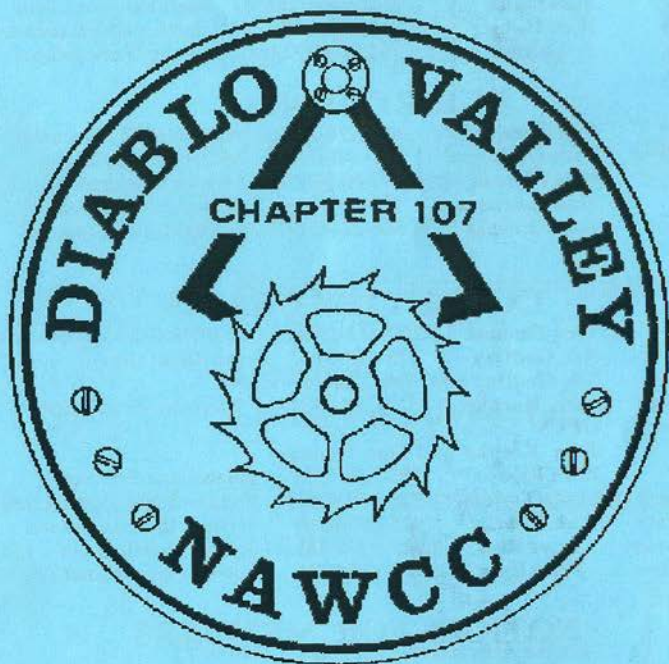


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#### NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

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

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

## Annual Picnic and White Elephant Auction

August 12, 2018

Meet 11:30 (no mart), Feast at Noon  
Auction after Lunch

Hosted by Lucy Hart

8007 Kelok Way, Clayton  
(925-889-9656)

See page 5 for directions



Please bring one of the following based on the first letters of your surname:



A-Go	Beans/potato salad/pasta
Gp-K	Chips/dips/fruit
L-Si	Dessert
Sj-Z	Green salad/vegetable

The chapter will provide meat, condiments, and drinks.



#### White Elephant Auction

This is your opportunity to get rid of your horological excess and acquire lots of new treasures. No item is too humble for this grand affair. Contribute to the fun by participating. All funds go to support the chapter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June speaker was Price Russ who has been working at home for the past year building a precision pendulum regulator clock from three separate components. In the last two months the clock lost only 23 seconds. An amazing accomplishment. Additional adjustments for weather changes will be considered next. Thank you Price for speaking on short notice.

On July 22 our chapter members made a visit to Sacramento Chapter #71. Further in this bulletin is summary of the outing. Lucy Hart has volunteered her backyard for our August picnic. Further information is in this bulletin. Hope I will see many of you there. Reminder, this is the time to donate your unwanted horological inventory to 107. Bring it to the picnic where it will be auctioned off. There is sure to be some treasurers for you to also bid on. All proceeds from this auction go to 107.

Our speaker in October will be Cort Moore. He will talk on Horological ephemera. (catalogs, advertising, etc.)

Update on the Shortt clock: the slave clock is now working. As the master is at Lick Observatory, Price has been using an electronic master.

A reminder, if you have a potential new member, John Koepke has special discount coupons for first time members.

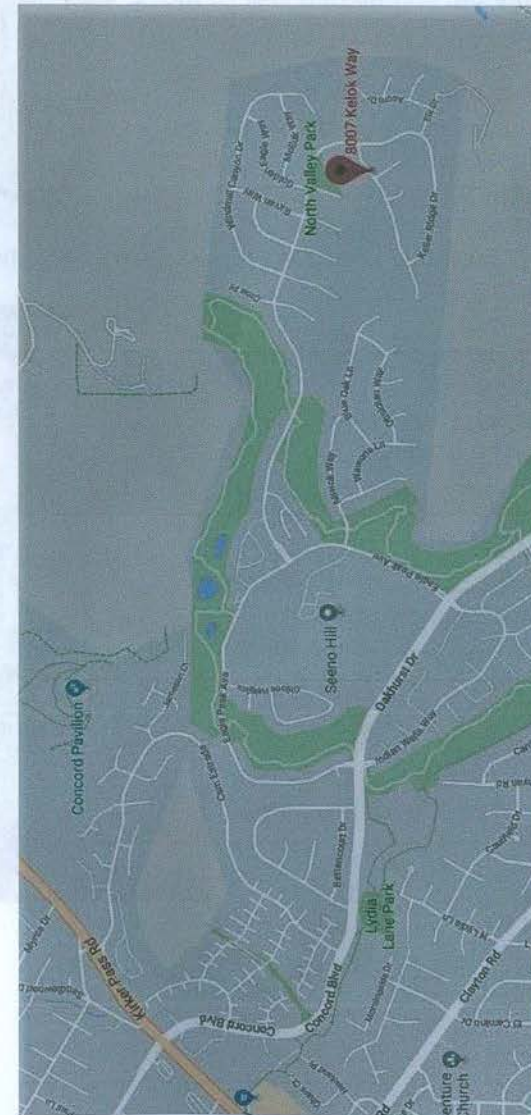
Our Web Site address has changed. It is now [chater107.nawcc.org](http://chater107.nawcc.org). It has lots of information about the chapter. Take a look.

