

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER 71

Location: Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3300 McKinley Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95816. Phone #: (916) 443-9413.

Date of Meeting Being Reported: July 25, 2021

Regular Meeting Schedule: Third Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November unless otherwise noticed. Check the Chapter website for details.

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

Our first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic was held at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center. For this meeting, we had a mask protocol and did not serve any refreshments. That being said, there were twenty-five members present for the mart, three guests, and 17 people who stayed for the meeting and program. This meeting was our first in the recently refurbished center which is now under new management!

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by President Vince Angell. He announced a new rule for guests. A guest can attend two meetings and on the third visit must become a member of the Chapter. At that time, he must also be a member of the National.

Vince then announced to the group that the next Silver Dollar Regional has been set and will be held in Sparks, NV at the Nugget Hotel Casino Resort, August 13 & 14, 2022. Four Chapters have signed to co-sponsor this Regional. They are Dr. Barclay Stephens Chapter #5, The Sierra-Nevada Chapter #65, Sacramento Valley Chapter #71, and Diablo Valley Chapter #107. Vince asked the attendees to think of how they can volunteer to put on this event. Without Volunteers there might not be an event so please volunteer.

PROGRAM:

Our guest speaker was John Koepke, President of Chapters 5 and 107. He gave two great presentations:

- 1) Is a 25' steam pump clock weighing around 1500 to 2000 lbs. located in Sebastopol, CA. The clock was hand-made out of various scrap metals by a very handy gentleman that actually new nothing about building clocks. We believe that he would like to donate the clock to the Vista Museum. John Koepke is asking Northern California Chapters if they would be willing to donate money to relocate this clock. Chapter 65 and 71 have agreed at the present time.

Next, John showed pictures of a Dent Precision Clock, ca 1880's. This Dent #1847 was used in the Meridian Circle House at the Lick Observatory. It has a double four-legged Gravity Escapement with a Mercurial Compensated Pendulum. Hopefully to be restored soon.

BRING AND BRAG: (formerly known as Show and Tell)

1. Ron Hoops showed how he restored a little Sessions banjo clock that he purchased from a Thrift Shop for \$5. Great job Ron!
2. Ric Gatling showed a clock he restored for a friend that had been in Kauai, Hawaii for many years. The clock movement was badly rusted and corroded. Ric painstakingly spent many hours polishing each piece and putting the clock back in running condition. Fabulous work and pictures of the finished clock.
3. Chris Johnson showed the group a beautiful New Haven Bracket Clock. It is a Hew Haven Chime #3 circa 1900. Chris took this clock and absolutely and completely restored it to what we would call "MINT"
4. Ken Rothaus showed pictures of a Dent Astronomical Clock he saw when visiting a museum in England.
5. Vince Angell showed information on the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter hoping to attract new members. He then surprised the group with a pop-up photography tent which is great for taking pictures of small items. This 24" photo box with different colored backdrops was only \$25 on Amazon. Great buy and a huge help in photographing items.

I would like to take this time to announce that John Koepke in June of 2021 was a recipient of the NAWCC FELLOW award. Very well deserved.

Congratulations John!

GROWING YOUR CHAPTER:

With this terrible pandemic it is difficult to grow our chapter. We will try to have some of the best meetings going forward.

Written by Phyllis Angell