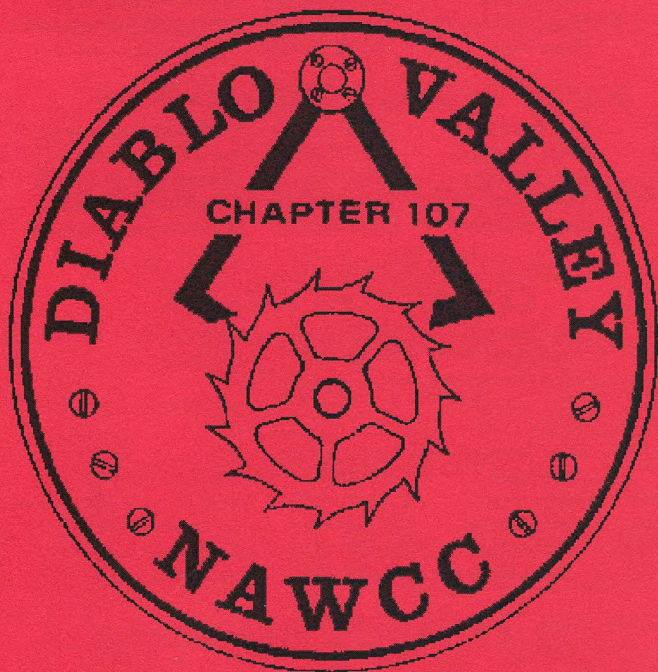


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**Wanted:** Articles for the *Bulletin*. Contact Tina Thomas (209) 481-3930. Or email [ch107bulletin@comcast.net](mailto:ch107bulletin@comcast.net).

## Meeting Notice

### THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

N.A.W.C.C. Diablo Valley

Chapter #107 December Meeting

BACK FORTY ROADHOUSE & SALOON

100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill, Ca. 925-935-1440

Sunday December 10, 2017, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please bring and wear your badges

Program:

Election of 2017 Officers and Directors:

Auction of Quality Pieces:



*Bring your serious Clocks and Watches, Related Timepieces, and Supplies of High Quality. You keep all the money.*

*Nothing for the Chapter. This is your big Chance of the year. Look over Your Collection and make Someone Happy. BRING THEM ALONG!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big Thank You goes to Niles Kynett for his presentation on Early English Verge Watches at our October meeting. As a recent author of several articles on these watches it was both educational and very interesting to see examples from his collection.

The fires in the North Bay have been on our minds for quite a while now. Our member, Cyrus Wind Dancer, lives in Santa Rosa and has his business, Clocksmith Cyrus there also. Happily both he and his business survived the three fires. The fires came within 1.2 miles of his shop and due to the wind changing directions, he had to evacuate four different times, very difficult due to the heavy dark smoke in the air...He called NACC requesting advice on evacuating and was told that there could be more damage to the clocks if he moved them than by leaving them. He had 70 clocks from customers in his shop plus about 100 of his own clocks, and his equipment. He decided to move his equipment and 3 of his own clocks. He took pictures of all the remaining clocks along with identifying the clock's owners. He is currently writing an article for NACC on disaster procedures.

We certainly all hope there are no future problems with flooding, toxic runoff, loss of electricity etc.

Ironically two years ago Cyrus saved a cuckoo clock when the Cobb Mountain Valley fire struck and completely burned down the owner's home. The clock was in his shop being serviced when the fire occurred. Cyrus started his clock repair education by attending classes offered by Niles Godfrey in Livermore. A one way trip from Santa Rosa to Livermore took two hours if he left during off traffic times. In 2010 he decided to attend NCAA classes in Pennsylvania to speed up the learning process. After one year there he was offered a position in a clock repair store in Florida which he took. He soon realized that he could open his own shop and offer better service which brought him back to Santa Rosa.

Please read the two articles written by Chris Smith with The Press Democrat newspaper about Cyrus and his business later in this bulletin on page 7.

Our Annual Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday December 10, 2017 I hope all of you can attend. Remember to bring auction items you wish to part with and make a little money (or big money)

Thanks again to the Board Members for their help and assistance and to all member for making 107 interesting and enjoyable.

