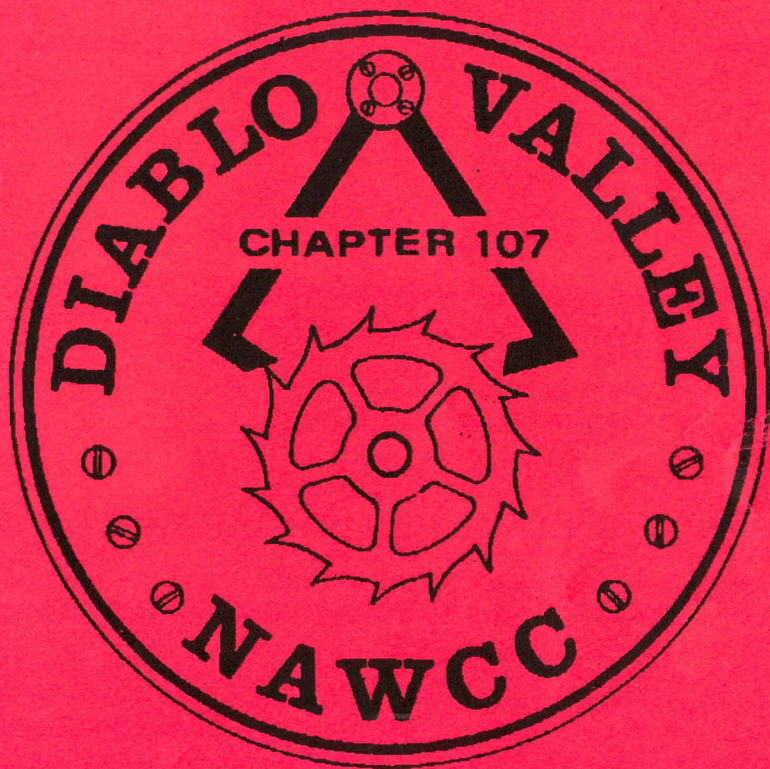


# BULLETIN



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# DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER 107

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Chapter Established March 5, 1978

## Chapter Motto "Accent on Education"

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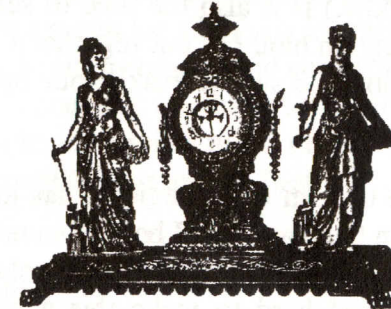
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# December 12th, 1999 Meeting

## Hungry Hunter Restaurant

3201 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette  
(Corner Pleasant Hill Road and  
Highway 24 — Pleasant Hill South off ramp)



\*\*\*\*\* **No Mart** \*\*\*\*\*

Ballot Results first  
Lunch at noon.  
Auction follows dessert

\*\*\*\*\* **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM** \*\*\*\*\*

First we must elect the 2000 Officers and Directors.  
Bring the enclosed ballot — Every vote counts Or mail to  
PO Box 23315, Pleasant Hill CA 94523

Second, we must eat — at the Hungry Hunter in Lafayette.  
Please advise Walt Hubrig by sending your reservations  
and check **BEFORE December 1st.**

Last we must Auction/Buy/Sell. This is the big one — the  
serious stuff— none of the junk, the jokes, the uglies. Use  
this auction to sell off pieces that are of high quality and  
keep all the money — nothing to the Chapter. We really  
need a good supply of auction items.

## *President's Message*

It is hard to believe that another year has just about run its course. Of course this is not just another year but the end of the decade, century, and millennium. (Yes, I know those things don't technically end for another year, but they are being celebrated this year so I will go with the flow.) It is also the time to select new officers. John, oh how we rely on him, has put together a set of candidates for your consideration. Be sure to make your opinions known by voting.