Thanks again for all the support from 107 members.

Linda

## DIRECTIONS TO PICNIC

From downtown Walnut Creek go east on Ygnacio Valley Rd., then Kirker Pass Rd. to Concord Blvd. Turn right on Concord Blvd. From downtown Concord take Concord Blvd. past Kirker Pass Rd. Concord Blvd. turns into Oakhurst Dr. Continue on Oakhurst past Eagle Peak Rd. and Seeno Hill. When you come to Eagle Pass a second time, turn left and proceed to Keller Ridge Dr. Right on Keller Ridge to Kelok Way.



## SHORTT REPORT

As reported by Linda the slave half of the clock is mostly working. I am still chasing down why it stops about once a week. The clock originally had two dials, one for the free pendulum and one for the slave. I am currently putting together parts from various sources to make the second dial and its movement.



The upper photo shows the home built hit-and-miss synchronizer that will eventually be driven by the free pendulum circuit. For now it is being driven by an electronic timer. Its function is to keep the slave synchronized with the free pendulum. The lower photo shows the synchronizer installed.

In the April Bulletin, there is a list of chapter members who are participating in this project. Curt Wood needs to be added to the list.

It is important to reiterate that we have received support, both in parts and advice, from a number of electric horology enthusiasts who are not chapter members. Their names and contributions will be included in the final report on the project.

Soon we will be ready to start work on the master (free pendulum) unit.

Price



## INTERESTING READ

### Detex Watchman's Clock Album

Philip Haselton's guide to watchmen's time recording equipment. Includes 19th century German portables, 20th century portables, stationary watchlocks, and central station electric watchlocks. Includes multiple photos per clock, and text descriptions.

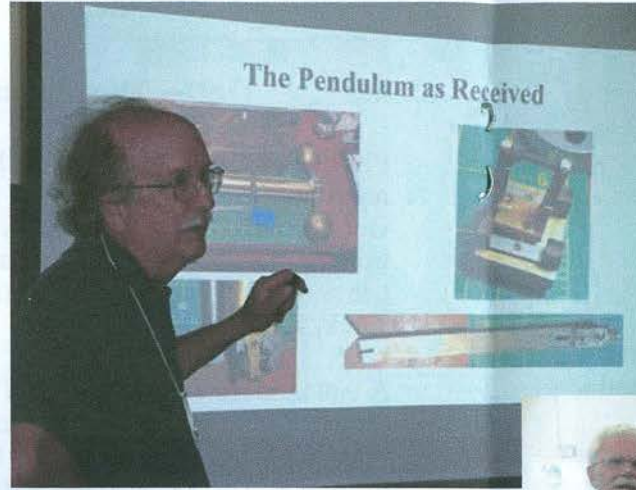


A watchman's clock provides a record of the time a watchman visits checkpoints. It shows reliability ... and motivates the faithful making of rounds. The value of the watchclock's record depends upon the assurance with which it can be read with respect to both *where* the man was and *when* he was there. In this album, you'll find the history of a variety of approaches to creating a reliable record. Go to <http://www.watchlocks.org/> for more information.





# April 2018



## Visit to Chapter 71

On July 22, 2018, Chapter 107 visited Chapter 71 in Sacramento to attend their bi-monthly meeting. Visiting from 107 were: Don and Kathe Rossi, Nile and Cinde Godfrey, Price Russ, Celeste Graham, Stan Janczura and Linda Towers and members of both 71 and 107: Ron Beckler, Chris Johnson, and Vince and Phyllis Angel.

All had a great time. Coffee and sweets were served as we looked over the mart and silent auction. I am happy to report, Stan sold two clocks at the mart, H.D. was top bidder on a silent auction item and Price found a treasure at the mart. A raffle was held and again we were lucky, Linda and Price each took home a prize and Stan took home two prizes.

The meeting was a show and tell of mostly calendar clocks. Vince showed 2 calendar shelf clocks and a calendar alarm clock. Ron Beckler's show and tell were custom made clock dials (which can be purchased or he can re silver existing dials). Dennis Rieker showed a Seth Thomas and an Ithica calendar clock. Chris Johnson showed an Ithica calendar clock. Ron Hoops showed two perpetual movement clocks. Ken Rothaus showed an electronic calendar clock by Hammond (1933-36) where adjustments to both time and date are made manually. Darryl Combs showed an Ingram Western Union clock. Bob Glauz donated a Waltham car clock. Ron Beckler took the car clock to repair, after which it become a door prize.

