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April 2007 President's Message

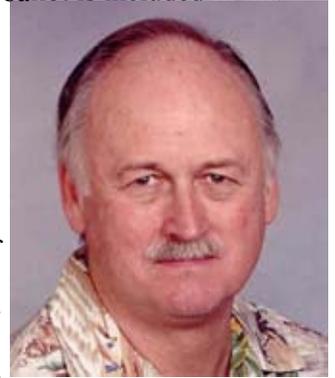
The Election for Chapter Officers is this month. Your ballot is included in this month's *Regulator*. The candidates are:

President: Ken McWilliams

Vice Pres: Bill Robinson

Secretary: Kathi Sheffrey

Treasurer: Kim St. Dennis



We are happy to have Bill Robinson and Kathi Sheffrey join the Chapter Board. They have been long time members of the Chapter and have taken several of the clock classes and seminars. This is their first foray into Chapter business management. We thank them for their commitment to Chapter 75 and its members. Ken McWilliams has been involved with the Chapter for several years now. He has given several talks to the chapter and is currently our Audio Visual Director.

In May, Ken will give a workshop on the Sherline lathe and accessories. The idea behind this workshop is to show the "ease of use" and the capabilities of the Sherline lathe. As you may know, we had a class on the Sherline lathe that was a real eye opener. I took the class and was shocked at how easy it was to get up to speed on the Sherline Lathe. I have a very good vintage Levin jewelers lathe that has served me well for years. But I don't have the skills to use it to its fullest potential. In the old days, you would spend years learning just how to use the lathe before you could work on watches or clocks. An apprentice watchmaker would spend years and years just learning how to make screws for the master watchmaker. The first few minutes into the Sherline class, we were cutting half of a balance staff to the precise measurement! It was amazing! I know I couldn't have done that on my Levin lathe without lots of time and experimentation.

In addition, there are the problems of cost and availability of accessories for your jewelers lathe. When I first purchased the Levin Lathe, I wanted to get a three jaw chuck. So naturally, I called Levin to get a price. The first thing the salesman asked me was "Are you sitting down?" The price for a new three jaw chuck was \$1,800.00. Three times more than I paid for the Levin and 20 collets! It took me more than 3 years to find a three jaw chuck and another 4 years to find a Levin cross-slide. The price for a fully tricked-out instrument (jeweler) lathe was \$50,000.00.

You don't need to own a Sherline lathe, nor need you bring your lathe to the seminar; we will have it all. This is a demonstration of the capabilities of the Sherline Lathe, not a "hands on" class. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting. A light lunch will be served after the seminar.

Jim Gilmore is arranging an advanced Sherline class for the fall. We are hoping that you will not need to have attended the first class to take the advanced class. If you have a little experience with the Sherline, that may be sufficient. Check with Jim for the requirements. Also, we have a "reverse painting on glass" clock class scheduled for the fall. See Jim at our next meeting if you would like to attend.

Jim and I are also working on a Clock Clinic to be held quarterly. It would be a two day workshop where you would bring in your clock for repair and an experienced repairperson would assist you in repairing your own clock. No expensive tools or equipment to buy; the chapter will supply all the tools you need. Supplies (springs & such) will be available at cost and subject to availability. We have limited the type of clocks we can work on to time-and-strike American clocks to start; others by appointment only. We will announce the schedule dates as soon as we have them firmed up.

Jim Chamberlain and Ken McWilliams will be demonstrating some very interesting clocks at this month's program. Jim will bring in two very unusual skeleton clocks featuring very unusual gear trains. Ken will bring in the "Rolling Ball" kit clock that he just finished. This kit clock has been in progress for the last 15 years or so and has had several owners. Ken has finally conquered this unruly beast of a project. It should be fun to see these clocks and hear their stories. See you at the meeting and don't forget to vote! Kim 

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BOOK REVIEW

Mechanical Watches, An Annotated Bibliography of Publications since 1800, by Richard Watkins. Published in December 2004, in Kingston (Tasmania, Australia) by the author. Two Volumes, 1017 pages. ISBN 0-9581369-5-5.

Not published on paper. Available only as a free download from the authors' website (<http://www.watkinsr.id.au>), approx. 2.5Meg of data in zipped format, which expands into three puff files, and can be viewed and printed with the free Adobe Reader software. Lending copy also available at the Library in Columbia.

For the serious scholar or researcher in any subject, including horology, bibliographies are an indispensable tool; they tell you which publications exist on your area of interest. Horology recently has not been blessed by an abundance of bibliographic effort. Up to the book under review, there were only two reasonably broad bibliographies available:

1.) *Clocks & Watches, An Historical Bibliography*, by G.H. Baillie. Volume I appeared in 1951 (414 pages, NAG Press, London, with a reprint in 1978 by *Movements in Time*, Toronto). It covers horological publications from the year 1344 to 1800. Volume 2 (to include 1801 to 1900) existed only in draft form when the author died, the late Charles Aked worked on the draft in the 1980s, but died before it was ready; it is unlikely to ever get published. With its historic focus the existing volume is of limited use to most of today's horologists.