As I write this, the Golden Gate Regional has just ended. I hope you had as much fun there as I did. I bought some goodies, learned things, and met nice people. A lot of people, including members of other chapters, worked hard to make this a fun and successful event. Jay Taylor deserves our special thanks for his hard work as chairman. Jay introduced a number of changes including opening the mart on Thursday and free admission on Saturday. He also arranged excellent presentations and exercised fiscal restraint. Of course Jay did not labor alone. Tom and Carolyn Armour, Tom Beales, Leonard Boone, Garth and Jean Busher, Jack and Cora Coulter, Fred and Sandy Cuthill, Dale and Sophia Gardner, Roy Holman, Walt Hubrig (treasurer), Bill and Lee Ann Koppel, Hal and Janet Montano, Marshall and Margaret Kamena, Dick and Berda Sears (registration), Ross Smith, John Stohr, Kathy Taylor, and Bob and Jean Wahrer were among the chapter members who contributed their time and muscle to make this event a reality. This list is probably not complete. If I missed someone, it was not on purpose. Thanks to you all.

The regional also gave us an opportunity to restock the raffle prize collection and to add to the tool library (see below). In addition to the items we purchased, Steve Berger of TimeSavers and Ron Bechler kindly donated items for future raffles.

The combined December meeting and Holiday Party is fast approaching. If you have not done so already, please, send in your sign-up sheet ASAP. Also start thinking about the items you want to enter into the auction. Don't be bashful about bringing out the good stuff. Remember you get to keep the proceeds.

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. I'm sure I speak for all of you in extending our thanks to the other officers, board members, and committee chairs for all the things they have done and continue to do to keep the chapter functioning. They have certainly made my job easier. We may not be the biggest chapter but we are the best.

### Resource Highlights:

**Tool collection** – A tap and die for WW collets have been added to the tool lending library. Whether you need to make a draw bar for your lathe or just cleans the threads on a collet, these are tools you will need. Call Price Russ to borrow these.

**Library** – If a picture is worth a thousand words, think how valuable a video tape is. This month's recommendation is to check out a tape from the chapter's collection.

**Catalog and Web Site** – This month's recommendation is Time-Savers (1-800-552-1520). They carry a broad line of tools and parts. (They also attend our regional and donated raffle prizes.) Their web address is <http://www.timesavers.com>.

