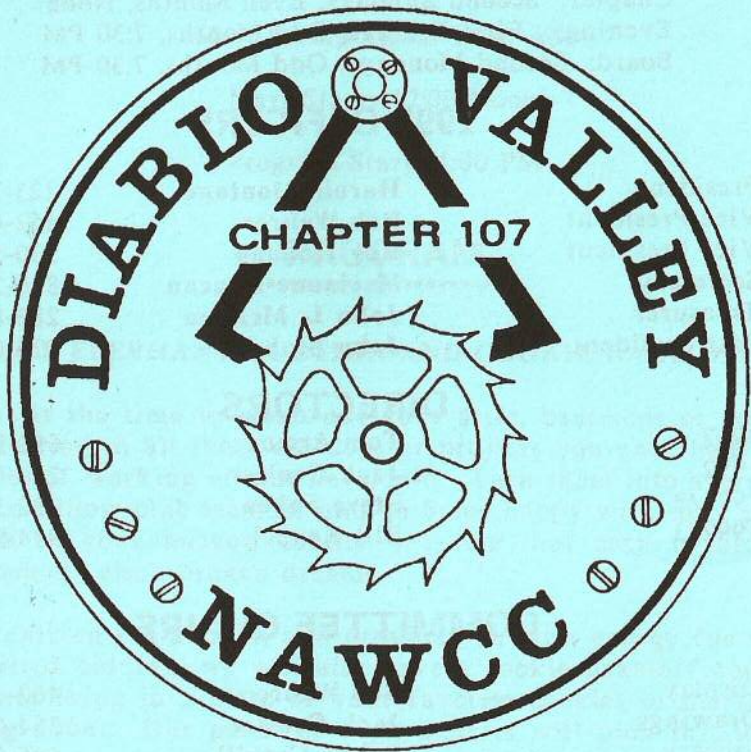


# BULLETIN



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# DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER 107

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

*Chapter Motto: "Accent on Education"*

## MEETINGS

Chapter: Second Sundays, Even Months, Noon  
Evenings: First Fridays, Odd Months, 7:30 PM  
Board: Second Mondays, Odd Months, 7:30 PM

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## MEETING INFORMATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1992

at

HOME FEDERAL SAVING AND LOAN  
Tice Valley Road and Rossmoor Parkway  
Walnut Creek

(See map on back cover)

Mart Set-up Starts 11:30 AM

Mart Starts 12:00 Noon

Program Starts 1:00 PM

## PROGRAM

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### WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION AND COOKIE BAKE-OFF

This is the time to clean out your attic, basement or garage and bring in all those old dogs or projects you once had high hopes of working on but never did. Turn them into a project for a fellow club member and go home happy with some extra cash in your pocket. Better yet, use that cash to bid on somebody else's broken dreams.

To enliven the auction and provide you with energy for some spirited bidding, we will also have a cookie bake-off contest. Please bring in a plate of your favorite cookies to share and brag about. Our panel of taste experts will pick this year's winner.

## DISPLAY THEME

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### UGLY CLOCK CONTEST.

BRING IN YOUR UGLY CLOCK AND COMPETE TO SEE WHO HAS THE UGLIEST CLOCK OF ALL. LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*I would like to thank all the members who attended our June meeting. It was a fine turnout and we nearly had 100% of our members wearing their name and chapter badges.*

*Also I would like to give a special thanks to Phil Russell and Bob MacIver and Clem for their fine program and collection of Celluloid clocks.*

*It's half way into the year and we need to think about next year's programs, officers and committee members. If you can help us in finding new officers and committee members please let me or our nominating chairman John Stohr know. Think about taking on one of these positions yourself. They are enjoyable and provide a good way to get to know the members better. Also you new members, don't feel you don't qualify because you are new to the chapter. New members bring new ideas!*

*Lets have a good turnout for the August 9 th meeting for the annual White Elephant Auction, Ugly Clock Contest, and Cookie Bake-off Contest. Bring in those fine cookies to be judged. You may just win.*

*I will be out of town for the August 9 th meeting so Roy Holman our Vice President will fill in for me.*

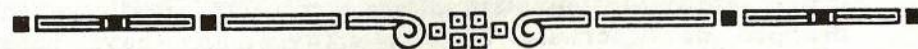
*Have a happy summer and be sure to wear your name and chapter badges. Roy will be checking.*

Hal Montano



## DIABLO VALLEY CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to summer vacation schedules there was no Executive Committee Meeting in July. The next meeting will be held in September.



