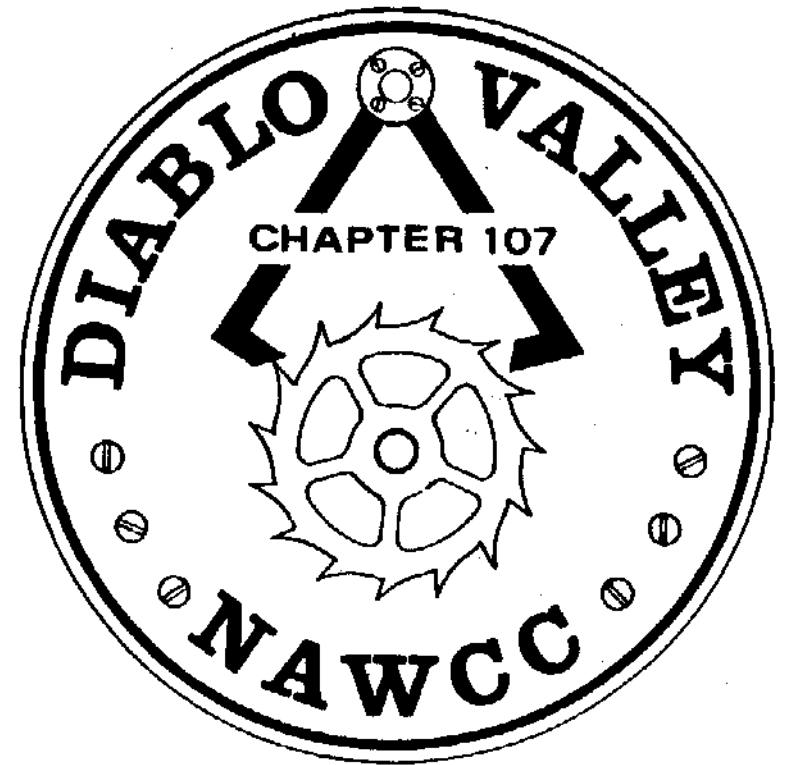


BULLETIN



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President's Message

Did you notice that this is the 200th issue of the *Bulletin*? As we pass this landmark, it is encouraging that the Chapter is embarking on new and invigorating activities.

The proposed changes to the by-laws were generated by a special committee. I want to thank Celeste Graham, Bob Wahrer, Walt Hubrig, and especially Jerry Konicek, who hosted the group, for their hard work and serious attention. It is important for you to read the proposed changes and vote on whether they should be approved. The Executive Board recommends voting for the proposal.

If you read the Walnut Creek Journal or the Lamorinda Sun, you probably saw the article about Chapter 107. It had a nice spin on the need to bring in new, younger members. I received quite a few inquiries as a result of the article. Hopefully it will bring in some new members - old or young. I'm not picky.

Before the last meeting, I emailed NAWCC members who live in the Martinez, Pleasanton, Orinda triangle and Chapter 5 members with an invitation to attend. I won't claim cause and effect, but we had the most active mart that I can remember.

Have you visited our web site, community.nawcc.org/chapter107? It now contains meeting notices, past programs, *Bulletins* (2009-current), the Library Catalog, and other items. More *Bulletins* will be added as time permits. The new by-laws will be published if they are adopted. Now that we have a web friendly format for the *Bulletin*, we can think about offering it to members by email instead of printed copy. If there are other things you would like to see published or want to suggest improvements, contact me.

It has been a busy few weeks.

Price

Editor's Note

Just Wanted to say thanks to Dean Thomas for contributing to our 200th bulletin. Dean wrote the article on page 7. He asked his 96 year old friend, who is blind, to give him her perspective on time.

Also we have several things going on in this bulletin. New members, upcoming fairs, bylaws to be approved and a special Chapter 107 invitation.

Our guest speaker Don DeMarcus will be talking about Junghans Swingers so On page 11 I put in a little history on Junghans.

As always if you would like to contribute an article please email me at justfourkicks@comcast.net

Maker Faire May 19th-20th this year in San Mateo.

