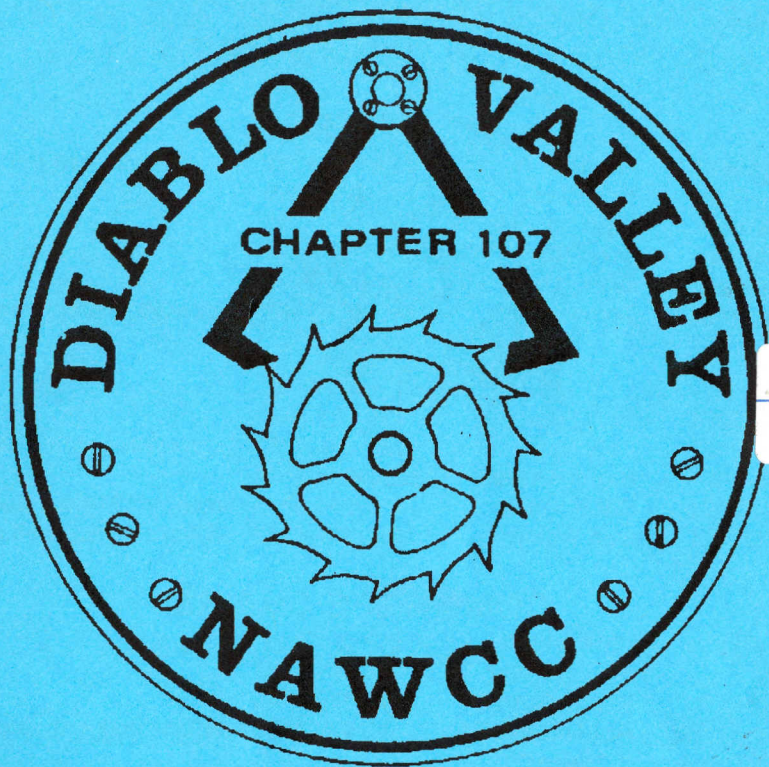


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June 10, 2001 Meeting

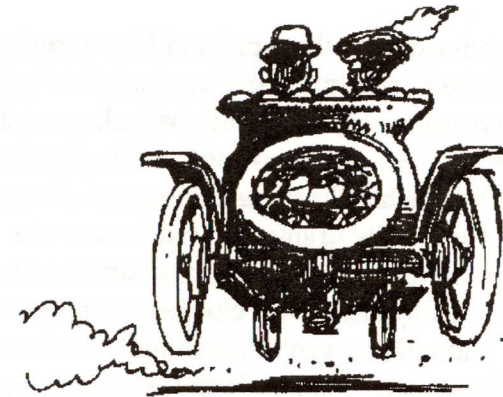
Acalanes Adult Center

at 10:30

or

Grass Manufacturing

at 12:00, noon

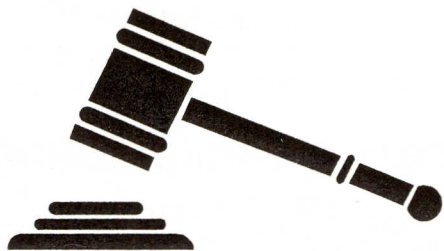


***** *PROGRAM* *****

ROAD TRIP TO GRASS MANUFACTURING

We will be going to Grass Manufacturing in Redwood City where John Grass makes clock movements. A map has been placed inside the back cover. For those who wish to carpool please meet in the front parking lot of Acalanes Adult School where we usually have our meetings. We will be leaving from the lot at 10:30.

President's Message



Unfortunately I missed both the April and May meetings. Fortunately I expect to be at the June meeting. I am looking forward to seeing John Grass' shop. My life's path has taken several unanticipated turns recently. As a result not only did I miss the meetings, I also have not done much of horological interest other than break a hairspring. That isn't really of interest, but it sure was frustrating. I won't bore you with the details. I did have fun cleaning a set of three Big Ben and Baby Ben alarm clocks dating from the 1920's to the 1950's. I had never given much thought to this type of clock, but was fascinated by the different ways they approached ringing less intensely at first and then becoming more insistent. If you are unfamiliar with these, check them out sometime. By the way there is a fellow who sells replacement dials for all Wesclox models. His web site has quite a bit of information about them (<http://www.clockhistory.com/dials/index.html>).

There will not be a meeting in July. In August we will have the combined picnic and white elephant sale. Pink and other elephants are also invited as long as you can carry them. We have not settled on a site for the picnic. If you would like to volunteer your yard, please speak up. If no one volunteers, we will lean on the usual suspects.

Remember Sanford Fleming? Sure you do. He was the answer to one of my questions at the horological quiz show in February. He developed the concept of standard time. For a relative unknown,

Fleming certainly had a big influence on our culture. Perhaps you were as surprised as I was to find a biography of him featured in the Chronicle book section (May 13). The book is called Time Lord. The author is Clark Blaise. I have not read it but the review was favorable. If someone in the chapter reads it, please, give Bill a hand and submit your review to this esteemed publication.

Speaking of books, my family bought me Theodore Crom's Horological Shop Tools 1700 to 1900 for my birthday. It is a magnificent volume of 678 pages and 1302 illustrations. A word of caution, this book should not be read in bed. It weighs 8 lbs and could cause serious injury if you fall asleep while reading it.