## GOLDEN GATE REGIONAL

Don't forget to plan for the 1992 Golden Gate regional on Friday and Saturday, September 25 th and 26 th.

This year the Regional will be held in the Santa Clara Convention Center near Great America. The location is new, cleaner, bigger, has loading docks, and has free parking compared to the 1988 location in San Jose.

Set up for table holders is Thursday afternoon, September 24 th and tear down is Sunday morning the 27 th.

Applications for admission or tables can be found in your July 1992 NAWCC Mart publication. If you need additional, contact John Stohr at 376-6476.

## THE AMERICAN PORCELAIN KITCHEN "PLATE CLOCKS"

By Phil Russell

The Plate Clock (also called a Telleruhr (dish) clock style goes back to the 17th century when clock makers installed the "cowtail" pendulum movement on old pewter plates (a common household utensil). The "cow tail" pendulum was designed to swing in front of the plate (dial) so the pewter plate would be snug on the wall. The movements were mostly "time" only. The use of the plates continued throughout the years, changing eventually to a porcelain plate rather than the metal. Since the porcelain plates were very fragile, when dropped or otherwise broken, many, many have been destroyed and are not seen to often.

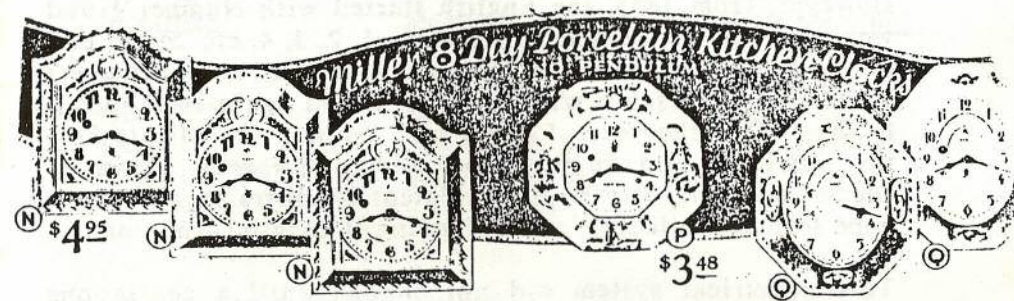
The plate clocks were mostly a novelty clock. In the early 1920's the Black forest factories in Germany massed produced the porcelain clocks. The American clock makers, always looking for a "money maker" started making their own porcelain clocks. It seems that the major American plate clock manufacturer was Ewing Miller of New York. Other manufacturers were the Newark Clock Company, Inc., and the New Jersey Clock Company, Inc. both in Newark New Jersey. There may have been a 3rd company in Newark.

One of Ewing Miller's sales outlet was the Montgomery Ward Company. The Miller's plate clocks were advertised in the Catalog from the 1920's to the mid 1930's. They were called "Miller 8 Day Porcelain Kitchen Clocks" (no pendulum) and sold for \$3.49 for the octagon and \$4.95 for the "tombstone" style curved top with straight sides and bottom.

I understand that Miller later did use a German Hamburg movement with pendulums. These prices were in the fall of 1930. Miller's advertisement further stated "Dependable Wall Clocks, Spring Wound, American Made, 8 Day Movements, White Porcelain". The clocks were very reliable. The price in the summer of 1933 was \$2.79. Some of the plates are marked "Dresden" china.