Linda

## Announcement MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER 70.

Meetings held starting at noon on the **third Sunday of January, March and September** at the **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Drive, APTOS**

*From February 2010 Bulletin*

## CARTEL CLOCKS

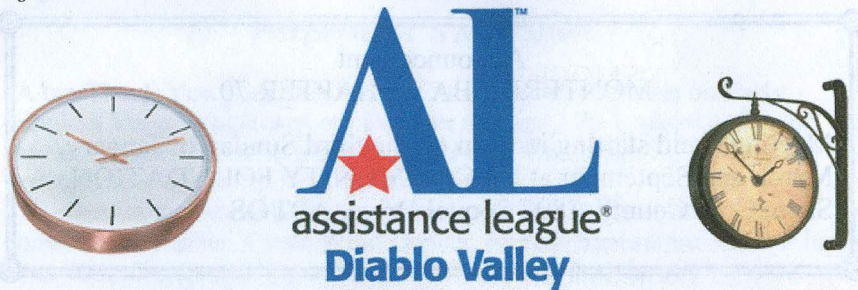
The rococo style of interior decorating dominated during the period of Louis XV (1723-1774). This included clock cases. One type of case that developed in France was the Cartel or wall clock. The cases were made of either gilt cast metal or gilt wood. They can be identified by their decorations including flowers, figurines, foliage, and scrolls. These elaborately decorated cases were elongated to accommodate a half-second pendulum. Dials are enamel. The movements are spring driven 8-day verge escapements. The back is always unfinished. During this period highly carved and gilded panels were fashionable in French homes. The form of the Cartel clock blended nicely with the paneling. Britten notes that Cartel clocks "never found any favour in England".



One maker of Cartel clocks was Samuel du Pont who was also a watchmaker. A future article will discuss his more famous progeny.

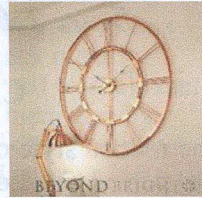
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## Upcoming Event New Date

Clocks and Copper  
23 January 2018.



Will be held at the  
Assistance League of Diablo  
Valley Thrift shop  
3521 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette  
across the street from Safeway 925-284-4781

Chip Kumparik is helping them price them, and I imagine they will be attractive prices. There are quite a few clocks, I understand. It might be a good opportunity for those interested in acquiring some new material.

Ross

***Assistance League of Diablo Valley is a non-profit, member volunteer organization dedicated to improving lives in our community through hands-on programs.***

CHRIS SMITH  
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT | November 22, 2015

Dah-ding! Chime! BONG! Cuckoo! Ting!

It's the top of the hour at the Rincon Valley shop of Cyrus Wind Dancer, a former Peace Corps volunteer, hippie, car mechanic, homebuilder, whistle-blower and Wine Country masseur who now dedicates nearly every waking minute to the repair and preservation of the charming anachronism that is the fine, old clock.

"There are very few things that were made in, say, 1830, that can still function in 2015," said Wind Dancer. He previously wore the prestigious name Cy Eaton III but discarded it decades ago, along with many ties to the Cleveland-centered family led by his late grandfather, the industrialist and financier Cyrus Stephen Eaton.

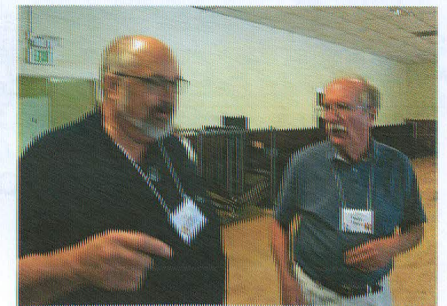
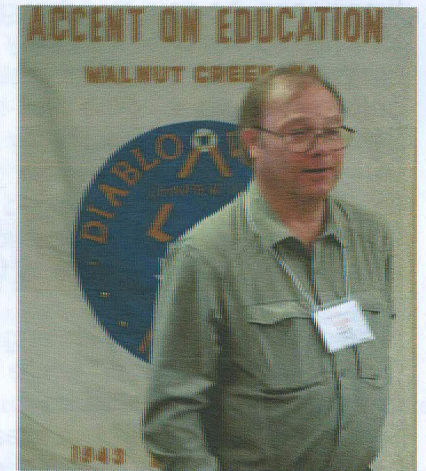
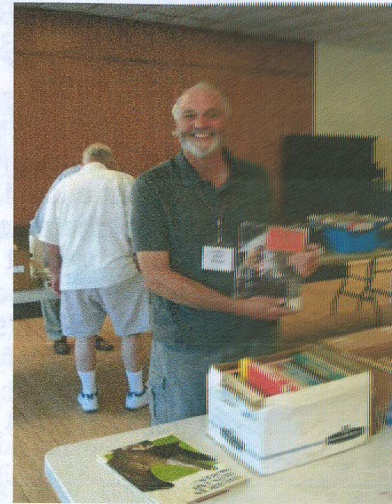
Though fascinated since childhood by the science and precision and artistry that goes into a well-made clock, Wind Dancer, 69, didn't set out to become a horologist until just five years ago. Today his heart races as if over-wound each time someone carries a new challenge through the door of the Clocksmith Cyrus shop on Sonoma Highway.