In cleaning out some old catalogs, I came across information from Titan Tool Supply. I have never bought from them, but I think they are worth knowing about. Their web site is <http://www.titantoolsupply.com>. The main reasons I am calling them to your attention is that they carry a large selection of finishing tools such as diamond files and hones and a selection of optical devices for parts inspection including microscopes and borescopes. This reminds me. I attended the Westec, machine tool show in LA last month. Wow, what a candy store of tools. Of course most of it was big, and I do mean big, scale stuff. The largest milling machine was about 20 feet high and probably 40 feet long. OK so that was not of horological interest, but it was impressive. While there I picked up information on a variety of subjects including abrasives and polishing. Anyone interested can contact me for more details.

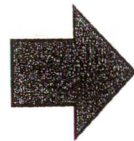
In closing I would like to solicit input on possible programs for the October meeting. I realize it is still quite a way off, but we need to plan ahead.

Price Russ

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ANOTHER INTERESTING WATCH FOR SALE

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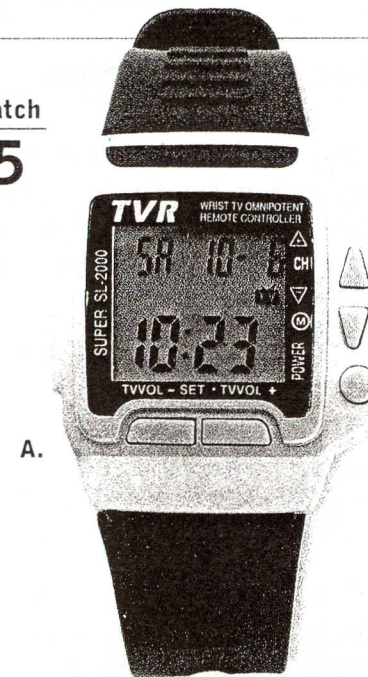
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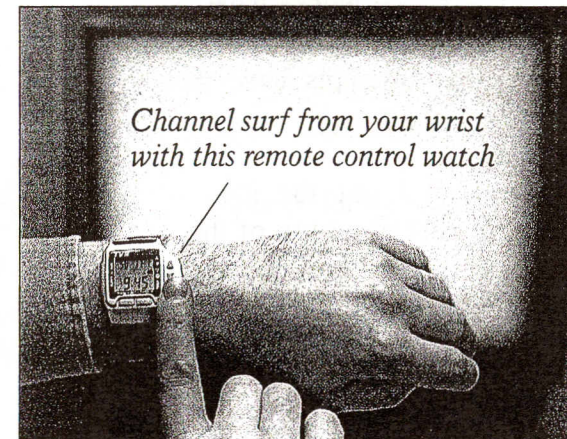
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MISC

The First watches (portable clocks) were known as "nurnberg eggs". From—UNCLE JOHN'S ALL-PURPOSE EXTRA STRENGTH BATHROOM READER

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The proper reward for learning is that we can now use what we learned, can cross the barrier from learning into thinking. Thinking is the reward for learning. It matters not what we have learned. What we can do with what we have learned: this is the issue.

- Jerome S Bruner

COMPUTER MARBLE

By Bill Koppel

Here is something I have been toying with. If anyone has experience with this I would like to here from you. I have a Seth Thomas Clock with imitation marble on the top and front column blocks. Unfortunately a couple of the blocks have been lost. For several months I have been attempting to marbleize some new wood blocks using paint. My attempts have met with only minimal success.

However, the other day I got the idea of scanning into my computer an image of marbleized top of the clock. Then printing it out on paper, which I intend to glue to some new wood blocks and put on a clear finish. The marble on the paper looks pretty good but I am going to have to fool around with the contrast, tone, etc. Again if anyone else has tried this, let me know.

TECHNICAL QUIZ

1. What event caused the Railroad watch to come into being?
2. What is a Duplex Escapement?
3. What is a contrate wheel?

1. The April 19, 1981 Ohio train wreck caused by watch register-
ing the wrong time.
2. An escape wheel with two sets of teeth. One is for locking and
one is for impulse.
3. A wheel with its teeth at right angle to the plane of the wheel.

Answers

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the fourth year I have been publishing the local bulletin and I wish now to hand over the reins to someone else by the end of this year. Remember this Bulletin is something of which our Chapter has been very proud. If you wish to see it continue please consider taking a stint as Editor. Assembling and mailing is done by others.

—Bill Koppel

TOOL LIBRARY

- The following tools are available for loan.....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 12:00AM - Even numbered months
 Chapter Second Sunday 12:30PM - Even numbered months
 Board Second Sunday - following the Chapter Meeting
 Evening First Friday 7:30PM - Odd numbered months

This Year's Meeting Dates

<u>SUNDAY & Board</u>	<u>FRIDAY EVE</u>
February 11 th	January - None
April 8 th	March 2 nd
June 10 th	May 4 th
August 12 th	July - None
October 14 th	September 7 th
December 9 th (luncheon)	November 2 nd

*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.

Other NAWCC Chapter Meetings in Northern California		
Chapter	Meeting Address	Meetings
De Anza #94	Odd Fellows Lodge 20589 Homestead Rd Cupertino, CA	1st Sunday even months (except April)
Monterey Bay #70	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	3rd Sunday odd months
Sacramento #71	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	4th Sunday odd months
San Francisco #5	San Leandro Boys & Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	2nd Sunday odd months (except May)

MAP TO
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 2850 BAY ROAD, REDWOOD CITY

From 101 go West on 84 W/Woodside to Bay Road