The plate clocks are normally shown with a blue delftware color, a glazed pottery. They are about 10 inches across, some have Dutch scenes (windmill, people, etc.) others were colored green, purple, yellow, orange, etc. and had scenes such as fruit, flowers, and numerous other designs. Most plates were octagonal, or square, some round, some rounded tops with square bottoms.

Be careful at the MART. Know the cheap ones!



## BOB MACIVER WINS AGAIN AT NAWCC NATIONAL

Once again Bob McIver was a winner in the craft competition at the NAWCC National Convention held in Chicago. Bob was unable to attend, but his entry won second place in the original case design category. Bob describes his beautiful clock as a "wooden spiral formed sconce clock. Hopefully he and it will be at the August meeting for us to see and talk about.

Congratulations Bob on this award. How many does this make now?

# THE ENGLISH PATENT NUMBERS

by Phil Russell

When we find a U. S. Patent Office Number we can relate this to a chart that tells us the first and last Patent number issued each year. We can then determine the year the Patent was issued. (I have given copies of this U. S Chart to our Chapter members in the past.)

The English Patent system is different, at least until 1916 and after. Prior to 1916 the English Patent Office did issue English Patent Numbers with its protection to the inventors. However, from 1855, the English started with Number 1 and went through the numerical sequence 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. to the end of the year. Then the next year i.e. 1856 the Patent Numbers started all over again with Number 1, and again in sequence to the end of the year. I could find nothing to indicate how the number could be used to indicate the year. This, of course, would lead to duplicate Patent Numbers each year. (I hope someone will correct this finding if they information.)

This numerical system did not change until a continuous year-to-year sequence was started in January 1916 with Patent Number 100,001. For information the sequence starting in 1916 is as follows:

1916 - 1920	.....	100,001 to 155,800
1921 - 1925	.....	155,801 to 244,800
1926 - 1930	.....	244,801 to 340,209

I wrote to the English Patent Office about a yearly Patent chart, but received a negative reply. If you can help with information on dating the English Patents, the Chapter members will appreciate it.

I do have a intricate chart used by the English to date Pottery products from 1842 to 1883 giving month and year. Starting in 1885 the English Patent Office has the date when each pottery patent was registered. If you have English Patent Numbers or information that can help us date their watches and clocks in addition to the above, let us know so it can be shared.

## 1992 MEETING AND PROGRAM CALENDAR

Listed below are the upcoming dates for Sunday noon Chapter meetings, Friday evening Chapter meetings and the Monday evening Executive Board meetings. Mark your calendars now!

<u>Sunday Meetings</u>	<u>Friday Meetings</u>	<u>Executive Board Meetings</u>
Aug. 9	Sep. 4	Sep. 14
Oct. 11	Nov. 6	Nov. 9
Dec. 13	Jan. 8, 1993	Jan. 11, 1993
Feb. 14, 1993	Mar. 5, 1993	Mar. 8, 1993

Our Sunday programs will be:

- August 9: White Elephant Auction, Cookie Bake-off, and Ugly Clock Contest
- October 11: American Watch Making
- December 13: Pot Luck and Auction
- February 14: Crystal Palace Clocks

**PLEASE BE THINKING OF IDEAS FOR 1993 PROGRAMS.  
SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS TO EITHER BOB WAHRER OR ROY  
HOLMAN.**

## CHAPTER #107 MART

### FOR SALE

CLOCK COLLECTION FOR SALE: Buy one or all. These are very good clocks.

Contact Mr. or Mrs. Les Stevens in Napa at (707) 253-8198.

