

The Mainspring

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Kerrville Show Imminent!

(Registration time is now)



Message from the President

Submitted by Benny Blanchard



Well folks the Southwestern Regional is just around the corner. I know Jeff and Laura have worked hard to put this regional together. If you haven't already pre-registered it's not too late to do so, so long as Joan receives your money and registration form before April 13th. So gather up those clocks and watches and head on down to Kerrville. And remember, we will be voting on some changes to our by-laws at our business meeting, so plan to attend that too.

Ladies, don't forget to bring those goodies for our hospitality room. We don't want to disappoint all those folks that will be looking forward to the good eats we always have. Hope to see you there.



Unloading Notes on Kerrville

Submitted by Marcus Bush, Mart Chairman



We would like folks to unload, setup, cover their tables and exit the Mart room. Absolutely no buying or selling before the Mart opens!

And Becky asks that folks please contribute goodies for the Hospitality room. If anyone is willing to help Becky please contact us at (713) 455-1988.

Message from the Vice President

Submitted by Jeff Beehler

Well Kerrville is upon us and I would like to thank all committee chair-persons and the people you have lined up to help you. You guys and gals are doing a wonderful job. Of the other 200 plus members I would like to thank the TWO who volunteered. As always it is the same few who make it possible for the rest to have a good time.

Regional time is also election time. We have openings for Directors, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There have been four names submitted to fill these positions. Ron Davidson for Vice President, Jerry Brazil for Secretary, and Ted Orban and Jerry Harlin for Director. Anyone can nominate a person or themselves for a position, and we will also ask for nominations from the floor at the business meeting in Kerrville. All these positions need to be filled and there is no experience necessary. So let's try to fill these spots.

On another subject, it has been brought to my
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attention that there is a member among us who continues to try to tear the chapter apart by making accusations and sending ugly letters to people who really can't do anything about the complaint. This person needs to contact one of the officers if he has questions about the leadership or actions of the board or how the chapter funds are used. There was an audit performed at this member's request and everything was deemed up to par. We want to try to make all the members happy so if there is a problem please bring it to the attention of the board not other members.

Upcoming Shows and Events

April 15-16

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

***2005 NAWCC National
June 9 - 11, Ft Lauderdale, FL
check your Bulletin for details***

***June 18, August 6, October 15
One day shows in Dallas hosted by Chapter 124
see <http://www.chapter124.com> for details***

***June 25th
1 Day Show in Temple
Hosted by Chapter 15,
see additional details on this page***

***August 26 - 28
Houston Regional, hosted by Chapter 139***

***September 17th
One Day Show in Wharton, watch for details.
Hosted by Chapter 15***

News about our Members ***Submitted by members for members***

Jack Kline continues to recover from a stroke in early February. He was recently seen at Charlott's Antiques, so we know his recovery is progressing in the right direction.

Jack Strickland is also recovering from his hospitalization in Houston.

Neil Day is recovering nicely from his triple bypass in early March. At the time of this printing Clyde Day says to expect to see his son at the Mart in Kerrville later this month.

If you know of news about our membership that should appear here please submit to the Editor.

Bench Tips for Watchmakers ***by Bruce Graham***

I had a Hamilton 940 with a broken balance staff in for repair. Unfortunately, the event that broke the lower balance pivot also solidly mushroomed the broken pivot - effectively riveting it into the hole jewel! No amount of persuasion was going to remove the broken pivot without damaging the jewel. I used a thimble-full of ***Dupont 5717 Metal Conditioner*** (used in the autobody trade as a final metal prep before priming) in a plastic container and submersed the jewel/pivot overnight. The next day the broken pivot was completely GONE. There was nothing left but a clean jewel and setting. The ***Metal Conditioner*** is phosphoric acid which will dissolve steel but not brass or synthetic jewels/garnets. Be sure to clean the jewel and rinse well before you reassemble the watch.

Temple Belton One-Day Show ***June 25, 2005 8AM to 2 PM*** ***submitted by Benny Blanchard***

Location: downtown Temple at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the corner of Adams and 2nd Street. Exit I-35 at Central Avenue (exit #303), stay on Central to 2nd Street then turn left. In 1 block you will see a large parking lot and the Fellowship Hall on your right.

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