

The Mainspring

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Message from the President

Submitted by Benny Blanchard

Hi Everyone,

Don't have much to say other than to remind everyone of the up-coming 1-day show in Gatesville on February 12th. I'm looking forward to it and hope everyone else is too. Just a reminder to all Officers and Directors, we will have a short meeting sometime during the show. Remember to bring goodies for the hospitality table.

Fred Westbrook has advised me that he wants to host a 1-day show in the Temple-Belton area on June 25th. Watch for details at a later date.

A Message from the Vice President

Submitted by Jeff Beehler

Kerrville is just around the corner folks. We are in need of Volunteers to bring a clock from their collection to put in the exhibit. These clocks will be well looked after and insured. Please help us in this. Contact Ron Davidson at (210) 490-9749 or ronsclocks@earthlink.net for more details. Things are starting to come together, but we still need some help. So if you can at least *breathe* contact either me or one of the other Officers or Directors.

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Again I want to express a heartfelt thanks to all the committee chair-people and their helpers for what they are doing. You are truly wonderful folks. Make your reservations at the Inn of the Hills early. There was an error in the phone number as printed in the MART ad.

The number for the Inn of the Hills is 1-800-292-5690 or (830) 895-5000. Be sure to mention you are there for the NAWCC Regional meeting. I hope to see a lot of you at the Gatesville show February 12th. As you know, the more people we have the better the show.

**GATESVILLE 1-Day Show
February 12, 2005 8am-- 2 pm**

Location: Eastwood Baptist Church (2518 E. Main Street), Fellowship Hall at the rear of the church. Covered loading and unloading.

Admission: \$6 per person, with tables \$3 each, admission includes breakfast foods, coffee and other goodies from the hospitality table.

Lodging: First Choice: Best Western, Chateau Ville Motor Inn at 2501 E. Main St (just across from Eastwood Baptist Church.) Telephone 1-888-451-4521. Call on Monday through Wednesday and ask for Tracy Barnes for a special discounted rate, or call Benny Blanchard at (254) 876-6587 to make reservations for you..

Second choice is the Holiday Inn Express at 111 N. Hwy 36 By-Pass. Telephone (254) 865-1207. No special rates here and expect rooms to be over \$15 more than other hotel.

Another tip on hotel reservations: make them early! Because of the prison system in Gatesville hotel rooms tend to fill up quickly on weekends due to out-of-town visitors for the inmates.

OK, this is really the last time

*If you **don't** see "2005" or higher in the upper right corner of the mailing label that came with this newsletter we have not received your 2005 chapter dues.* A 2005 member listing will be published soon. Make sure you're in it. Details for renewal are in the application on Page 4. You will not receive the next newsletter if dues haven't been paid by Feb 15, 2005

Upcoming Shows and Events

February 12th

***1 Day Show, Gatesville, TX
see details on page 1***

February 21st

***1 Day show, Houston, TX
hosted by Chapter 139***

March 4-5

***one Star Regional, Mesquite TX, hosted by
Chapter 124***

April 15-16

***Great Southwestern Regional, Kerrville TX, hosted
by Chapter 15. Make your plans now to help and
attend.***

June 25th

***1 Day Show in Temple-Belton area
Hosted by Chapter 15, watch for details
September 17th***

***One Day Show in Wharton, watch for details.
Hosted by Chapter 15***

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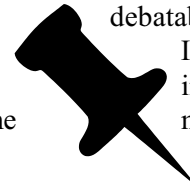
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Rock Tumbler Follow Up

I'm amazed at your interest in using a rock tumbler for clock cleaning; thanks so much for your feedback. This is clearly a debatable issue, as many repair techniques are. I'm hoping this discussion will introduce perhaps an interesting idea some members haven't heard of before.



As an educational treat during the Gatesville show, Ron Davidson will provide a demonstration of his techniques and tumbler equipment.

Some follow up details: this is not about large magnetic tumblers; assume one uses standard clock cleaning solutions **and rinses**; and assume the movement is totally disassembled. The media is the trick in my brief experience; usually stainless steel screws, nails, ball bearings or the like. Media is **NOT** walnut shells, corn cobs or granulated abrasive particles.

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Gatesville Show

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We want you!

more details on page 1 inside,
give it a look.

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Address correction requested