*Price Russ*

## A NOTE FROM THE REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Jay Taylor

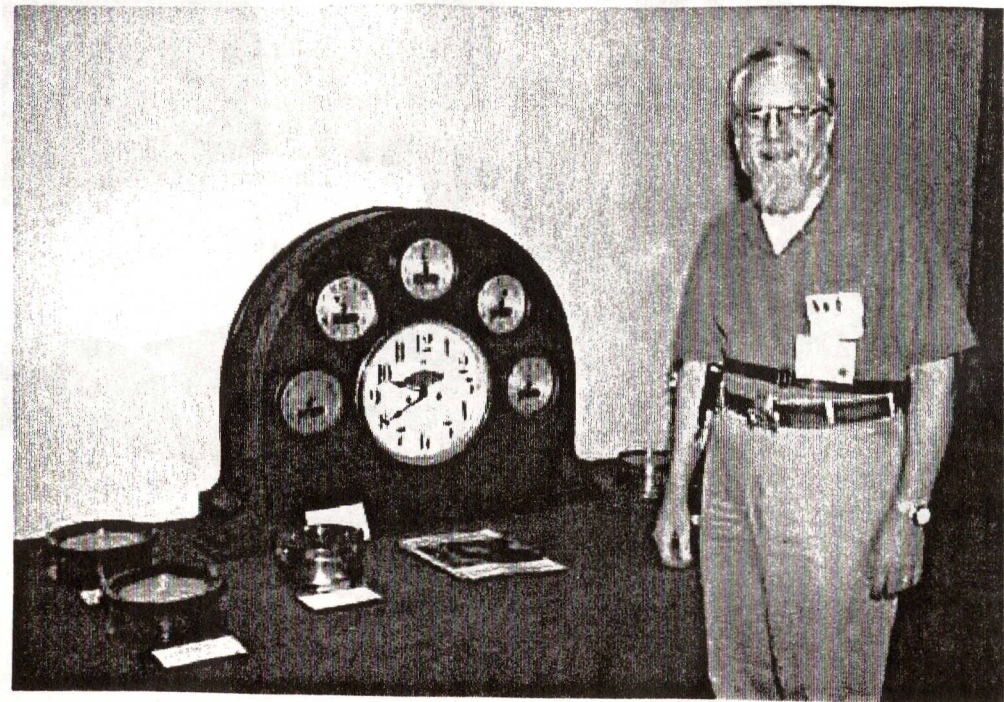
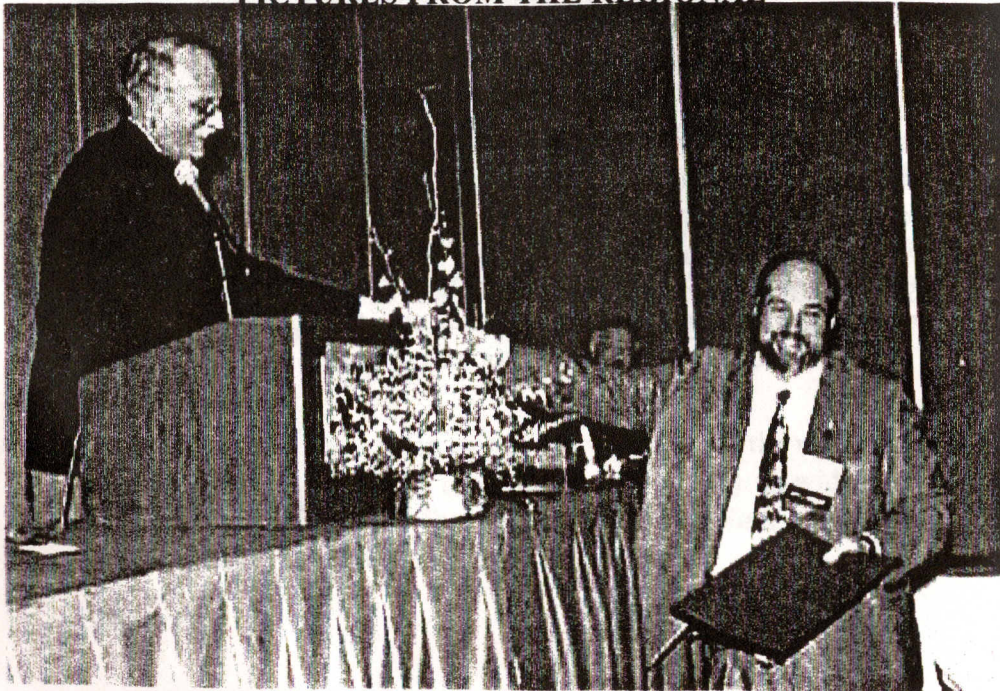
I think first of all a very big Thank You is in order to the numerous volunteers that supported the regional. The percentage was high. We will make a profit but we are awaiting final billing from the hotel. We will follow up in the Feb Bulletin with an accounting report of the regional so all members can see what goes into this.