2.) *Bibliographie Generale de la Mesure du Temps*, by Tardy (the pen name for Henri Langellé) was published in 1947 (390 pages, Tardy, Paris; 2nd edition 1980). It is in French, and although it covers the non-French horological literature as well, it is relatively Franco-centric, and not very current either.

There are a few specialized, more narrowly focused horological bibliographies out there, such as Campos, *Bibliographia Relojera Espangola* (1975, for Spanish publications) and Kahlert, *Bibliographie zur Schwarzwalduhr* (1984, 2 Volumes, limited to the bibliography of the black forest clock), as well as some specialized listings on sundials, electrical horology etc.

Creating a good bibliography is a time-consuming, tedious and thankless task. Australian watch enthusiast Richard Watkins resides on the island of Tasmania giving him little chance to interact face to face with fellow collectors, so he took to buying (or borrowing) and reading most books he could about mechanical watches, building over decades a substantial personal library on the subject of mechanical watches. Through trial and error he discovered that not all books were worth buying or reading, and out of that frustration grew the desire to spare fellow horologists the dead-ends, and the resolve to create a comprehensive bibliographic record on the subject he loves. In the last 10 years, he painstakingly recorded all the details about all publications he could find on mechanical watches into a

database covering 2,223 items. Fortunately, he did not limit himself to the traditional bibliographic headings, but also recorded his own personal and sometimes idiosyncratic- summaries and impressions on those books which he has seen himself (more than half of the items). He developed a massive index of subjects (26,000 entries) and keywords (7,000 entries), as well as over 13,000 data-points on the prices asked for these books.

Organizing the database into a user-friendly printable form resulted in a massive work of over 1000 pages of 8½ by 11 inches, of rather small type. Economic realities dictated the path toward electronic publishing. The cost of printing and binding the work, plus shipping costs from Australia would result in a prohibitive price given the very limited global demand for such a publication. He could never break even on paper copies, so he decided to give the fruits of his labor away for free through the internet to his fellow horological enthusiasts.

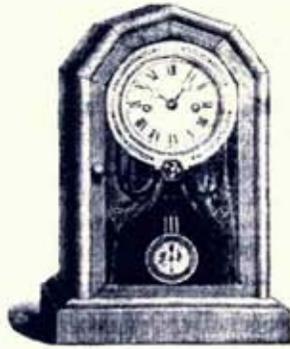
As long as you have a reasonably fast internet connection, it is very easy to download the 2.5Meg data-files to your home computer. If you have basic computer skills, you will have no problems unzipping the files and viewing the resulting pdf-documents with the Adobe reader software. Printing your own paper copy will take a few ink-refills and some time unless you have a high speed printer (you may prefer to take the files to Kinko's and print them two-sided on one of their high speed printers.) I am crazy about bibliographies, so I spent some dollars to have the results bound into hardcover books, but a cheap three-ring binder will obviously do the job as well. Getting the books printed will be a bit of an effort but the result is worth it.

Two volumes, listing 2,000 plus horological books on mechanical watches (as well as some related publications, all published 1800 to 2004) including content summaries, accompanied by separate indices by full title (2740 entries), Title Keyword (6860 entries), Author (3240 entries), Date of publication (2233 entries) and Subject (26,640 entries). The subject index is a comprehensive index to the books based on their contents. Finally, the price guide has 13,500 entries giving sale prices in recent years.

I consider this new book a vital element of any comprehensive horological research library and the author deserves the heartfelt thank you of horological scholars around the world. In a work of this magnitude, there are always minor errors, but it would be petty to dwell on those. And yes, of course, I disagree with the authors' characterizations and summaries of some of the books, but then reading opinions that may differ from mine is also the most stimulating part of leafing through this text.

Fortunat F. Mueller-Maerki, Sussex NJ
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THE CENTRAL COAST WATCH & CLOCK SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, May 5, 2007

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Sellers set-up begins at 8:30 A.M.)

Arroyo Grande Community Center & Women's Club

211 Vernon Ave., Arroyo Grande, California (See map on reverse)

- Show Open to the Public
- General Admission - \$1.00
- Complimentary Coffee & Donuts
- Croissant sandwich lunch - \$4.50
- Sodas - 50 cents
- Raffle

Show Rules

- NO trading or selling until 10:00 AM.
- NO parking lot dealing.
- All sellers must have a table.
- Only two sellers per table.
- Tables holders are requested to stay until end.
- Tables not set up by 10:15 will be considered "No Show" and may be reassigned or resold.
- Everyone must wear a name badge.
- No Refunds after April 10

PLEASE NOTE: There are a limited number of 6 ft. tables available. Requests for adjacent tables must be received in one envelope and tables must be same size. Limited electrical access. Tables will be assigned on a first-paid basis. *The Central Coast Watch & Clock Show and its organizers are not responsible for loss, damage, or tort during the event.*

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(Please print or write clearly)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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8' Mart Table(s) _____ @ \$15.00 = _____ (Includes one free admission per table-
2nd person at table pays gen. adm.)

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2nd person at table pays gen. adm.)

