

Sightings ... Down by the Bay
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The next NASS conference will be in San Francisco, so here's a preview of some sundials on the other side of San Francisco Bay.



At the Ferry Terminal at Vallejo is a large equatorial dial, made of aluminum, on a handsome granite base. Unfortunately it was very cold and rainy when I visited. The dial is approximately five feet across, and the gnomon represents a profile of the Golden Gate Bridge. Dedicated in 1988, the dial was presented by the city of Akashi, Japan, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the sister city relationship with the city of Vallejo, California. A plaque converts the time in Vallejo (in Pacific Standard Time and Daylight Saving Time) to the time in Akashi; it does not provide a table of the equation of time. (NASS register # 0235)



In Berkeley, in the waterfront park at the foot of the long fishing pier, is a large concrete dial with a massive concrete gnomon. The bronze plaque, in the form of a compass rose, reads as follows. "The peoples of the bountiful Pacific Ocean are brought together by the sweep of time. This sundial honors the citizens of Sakai Japan, the sister city of Berkeley. United in warm friendship and goodwill, the peoples of Sakai and Berkeley strengthen mutual understanding and respect through the exchange of visitors and cultural programs. This sundial is dedicated to the continuing friendship and growing association between Sakai and Berkeley. 1970."



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