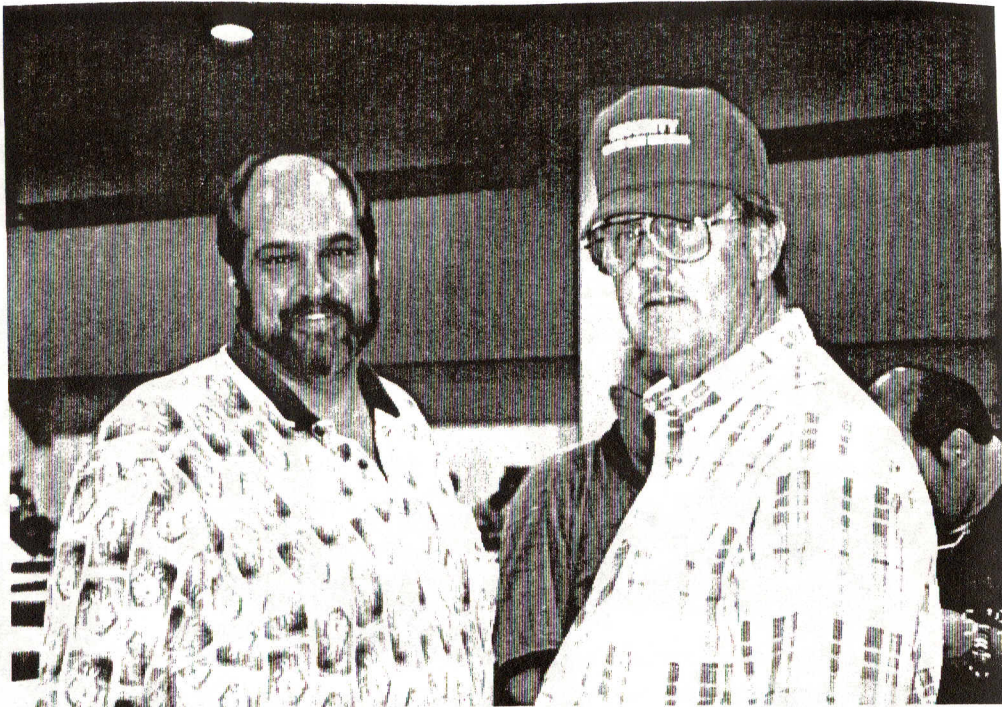
### PICTURES

1. Regional Chairman Jay Taylor at the banquet receiving award from NAWCC National President George Orr.
2. John Stohr takes a break to look at book duringl Mart setup.
3. Fred Bausch Seth Thomas Exhibit organizer & multi-dial clock.
4. Jay Taylor and Dale Gardner watching over things during setup.
5. Walt Hubrig Finance Chairman helping out at Registration.

Pictures 1 & 3 are courtesy of Gordon Uber (Thanks Gordon). More are at <http://www.ubr.com/clocks/nawcc/deanza/ggr99/>.

### PICTURES FROM THE REGIONAL





## YOU STILL HAVE TIME

If you haven't signed up for our Christmas dinner at the Hungry Hunter there is still some time. Walt has said he can take reservations until December 1st. So put your \$7.50 per member and first guest (\$12.50 for each additional guest) in the mail today. Address it to:

Walt Hubrig  
1774 Clayton Way  
Concord, CA 94519

This has always been one of the most fun and interesting events. So don't miss out.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Time wields a strong axe — Russian saying.

## FILOLI UPDATE By Walt Hubrig

On October 25th Tom Armour, Roy Holman and Walt Hubrig went to the Filoli House in Woodside, CA and removed the movements from four tallcase (Grandfather) clocks. None were running. They were a:

Henry Fisher Preston Time and Strike  
Tho Ulting Time and Strike  
Edward Grigsby Time and Strike  
J. C. Jennens Time, Strike, and Chime

John Stohr, Dale Gardner, Jay Taylor, and Walt Hubrig each have a movement to put in running order. Tom Rogers, curator is most appreciative to our chapter for taking on the project.

**SARAH RUSSEL**

Just a short note to say we have missed you at the last couple of meetings and wish you a speedy recovery.

**LAST MONTH'S QUESTION**

John Stohr sent me an answer regarding last month's question about fixing metal pieces that have lost their brass color. It seems that J. M. Huckabee answered that question in the September edition of the AWI's Horological Times. He suggested using Krylon's brass paint. For you that don't get the Horological Times it is an excellent magazine full of all kinds of technical articles.

In the June 1979 Bulletin under TIPS I found the following TIP:

Brass Coating — to coat iron or steel articles with brass, immerse them in a solution of: -1/2 oz. sulphate of copper; 1/2 oz. stannous chloride; 2 pints water. Stir the articles in the solution until the required color is obtained.

Donald De Carle

Has anyone tried this? Can we still get these kind of chemicals today.

