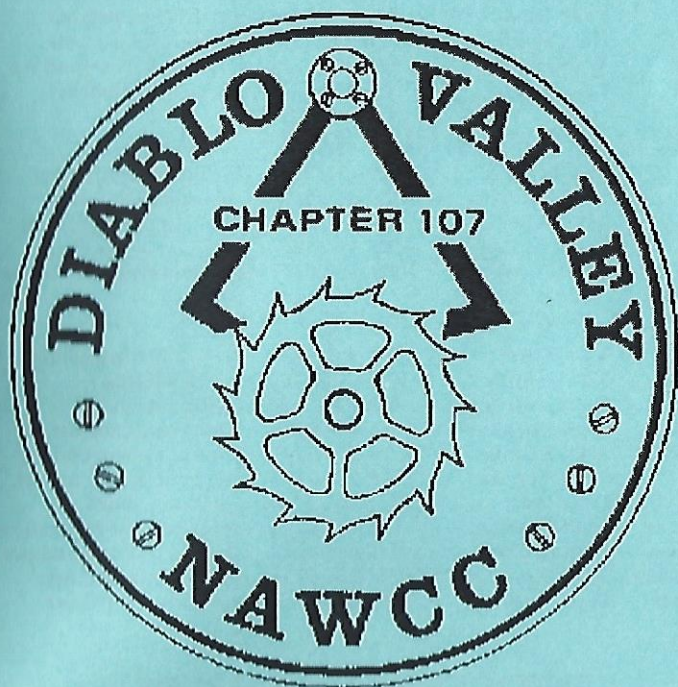


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NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

(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.

Meeting Notice

February 9, 2020

Mart 10:30 Meeting Noon

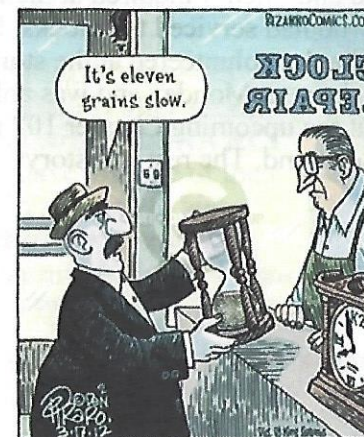
Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd, Danville

February Speaker: Everyone

Topic:

Show and Tell

Here is your chance to bring something horological that you think is interesting and give a short explanation or demonstration.



President's Message

Happy New Year to all members of Chapter 107. I hope it will be an enjoyable and exciting year of horology projects for us. We met in December at The Back Forty for the Chapter holiday party and silent auction. There was a great turnout and the food was delicious.

On January 5, 2020, we held the annual chapter board meeting. Price Russ graciously volunteered his home. It was a productive meeting. The Chapter is in good shape financially and Walt Hubrig was thanked by all for his 25 years of exemplary service as our treasurer. We are hoping for at least another 25 years before he retires! John Koepke reported that we currently have 31 paid members for 2020, with more dues expected to arrive.

Our April meeting will be held on the third Sunday, April 19, due to Easter. It was decided that our picnic will be held in August.

This was my first Board meeting, as I just joined in April 2019. I was asked to represent the Chapter as president in November. How could I say no? I'm happy to be a member of Chapter 107, and believe that it's important to participate to keep the Chapter successful. Until last year, I never knew an organization like this existed. I found out about 107 through a lucky contact with Stan Janczura. In January 2019, I saw two old clocks in the Concord Hospice Thrift Store with a handwritten note attached that they had been cleaned and oiled. I inquired at the front desk as to who the person was who had serviced the clocks. I happily learned that it was Stan and that he volunteered at the store on Mondays, 9 to 11 AM. I called the next Monday and was able to speak with him. He told me about the upcoming Chapter 107 meeting in February and invited me to attend. The rest is history!