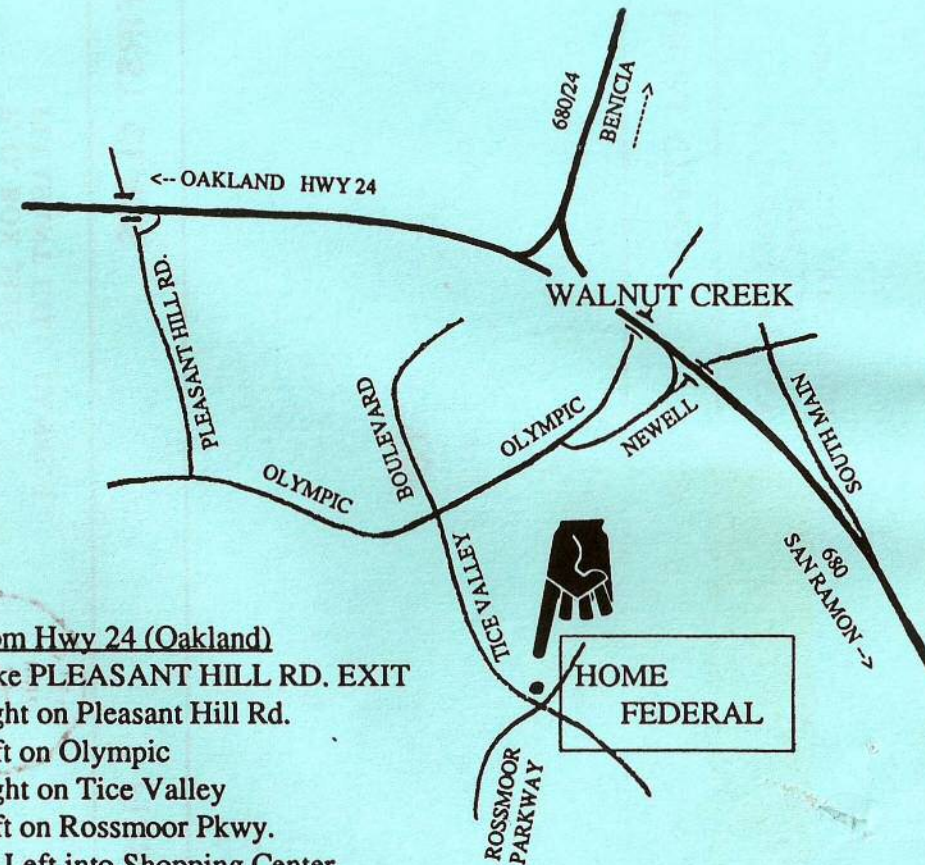
## 1991 COOKIE BAKE-OFF WINNER'S RECIPE

Last year you enjoyed them, now you can make them yourself. John Stohr, last year's cookie bake-off winner (or was it your wife John?) provided the following recipe for your enjoyment.

### SEVEN LAYER COOKIES

1. Melt 1 cube of butter in a 9" x 13" pan. Brush up the sides as well.
2. Sprinkle with 1 cup Graham cracker crumbs.
3. Sprinkle with 1 cup flaked coconut.
4. Sprinkle with 1 package chocolate bits.
5. Sprinkle with 1 package butterscotch bits
6. Dribble over 1 can Eagle brand milk.
7. Sprinkle with 1 cup chopped nuts.
8. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

## DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS



From Hwy 24 (Oakland)  
Take PLEASANT HILL RD. EXIT  
Right on Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Left on Olympic  
Right on Tice Valley  
Left on Rossmoor Pkwy.  
1st Left into Shopping Center

From Hwy. 680 (San Ramon)  
Take SOUTH MAIN EXIT  
Left On Newell  
Left on Olympic  
Left on Tice Valley  
Left on Rossmoor Pkwy.  
1st Left into Shopping Center

From Hwy 680/24 (Benicia)  
Go South on 680 in Walnut Ck.  
Take NEWELL EXIT  
Right on Newell  
Left on Olympic  
Left on Tice Valley  
Left on Rossmoor Pkwy.  
1st Left into Shopping Center

Home Federal is between American Bank & Trust and First Interstate Bank. Meeting Room is at rear.

Annual Chapter Membership \$15.00

Guests are most welcome, but due to our tax exempt status, only NAWCC members can participate in the MART.