**THIS MONTH'S QUESTION**

I often have people who own clocks ask me how often they should have a clock cleaned and oiled. My general answer is about every ten years for cleaning and every couple of years for oiling. But is that really a good answer? And for you that fix clocks as a business, do you charge for oiling if the person brings it back? How about grandfather clocks where you have to go out to the house and remove the movement?

**CHAPTER #107 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 1999**

Discussions were centered on making the upcoming Regional a big success..

**FROM THE EDITOR**

This year we had contributions (both ideas and articles) from a large number of members. It really helped in providing a quality bulletin. I know it was a quality bulletin because another local chapter has copied our format. (But that's ok because I used some of their ideas also.) Thank you all for the help. It is impossible to put this out alone.

Also Thank You to John Stohr and Roy Holman who address and mail the Bulletin.

However, I am beginning to run low on articles for the bulletin so I would appreciate any help I can get.

—Bill Koppel

**DATES TO REMEMBER  
Mark your Calendars**

<i>Jan 6-8</i>	Greater Los Angeles Regional
<i>May 11-13</i>	Pacific Northwest Regional
<i>Jul 5-8</i>	National Convention in Philadelphia, PA

## MUSEUMS

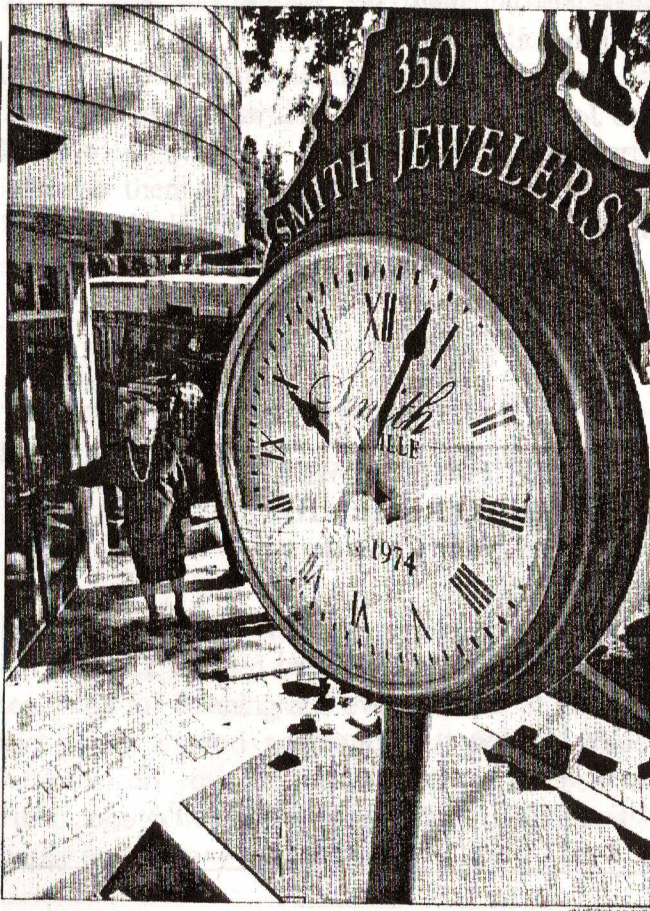
The National clock Museum in Columbia, Pennsylvania opened its new doors on October 23rd. However, the Time Museum in Rockford, Illinois owned by Seth Atwood closed its doors earlier this year. Chicago mayor Daley who likes clocks is raising \$20,000,000 to place the collection on display in the Museum of Science and Industry. Sotheby's auction house will dispose of 81 of the exotic items. The estimated value is \$10,000,000. Excerpted from the Santa Anita Chapter's Tic-Toc-Gazette.

## NEW CLOCKS

From the November 18th Contra Costa Times. Ella Smith, owner of Smith Jewelers in Danville, inspects work going on around a

clock installed outside the company's new location on Railroad Avenue. The clock is kept accurate by a satellite and is part of a long-standing tradition by jewelers to erect a public clock outside their businesses. Smith Jewelers has been a Danville business for 25 years.

—Not the same but maybe in a hundred years.