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I found a group of like-minded friends who have varying interests in horology and am on my way to learning how to work on my own clocks. I met Nile Godfrey and started attending the Thursday night clock class at his shop in Livermore. A generous and encouraging John Koepke gave me my first time-only clock, and I disassembled and reassembled the movement multiple times, polished the pivots, redid the bushings, and then reassembled it for the final time. I also removed the brown paint to uncover the rosewood case underneath and restored it. I had, and continue to have, exceptional supportive guidance from Chuck McClain and Clarence Kobel. Without them, I would be completely helpless. I'm most appreciative also to Nile for providing this venue, equipment, encouragement and support. It's an enjoyable get together each Thursday. I am the most inexperienced person in the class and wonder often how I will ever be able to squeeze in learning about clock maintenance and repair in the years I have left. I wish I had found Chapter 107 many, many year ago.

I look forward to 2020, and the informational Chapter meetings. My life is definitely better with clocks!

Helen Wheeler

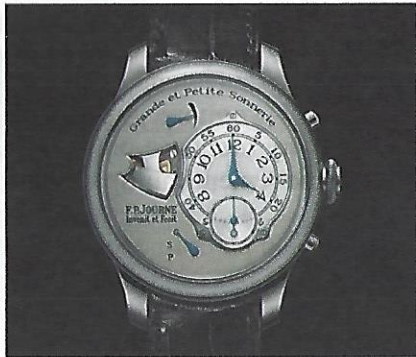
IN MEMORIAM

On December 23 Seth Finkelstein (born 1947) passed away peacefully after a long illness. As Max Nesbet wrote "the NAWCC and clock community have lost one of their greatest mechanics". In addition to his repair skills, Seth had an encyclopedic knowledge of all things horological and was willing to share that knowledge. He will be sorely missed.



Chapter 107 extends its condolences to Seth's family.

Sonnerie Watches – And Why They Aren't Repeaters



These days, mechanical watchmaking is all about the visual. You look at your watch dial to read the time – even possible in low light conditions thanks to the wonders of lume – and most complications display information visually; for example, a flyback chronograph displays elapsed

time, or a perpetual calendar displays just about every calendar indication you can imagine.

A few centuries ago, however, before the advent of electricity, it wasn't that easy to read the time on your clock or pocket watch at night. Enter striking mechanisms, an early feature of pocket watches that sometimes preceded even hands and dials, and which was capable of sounding (striking) the time.

Widely considered to be one of, if not the most complex watch complication, striking watches are outside the remit of all but a few of the world's most talented watchmakers. Not all striking watches are the same, however. Whilst the majority sound the time in one form or another, there are variations in the functioning of each different style. Broadly speaking, they fall into one of two categories: repeaters and sonneries.

To Read more on what the difference is between these two categories and to discover some great sonnerie watches go to:



https://www.chrono24.com/magazine/sonnerie-watches-and-why-they-arent-repeaters-p_21326/

Thank you Ross for the article information

Shortt Report

It is still true that I need to document what has been done while the clock has been in my possession and to prepare an operator's manual. Max Nesbet has volunteered to help when it comes time to set it up at Lick. I didn't bother to check its performance for a month. At the end of that period the dials indicated it had gained 2 minutes. I expected less than 30 seconds. My guess is that the slave count wheel is occasional advancing two teeth. I have gone back to monitoring the performance more carefully. So far it is behaving.

Price Russ

Movie Matinee March 15th

The next movie matinee will be at 2:00 PM March 15th at the Russ residence.

(12 Simpson Dr. Walnut Creek)

Feel free to bring family or friends. We plan to show:

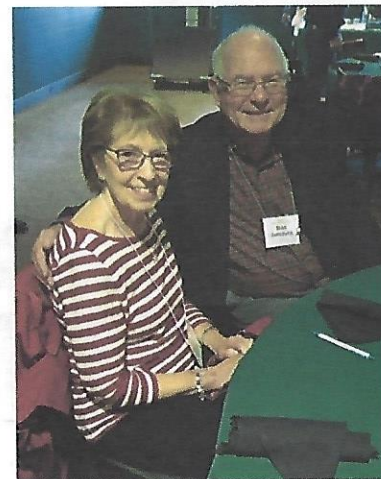
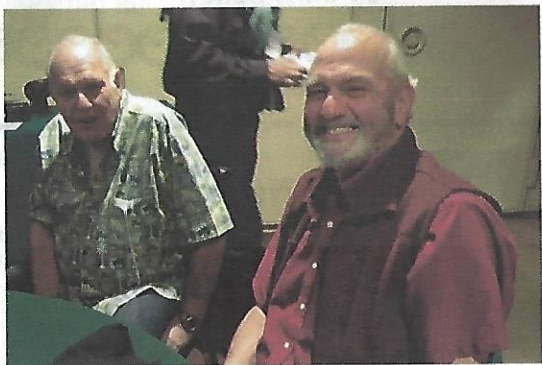
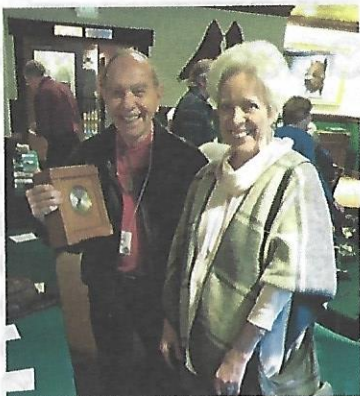
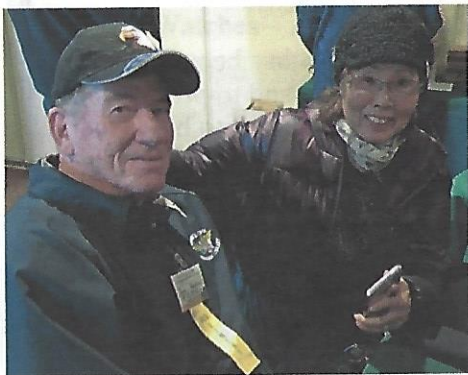


“Affordable Time: America's Contribution”
by Chris Bailey.



Notice to one and all.
Our April meeting will be on the
third Sunday (19th)

December 2019



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Horological community*

MicroSet is an electronic timing device which measures mechanical clocks and watches with unprecedented precision. It can measure beat times to within a millionth of a second and resolve rate errors as small as one second per week.

Since it was first introduced in 1997, **MicroSet** has revolutionized clock timing with many breakthrough features including an optical sensor, high precision measurements, powerful computer interface software, and additional diagnostic functions.

**MORBIER
CLOCKS**

History, Identification, and Repair
Lawrence A. Seymour



Morbier Clocks

by Lawrence A Seymour

Nestled on the eastern border of France, closer to Geneva than Paris, the commune of Morbier seems an unlikely place for a horological cottage industry. Thanks to an abundance of raw materials and a combination of skilled blacksmiths and agricultural laborers who needed employ-

ment in the winter, a market developed among people who needed inexpensive, dependable clocks that could be repaired locally. Out of this perfect storm rose the morbier clock, an interesting contrast to the finely crafted, often elaborate clocks for which France is known.

In this guide Lawrence Seymour brings together the fascinating history of morbier clocks with identification parameters and repair information. The book is divided into four parts, the first tracing the development of the clocks over time, the second and third detailing the time train and strike train respectively, and the fourth focusing on repair and restoration. This guide is a must have for any collector who has set his sights on the charming morbier.

**UCSF Seth Thomas Clock
San Francisco, CA**



This four-story high clock overlooks Parnassus Avenue and faces the UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco, California.

The clock is enclosed in a three-sided glass wall housing. At the top of the glass are three clock faces

at 45 degree angles to each other. Each of the clock faces displays all twelve hours as Roman numerals. The first letter of the days of the week appear on the interior of the four-story wall. I'm assuming there is an indication of the clock as to the current day.

An inscription on the wall inside the glass walls reads:

Carried by ship around Cape Horn, this Seth Thomas Clock was installed on the medical school of the affiliated colleges in 1897. Surviving the 1906 earthquake, it served the university and community for 70 years. Members of the UCSF family have made possible its restoration as a campus landmark.

CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

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

Future Meeting Dates

April 19, 2020 3rd Sunday
 June 14, 2020
 August 09, 2020
 October 11, 2020
 December 13, 2020

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 2020 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)
Sacramento #71	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	4 th Sunday odd months
San Francisco #5	Monroe Elementary School 3750 Monterey 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.

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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