"Every week, I see something that I haven't seen before," he said. Typically, a clock comes accompanied by a story. Wind Dancer steps to the shop's eastern wall and eyes a mounted beauty that had long belonged to late Sonoma County Judge Hilliard Comstock. The clocksmith says it's an 1874 Gale Astronomical Calendar with secondary dials that reflect not only the phases of the moon and the date but a technological marvel: the time of each day's sunrise and sunset.

On the floor near that clock are pieces of another whose owner, desiring a restoration, told Wind Dancer it sat in a barn in Fort Bragg for 50 or 60 years or longer. That specimen, dating to 1837, features a clockworks frame fastidiously constructed of strips of brass.

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Wind Dancer also introduces the Dutch stool, or stoel, clock that was carried from the Netherlands before its World War II-era occupation by Germany and that a local family would like to have restored. And here's what the clock man calls a Schoolhouse Clock. "The janitor would wind it up once a week," he said. A note card attached to it announces, "This clock stopped April 18, 1906, 5:12 a.m." That's the timing of the great earthquake that devastated much of Santa Rosa and triggered the ghastly fires in San Francisco. The same card notes, "It stopped again August 24, 2014, 3:30 a.m." That was the Napa quake.

Clocks come to him, Wind Dancer said, with "an amazing amount of history." Now the keeper of an entire library on timepieces, he said that though we now take clocks entirely for granted, for centuries they were handmade by brilliant craftsmen. No two were exactly alike, and they were found only in the homes of the well-to-do.

Back when we were primarily an agrarian society, there was for most of us no pressing need to know the precise time. But technology changed that: Without accurate timekeeping, trains could not avoid collisions, ships could not safely navigate the seas and factory owners could not choreograph production.

"The clock, not the steam engine, is the key machine of the modern industrial age," wrote historian and philosopher of technology Lewis Mumford in 1934.

"The clock is not merely a means of keeping track of the hours, but of synchronizing the actions of men ... It marks a perfection toward which other machines aspire."

Wind Dancer traces his own passion for the clock to an evening at the Ohio home of his prominent grandfather, Cyrus Stephen Eaton, who'd made a fortune in steel and other enterprises, went broke during the Great Depression and rebounded as chairman of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and West Kentucky Coal Co.

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CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY  
WITH US!  
NOVEMBER 29, 2017  
JULY 18-19, 2018



NATIONAL WATCH & CLOCK MUSEUM 1977-2017

As you may know, The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. (NAWCC) opened its world-famous Watch & Clock Museum to the public on November 6, 1977, nearly 40 years ago. Today, more than 15,000 people visit the Museum every year.

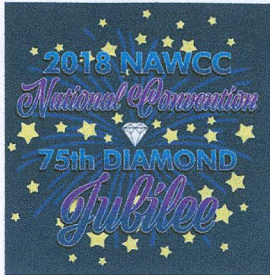
The NAWCC is the world's largest museum, research library, educational institution, and international community of horological professionals and enthusiasts dedicated to clocks, watches, time, and timekeeping. We are committed to being the world leader, educator, and advocate for horology and for everyone who is interested in horology.

You may be aware of our Museum and Association, but you may not be aware of the NAWCC's full portfolio:

- The world's largest Museum and Research Library dedicated to clocks, watches, time, and timekeeping
- A comprehensive horological education program
- An international community of 13,000 members
- A website with 500,000 visits per year
- An Internet-based public forum community on horological issues with a participation rate of 1.5 million entries per year, with 854,000 unique users
- An assembly of 150 Chapters around the globe
- Regional U.S. conventions and an annual, international convention for members and horology enthusiasts
- A world-class publishing house
- An internationally and academically renowned annual Symposium on time-related topics
- The broker of the largest affiliation of volunteer subject matter experts on time and timekeeping
- A global leader in influencing the horological community

This year the NAWCC will be hosting multiple special events remembering and celebrating the founding of both the National Watch & Clock Museum as well as the NAWCC itself. Watch our website and calendar for these events as the year unfolds—they will be events you do not want to miss.