At this event, inventors and makers of things show their ideas and projects to the public. I've applied for Ch107 and 5 to participate at the Maker Faire. We will have a 10'x10' space with 1 table and 2 chairs provided at no cost. Our purpose is to promote horology interest and participation in Bay Area chapters. Volunteers who work 4 hours setting up, in the booth and tear down will most likely be given free entrance passes. I still haven't gotten confirmation on passes. There will be free parking available with a short walk, or paid parking close to the exhibit hall. We'll need to make a display with clocks, watches, movements and cases at various stages of restoration, models (escapement-like) and provide signs. Hopefully some of these items can be interactive so folks can touch some things. If anyone would like to participate or let us use items for display, please contact Jerry Konicek 510-783-6451 or ja-

Chapter 107 members invitation

Dorian Clair has invited the members of Chapter 107 to see the clocks in his home including the ones he talked about at the February meeting. We are invited to drop in between noon and 4:00 PM on Sunday April 15. The address is 443 89th St., Daly City. Those wishing to carpool can make arrangements during the upcoming meeting.

Directions: Head towards Daly City on 280, get off at the John Daly Blvd. turn off. Stay in the middle lane when you cross John Daly Blvd. (You will now be on Junipero Serra Blvd.). Go about a mile, and turn right at 89th. St., (Val's Restaurant). Go 2 1/2 blocks down 89th. St. to 443, (the short fat palm tree on the left). Easy as pie....

NEW MEMBERS

It's exciting to have 4 new members and 2 associate members join chapter 107. Don and Kathe Rossi as well as Raymond and Gail Luciano are active mart folks with many items for sale. Please introduce yourself to them at the next mart. Perhaps they will have treasures you'll want. Max Taylor and Cherryl Thomas have been associate members in the past, but both are NAWCC members and paid 107 members too. Many thanks to them for their support of our chapter

I ask my 96 year old friend, who is blind, to give me her perspective on time, this is what she came up with.

TIME I stood by a large door with designs carved into the surface. I open the door and walk into a large hall. There he stands tall and beholding with raised arms as if to encircle me. He smiles and a muffled sound comes from his throat. The gray strands of tousled hair glistens as he turns to me and says, Welcome, you have found me at last. It takes some people longer to find me than others. Come, I will show you my great hall, my collections of many years and centuries.

He walks so quietly, I am not aware of his movements. He seems not to be there, but then I see him point to the large circle, bright and blinding, hanging in the sky. This is the most important gift to you in my hall. It is the sun. It is the light and the warmth that is for you.

Then I look further into the other walls and I begin to see the vastness and the forever-ness of things around me. Where am I? What is here for me? How long do I stay with this blankness in my mind?

Open your eyes, I will show you, Come. I thought I had lost my connection, but he was still there with the quietness and dignity that I needed to go on walking. I could see the clouds overhead. The mountains in the distance. On and on I could see to reach out and touch it all. It belonged to me to touch, to love and to be part. A small part, but it is mine.

I opened another door and with a rush of air, the wind blew my hat off and I could hear the laughter of the wind as I chased my hat. The wind grew stronger and ruffled my clothes and hair.

Then I knew this great hall. I had always been in this great hall. I had opened my eyes, I knew this old man now. I knew that he was the keeper of TIME. He is always there making more time, clocks and more clocks. Each one ticking away the seconds, but always making more seconds for me. I hear the striking ONE, then TWO, of my clock. TIME you are wonderful and even understanding of me. I recognize you now, so tick tock, tick tock, I hear you. I can visit you again. My past is with you.

February 2012 Meeting

Photos by Sophia Gardner



2012 Chapter 107 Board Members

Back row left to right:

Mike Kookan, Chip Kumparak, Price Russ, Clarence Kobel

Front row left to right

Jack Coulter, Walt Hubrig, Roy Holman, Bob Wahrer



**Tina Thomas
&
Price Russ**

New Members



Raymond & Gail Luciano



Ron Bechler



Linda Towers



**Don
&
Kathe
Rossi**



The three large pocket watches in fancy dials, hand, and silver plated cases contain inexpensive Roskopf pin pallet escapements. The bridge holding the winding gears were sometimes marked "REPASSE EN SECOND" on one line and "REPASSADO DE SEGUNDA MANO" on a second line. What does this label mean? There is some amusing speculation on the NAWCC forum that it might mean the watch had a second hand. (They don't) or that they are second-hand as in used. Another speculation was that it meant reconditioned. Other web sites say it means they were inspected twice. This interpretation is supported by "machine translations" done on line. It also makes the most sense as a marketing strategy. The first line appears to be French and the second Portuguese.



