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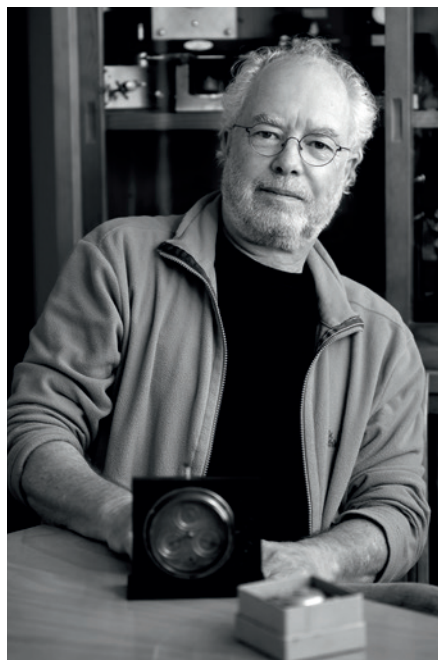
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Dr. Thomas Schraven, an engineer born in 1955, worked for over 35 years on the development of high-refractory ceramics for the steel industry and retired in May 2022. His interest in collectable objects, already pronounced as a child, changed as he grew older, moving on from coins and stamps to motorcycles and records, then to furniture, and finally to mechanical and electromechanical clocks. Initially, he was fascinated by Viennese regulators, later by electro-mechanical pendulum clocks. He regularly wrote and published about the models he collected, and the stories increasingly became more important than the objects themselves. The acquisition of a Hipp chronoscope in 1999 led to another shift in his interests. Since then, the author of this book has been enthusiastically researching into the field of electromechanical short-time measurement – with a focus on German precision short-time measurement from the 1920s to the 1950s. In the process, Dr. Schraven repeatedly came across the name F.L. Löbner from Berlin – a name that would stay with him for over 20 years.

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Franz Ludwig Löbner founded the Löbner watch factory in Berlin in 1862. Early in his career, the future court watchmaker began specializing in a demanding field – chronographs and measuring instruments for military, sport and industrial applications. Driven by the inventive spirit and innovative strength of its founder, Löbner’s company pioneered innovations in mobile short-time measurement throughout the 82 years of its existence and gained customers all over the world through its unequivocal commitment to the highest standards.

Thomas Schraven

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“Löbner created clocks that did what was expected of them scientifically speaking, namely accurately determining the fifth, tenth, hundredth and thousandth of a second. When the history of clocks one day singles out our present era for the emergence of the first easily usable, reliable aids for measuring such small fractions of time, it will also have to honor Löbner for so many inventions and improvements in this field.”

(From the publication commemorating the Löbner’s 50th anniversary)

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