Thank you for your support! We hope you will take part in supporting the NWCM from now until our culminating event in July 2018.



## COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

2018 NAWCC NATIONAL

CONVENTION - JULY 19-22, 2018

WELCOME TO FELLOW MEMBERS, FRIENDS  
OF THE NAWCC AND ASSOCIATED ORGANI-  
ZATIONS.

As Co-Chairs, we would like to introduce you to the **2018 NAWCC National Convention**, an event that is not only our annual convention, but also a special celebration not to be missed!

We have been working very hard for the past two years to make this celebration one of the most memorable with a great mix of fun, networking events and education.

We have so many things planned!

- A full day party at the NAWCC Headquarters to meet members, see the facilities, and enjoy great food and music

- Museum and Library backstage tours, lectures and videos
- A live Auction at Utz Arena Friday
- FASW and AWCI workshops
- Huge 2-day Mart at the York Fairgrounds

Join WWT Wednesday July 18 & Thursday July 19, 2018 at the UTZ Arena. Please contact them and let them know if you will be attending their show, and also if you will need showcases or a safe for the 2018 NAWCC National Convention. You can arrange to use the same tables at both WWT and NAWCC.

The York UPS Store will set up Saturday Afternoon from 12 noon till 4 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for members wishing to ship items home.

*Please make sure you make hotel reservations as soon as possible.* It is better to make the reservations and cancel if something comes up or plans change, than to not be able to find a hotel room of your choice.

We are planning a special auction on Wednesday July 18 of donated Horological items that will benefit the For All Time Endowment and Capital Campaign. Members wishing to donate Clocks, Wristwatches, Pocket Watches, Barometers, Chronometers, Horological tools and other Horological items can donate any time during the year. Depending on the quantity of items donated, items over a to-be-determined value will be sold at public auction on Wednesday and other items will be sold by other means. All items must be donated at least 30 days prior to the sale. Support the NAWCC and donate today!

Are you interested in a NAWCC Watch & Clock Traveling Workshop? Call Pete Cronos, 870-974-2583 for info regarding the workshops given at the 2018 NAWCC National Convention in Columbia, PA.

Continued from page 10 CHRIS SMITH—THE PRESS DEMOCRAT | November 22, 2015 - Dah-ding! Chime! BONG! Cuckoo! Ting!

It was 1957, and the former Cyrus Eaton III was 11 years old. "I remember," he said, "it was the night the Russians sent Sputnik into space."

His grandfather's towering grandfather clock had stopped keeping time. Eaton III tinkered with and tried to understand the assembly of wheels — not "gears" — and springs and weights. That he got the clock working again surprised him at least as much as it did the grandfather from whom he'd later disassociate.

The hands would spin for more than 50 years before Wind Dancer — he accepted the name from Native American elders during a vision quest retreat — charted yet another new path in life. He enrolled, in 2010, in the School of Horology, formerly operated in Pennsylvania by the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. By that time, Wind Dancer had worked as a building contractor; been a massage therapist in Calistoga; operated the former Fitters International Car Clinic in Cotati; served with the Peace Corps in Gambia and with VISTA in West Virginia; and studied agricultural engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and environmental studies at Sonoma State University.

He'd also investigated environmental abuses at The Geysers geothermal field and the business practices that brought the bankruptcy of a huge wine consortium. Wind Dancer took his findings to late Press Democrat reporter and Wine Market Report publisher Rich Cartiere, who wrote exposés. Today, Wind Dancer spends seven days a week repairing, restoring and researching clocks. He mused, "If there were an AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) class for clock addicts, I would be the president." In the era of the cellphone-as-clock, his greatest worry is that there will be no one to take his place once he himself winds down. "It makes me sad," he said.

Wind Dancer would be delighted to take someone on as a volunteer apprentice and teach him or her the horologist's craft. He fears that unless a few young people find fascination within the wheels and the history, the passing of the era of the functional, fine old clock is just a matter of time.

## CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

### Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

Mart: 10:30AM  
 Chapter: 12:00PM  
 Board: after the Chapter Meeting

### Future Meeting Dates

**February 10th, 2018**

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 2017 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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday even months (except April)
Monterey Bay #70	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday odd months
Sacramento #71	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday odd months
San Francisco #5	Boys and Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

## CHAPTER LIBRARIES

**BOOK:** The Chapter book library is located at Classical Clocks and Antiques, 1082 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.

