve Fabes' brother-in-law in England. Using gold leaf for small jobs may be difficult and using an airbrush may be difficult if you don't have a compressor already. Here is Herb's way: Take a leaf or two of gold leaf (it isn't expensive) and grind it up (in an egg-cup if you like) with a teaspoonful of honey.

When you have reduced this to a paste, fill the egg-cup with very hot water. Stir, wait a few seconds, and pour the water off, leaving the gold at the bottom of the container. Repeat this process with two or three lots of hot water, then leave it for a day for the rest of the water to evaporate. Now add a drop of lacquer or varnish to it, and you have a little drop of gold paint which will last for years. Steve has not tried this yet but he thought he might try to substitute clearer KARO for honey. An American improvement.

CHAPTER NOTES

Matthew Philpitt has joined our chapter —Welcome.

This will be the last issue mailed to those who have not renewed membership for 1988. You may pay at the next meeting or mail a \$15.00 check to our membership chairman:

Roy Holman

4300 Everett Ave. , Oakland, CA 94602

There was an article in the news about an executive caught using company money to buy clocks at auctions. Glad we aren't bidding against this guy at our auctions!

Thanks to Sarah Russell for circulating the petition at our last meeting. Signatures have been sent to the Willard Museum for a postage stamp commemorating the 200th anniversary of Simon Willard's patented timepiece.

Loren Scanlon had a get well card we all signed for Buck Grabill. Loren Scanlon said he would be providing some book reviews for our bulletin. Thanks, Loren.

We need a photographer to take shots at our membership meeting.

Last month's Sunday meeting was excellent. Lois provided the names of several catalogs to use for refinishing supplies. We will try to print this information in next month's Bulletin.

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.)

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Another name for a camel back clock is *Tambour*.
2. The escapement shown was a *Brocot Escapement*.
3. The Jewels are not always at 90 degrees-see last month's pg. 3.
4. Generally spring size for an American clock - 3/4"x 018" x96".
5. *Elgin* made the most pocket watches.
6. The book is The Best of J. E. COLEMAN: CLOCKMAKER.
7. The first President of Diablo Valley Chapter #107 was Dorothy Sanderson.

THIS MONTH'S TECHNICAL QUIZ

By popular request answers to this month's quiz are reversed on this page below the quiz. No Peeking.

1. What local area resident wrote the definitive book on Cuckoo Clocks?
2. What type clock should you be especially careful when cleaning?
3. What important American clock company was bought out and moved to Russia in 1930?
4. What spring in a watch may cause the novice watch repairer a problem by flipping out and being hard to find a replacement for?
5. What clock company used a "G" inside a diamond as their company trademark?
6. Who is our Chapter President this year?

6. Dale Gardner

5. Gilbert

4. Click spring

3. Ansonia

2. One with Lacquered Plates

1. Karl Kochmann

Answers to this month's Technical Quiz

Chapter #107 1998 MEETING DATES

SUNDAY & Board

February 8th
 April 19th (field trip)
 June 14th
 August 9th (picnic)
 October 10th
 December 13th (luncheon)

FRIDAY EVE

January 9th
 March 6th
 May 8th
 July 10th
 September 11th
 November 7th

**where the first Friday conflicted with a Holiday we scheduled the second Friday*

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

The Los Angeles Regional was scheduled for February 27-28 in Pasadena. Can someone who attended provided us with report on the size, attendance, available clocks, etc.?

The National Convention is scheduled for June 24-28 in Portland.

The Golden Gate Regional is scheduled for October 22-24 in Oakland. It is not too soon to think about offering your services. It is also not too early to think about how you would like to help when #107 has responsibility for the Regional next year.

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Bill Koppel
 Email: WKOPPEL131@AOL.COM

Thank you all for the contributions this month. We will need more for next month so keep those articles coming. On a personal note my father passed away this month. I would like to publicly thank him for always telling me there was nothing I couldn't do. This enabled me to take on things like clock repair with little doubt of my success. Thanks, Dad.

*** Want Ad ***

Wanted - A pool table. Will trade watch(s) for a 7 ft. or 8 ft. table in good cond. Contact Bill Koppel 510-934-9391

CHAPTER #107 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There were were two Directors Meetings in February. One was held at the home of Dale Garner on Feb 2nd and one following our Membership Meeting Feb 8th.

The budget for 1998 was discussed and approved.

The Golden Gate Regional is coming up in October. The three Bay Area Chapters, #5 Dr. Stephens, #94 De Anza, and #107 Diablo Valley will rotate the hosting of the Regionals. Chapter #94 will host this year we will host in 1999 and Chapter #5 has the year 2000. The Chapter will be in charge and the co-hosts will assist. The convention center in Oakland remains the location.

A "Suitcase Program" is being developed by the National. These are technical courses that are similar to the ones conducted at National Headquarters, except they are held throughout the country. Our chapter has been asked to submit names of prospective instructors in our area.

San Francisco State had a horological repair course at one time but it has been discontinued. Price Russ feels there may be some horological equipment and supplies available to groups such as ours, and he is looking into the matter.

We are sending \$100 to the American Clock and Watch Museum in Bristol, Connecticut, to support their continuing operation.

Jay Taylor is looking into assisting the City of Alameda with the planned restoration of their City Hall clock tower.

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