Gebr Junghans Uhrenfabrik was established by Erhard Junghans with Franz Xaver in 1861 in the Black Forest, making parts for clocks. Erhard Junghans (1823-70) originally followed in his father's footsteps working as a designer in an Schramberg porcelain factory in the Black Forest. By 1861, Erhard Junghans had set aside capital to start his own business producing accessories for clocks and subsequently complete clocks. He enlisted his brother Xaver, a cabinetmaker then living in America, to acquire the assembly-line machinery for making clock parts. Once the factory and the equipment were set up, Gerhard focused on running the business, his brother Xaver lead the production of clock cases and a professional clockmaker was hired to oversee the production of movements. After Erhard's death in 1870, the company was run by his sons Arthur and Erhard Jr. In 1866 the Junghans brand was established and by 1870 they were producing 100 clocks per day. In 1870 Arthur Junghans, son of the founder took over and the company went ahead rapidly.

Following the registration as early as 1877 of the first factory trademark, "eagle with flag", the JUNGHANS trademark, a clock cogwheel fashioned into a eight-pointed star, became the brand symbol in 1890. Three years later, the millionth timepiece was produced. In 1903 JUNGHANS was the largest clock-maker in the world. They were well-known for producing a wide variety of clocks as you can see from the (clickable) photos on this page. The company further expanded over years merging with other well-known German clockmakers including Lenzkirch, Thomas Haller and Gustav Becker.

After war and dismantling, the end of the Black Forest clock-maker seemed to have come. But under great-grandson Helmuth Junghans the work of reconstruction was begun. Today, this clockmaking factory, largest in Germany, is owned by Diehl. By the mid-19th century, German Black Forest clockmakers went into decline because they were unable to compete with American-made clocks. Junghans was one of the first Black Forest clockmakers to adopt American production methods, first making American-style clocks and later adopting more of a German style. However, by 1900 German clockmakers, having successfully embraced American production methods, were once again become the dominant force in clockmaking worldwide.

IMPORTANT CHAPTER BUSINESS

Included in this bulletin is the revisions to the By-Laws of Chapter 107, NAWCC

Please let us know by voting if you approve of the changes. You can place your vote by bringing your ballot to the April Meeting, or prior to the meeting, mail to the Chapter at P. O. Box 23315, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

IN MEMORIAM

With sadness we report the death of fellow member Gareth Hewes Busher, 84 who passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2012. Gareth and his wife Jean who passed away in October 2010 lived over 50 years in the Concord area. Both were active in the NAWCC. Gareth (Gary) and Jean were charter members who remained active until health prevented them from attending. He enjoyed 25 years as a teacher with the Pittsburg School District, starting a seconded 25 year career with POSCO Steel in Pittsburg.



Our deepest sympathies go to the family.

NOTICES FROM MEMBERS

(The Bulletin accepts notices from Chapter members for all items/subjects horological - wanted, for sale, giveaway, services, and so forth. There is no charge. All you have to do is supply copy to the editor.)

Nile Godfrey (925-449-2127) is looking for old *Bulletins*. If you have copies you no longer want, please, give him a call.

Roy Clark is looking to purchase a tall case clock. If you have one for sale call Roy at 916-440-6786

CHAPTER LIBRARIES

BOOK: The Chapter book library is located at Classical Clocks and Antiques, 1086 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Contact Nile Godfrey (925-449-2127) for more information.

VIDEO: Chapters 107 and 5 share a DVD video library. Contact Price Russ (925-937-9231) for information.

TOOL: Contact Walt Hubrig (925-685-0260) or Price Russ (925-937-9231) for information on the tools and parts available for use by Chapter members.

Closing Thought

Think of antique clocks and a stately [grandfather](#), German [cuckoo](#), or [Art Deco](#) Bakelite clock may come to mind. But clockmaking is a vast field, spanning continents, outlasting empires, and encompassing a complete range of technologies and styles. Indeed, for clock collectors, the only problem with clocks is the lack of time to absorb and appreciate them all.

CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months **Note April meeting is the first Sunday**

Mart: 11:30AM
Chapter: 12:30PM
Board: after the Chapter Meeting

Future Meeting Dates

June 10, 2012 December 9, 2012
August 12, 2012 February 10, 2013
October 14, 2012

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

Only NAWCC members can participate (buy or sell) in our Mart. Be prepared to show your current membership card.

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

DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS

(except August and December)

743 Diablo Road, Danville

Take Interstate 680 to the Diablo Road exit in Danville. Go east on Diablo Road for 0.6 mile. The Grange Hall will be on your right. Parking is available in the front and rear. Enter from the front; *i.e.*, street side. Facing the building from the street, there is a ramp on the right side for handicap and cart access.

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

**The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.**

**To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.**

**The present only is our own,
So Live, Love, toil with a will
Place no faith in "Tomorrow"
For the clock may then be still.**

-----Robert H. Smith-----

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