## BULLETIN #9 - APRIL 1980

DURING THE LATE VICTORIAN ERA... C.1890...FASHION IN JEWELRY WENT THROUGH A NOVELTY STAGE IN WHICH JEWELRY WAS DESIGNED IN THE SHAPE OF BIRDS, BUTTERFLIES, LIZARDS, FLOWERS, FERNS, TREES, ETC. THIS NEW FASHION CALLED FOR AN UPSURGE IN THE USE OF PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF JEWELRY. OFTEN IT CALLED FOR SOME TRICK TO SET ONE APART FROM ANOTHER IN THE COMPETITION FOR THE MARKET, THUS APPEARED MOVEMENT IN JEWELRY...FLOWERS OR FERNS THAT MOVED, BUTTERFLIES OR HUMMINGBIRDS THAT MOVED THROUGH THE USE OF A CONCEALED BATTERY. ONE PARISJEWELER OUTDID THEM ALL BY THE USE OF A REAL LIVE TORTOISE COMPLETE WITH GLUED ON JEWELS. (ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER, IT'S BRINE SHRIMP!)

THE MOST DISTRESSING FAD OF THIS ERA, AT LEAST TO THE COLLECTOR, WAS THE USE OF OLD WATCH PARTS IN JEWELRY MAKING. WATCHES WERE DISMANTLED, AND THEN HEAVILY PLATED. THE PLATED PARTS WERE THEM MADE INTO NECKLACES, EARRINGS, BROOCHES, AND SCARF PINS. THE BEAUTIFULLY PIERCED COCKS WERE USED FOR THE HEADS OF HAIRPINS AND FOR EARRINGS. THEY MUST HAVE MADE LOVELY ORNAMENTS, BUT OH! SUCH A DESECRATION OF FINE OLD WATCHES!

## TOOL LIBRARY

The following tools are available for two-week periods.....at NO COST! call Walt Hubrig @ 925-685-0260

- \*\*\* L&R Ultrasonic Cleaner w/basket 11 3/4" x 9 3/4" x 6"
- \*\*\* TIMETRAX #160AC Timing m/c with beat amplifier
- \*\*\* Webster Depthing Tool
- \*\*\* Webster Escape Wheel Tooth Straightener
- \*\*\* Power Punch ( for end holes in mainsprings etc.)

## CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS\*

### Meeting Days and Times\*\*

Mart	Second Sunday	11:00AM	- Even numbered months
Chapter	Second Sunday	12:00PM	- Even numbered months
Board	Second Sunday - following the Chapter Meeting		
Evening	First Friday	7:30PM	- Odd numbered months

### 1999 Meeting Dates

#### SUNDAY & Board

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 April 11<sup>th</sup>  
 June 13<sup>th</sup>  
 August 8<sup>th</sup>  
 October 10<sup>th</sup>  
 December 12<sup>th</sup> (luncheon)

#### FRIDAY EVE

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
 March 5<sup>th</sup>  
 May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 July 9<sup>th</sup>  
 September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 November\*\*

\*If any members are having problems or issues with transportation to and from meetings, let a director or officer know so we can help find a carpool. We want to keep our members coming to the chapter meetings on a regular basis.

\*\*Dates may vary due to conflicts. No November meeting due to Regional.

#### Other NAWCC Chapter Meetings in Northern California

Chapter	Meeting Address	President	Meetings
<b>De Anza #94</b>	Odd Fellows Lodge 20589 Homestead Rd Cupertino, CA	Theo Burger (650) 917-8775	1st Sunday even months (except April)
<b>Monterey Bay #70</b>	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	Robert E. Moore (408) 728-4211	3rd Sunday odd months
<b>Sacramento #71</b>	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	Mike Slater (916) 442-6183	4th Sunday odd months
<b>San Francisco #5</b>	San Leandro Boys & Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	Jay Taylor (510) 522-2409	2nd Sunday odd months (except May)

## DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS

### Sunday Meetings

#### 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, 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, 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, room D-1  
 (address 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard)

### Friday Technical Meetings

Across Tice Valley road from the Acalanes Adult Center (directions above) at the Civic Bank of Commerce.

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