After the meeting we were invited by Vince and Phyllis to visit their home and have refreshments. They have great collections of clocks and dolls. I can't thank them enough for the food and house tour.

Thanks goes to John Koepke who worked with Vince to make this visit happen but at the last was unable to attend.

Linda

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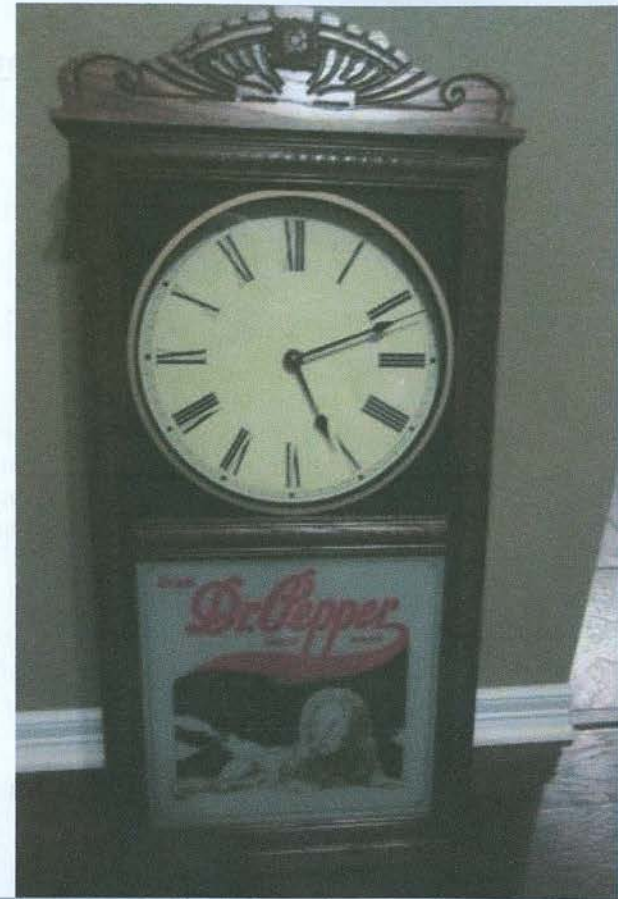
## ADVERTISING CLOCKS

Advertising clocks have been made in a wide range of materials and styles, as diverse as the numerous products and services they were designed to promote. Early advertising clocks were often elaborately carved wooden wall and regulator clocks pushing tonics, headache cures, and jewelers. More modern examples include Westclox's alarm clocks featuring ads for "Nine O'Clock Washing Tea" on their dials, or Hamm's beer's light-up clocks with detailed depictions of lakes and rivers.

In the 19th century, two clockmaking companies dominated the advertising clock market: Sidney Clock Advertising Co. and Baird Clock Co. Andrew VanWoert Strait, who owned a store that sold watches, clocks, and jewelry, began making advertising clocks in Sydney, New York in the 1880s. From there, the Sidney Advertising Clock Co. was born. The Sidney Advertising Clock Co. is best known for its "cylinder" advertising clock, for which it received a patent in 1886. There was no charge for the clock itself (advertisements subsidized that cost) and the clocks were not sold to the general public. Instead, they were given to hotels, restaurants, local stores, physicians, and other businesses. At the bottom of the clock was the detail that won the company the patent.

There, a glass case with three cylinders rotated every five minutes to reveal a different advertisement for cigars, tailors, beverages, and furniture. Some clocks also featured sounds, such as bells or drums, as the cylinders turned. The Sidney clocks were all long (between five to six feet tall), made of wood, and featured a white face. Many were calendar clocks and most (if not all) had movements made by Seth Thomas. Some had glass cases exposing the pendulum while others used that surface for additional advertising. The very top of the clock case featured either another advertisement or an ornamental, scalloped design. The clock cases made by the Baird Clock Co. were much simpler in design.

## ADVERTISING CLOCKS - EXAMPLES



## CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

### Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

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

### Future Meeting Dates

October 14, 2018                      December 09, 2018  
 February 10, 2019                  April 14, 2019  
 June 9, 2019                          August 11, 2019

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	Community Foundation 7807 Soquel Drive 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

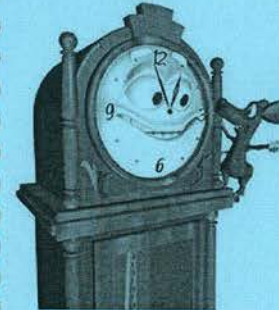
Take Interstate 680 to the Diablo Road exit in Danville. Go east on Diablo Road for 0.6 mile. The Grange Hall will be on your right. Parking is available in the front and rear. Enter from the front; *i.e.*, street side. Facing the building from the street, there is a ramp on the right side for handicap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



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