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NAWCC Chapter 52

Mail to:
Katherine Demny
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Santa Barbara, CA 93105

(Pickup name badge and table number at Registration Table day of Show. Unless otherwise requested, your cancelled check is your receipt.)

Chapter 75 of the NAWCC Presents The 2007 Watch & Clock Mini-Mart

(The Mart is Open To Current Members Of The NAWCC & Their Guest)

★ OVER 70 TABLES ★
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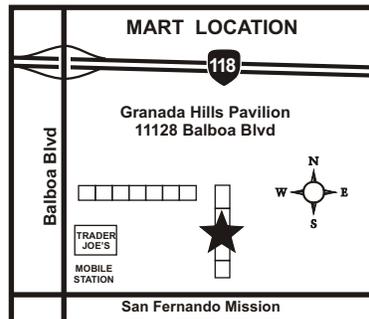
SUNDAY JULY 22, 2007

At the Granada Pavilion
11128 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA

ADMISSION: \$5.00

TABLES: \$10.00

SCHEDULE	
11:00 A.M.	Mart Table Setup
11:30 A.M.	Mart Opens
2:30 P.M.	Mart Closes



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Mart Director: Toni Moss

Phone: (818) 407-1474

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Tables assigned on a first come bases.

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8800 Eton Ave. #8
Canoga Park, CA 91304

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Notice

The ballot below is for the election of the Officers of Chapter 75
for the term of office 2007 to 2009.

Please vote for the listed nominees or write in your own nominee.

Mail completed ballot to:
Fred Lipman
12162 Nugent Dr.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

OR

Bring your completed ballot to the April 22nd, Chapter 75 meeting and your door admission
will be only \$1.00
“A Ballot & A Buck” get you in.

BALLOT CHAPTER 75 OFFICERS for fiscal years 2007 to 2009
Ballots must be received no later than Close of Meeting, April 22, 2007

President	Ken McWilliams	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your Nominee.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	Bill Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your Nominee.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary:	Kathi Sheffrey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your Nominee.....		<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Kim St. Dennis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your Nominee.....		<input type="checkbox"/>

WANTED

Will purchase your clock collection, all or part.
Call **Jerry** at **(818) 986-1159**

Brewster & Ingram 30 hour movements spring & weight. Also; Seth Thomas advance black adamantine, part or complete.
Call **Hugh Jay** at **(805) 733-1858**

Welch, Verdi: Case and Dial
Call **Hugh Jay** at **(805) 733-1858** or write
P.O. Box 71, Lompoc, CA 93438

E. N. Welch - 8 day T/S & alarm movement mounted on wood blocks for beehive.
Call **Hugh Jay** at **(805) 733-1858** or write
P.O. Box 71, Lompoc, CA 93438

Waltham 18s Appleton Tracy ca 1883 with gold flash movement.
Call **Glen Frizzi** at **(818) 894-1960**

Wanted: LeCoultre model clock in decent condition Rue de la Paix made in the late 70s or early 80s.
Call **Herman Berman** **(818) 788-4230**

WANTED: Chinese duplex or market pocket watches. Also verge fusee pocket watches and old enameled case watches.
Call: John Bolen (818) - 892-0633



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Good Condition and Running Fine. Call Jim Gilmore at 805-492-1827.
Asking \$2,200.00

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Web: <http://www.atmos-man.com>

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Ferdinand Geitner, mbhi, is owner and operator of "The Montecito Clock Gallery" now located at 1187 Coast Village road, unit 10a Montecito

FOR SALE

BUSINESS FOR SALE
Clock, Watch, & Jewelry Repair
ShopNorthridge area
Contact Eddy: 818-383-7901

OUT OF BUSINESS **SALE**

Ingersoll's Clocks and Antiques, 62 Palm Dr, Camarillo, CA. Over 50 wall, mantel, and long case clocks. Discounted 30%. Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10:30 to 4:30. Call to confirm: 805-482-9936 or 805-484-8813.

FOR SALE

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Mission Style Clock \$250



Bim Bam Vienna \$450
Jeanne Van Ausdall
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Chapter 75 Ladies Table

Dearest Ladies,
I would like to thank all the ladies who brought treasured items to sell at the "Ladies Table" last meeting. I hope you had a good time. Because we had so many items, we will have two tables for future meetings, so please join us. I would also like to thank Jeannie Van Ausdell for all her assistance in helping with the "Ladies Table". She suggested that all items be labeled with a price and the name of the seller. That way, if you want to look around, and one of your items sells, we will know whose it is. We look forward to sharing the tables with you and having a good time.
Chris St. Dennis

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Westlake Village, CA 91362

Email inquires: greaterlaregional@yahoo.com

MEETING LOCATION



Chapter 75 meets the 4th Sunday of every month, except December. **Visitors are welcome.** For more information, phone Kim St. Dennis at 818-349-8031.

1:45 -Program, Notices, Events

MEETING

Set-up Time: 11:30-12:00 • Operating: 12:00 to 1:30

A Ball Clock Adventure

&

Helical Skeleton Clocks

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

April 22

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:



The Regulator
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