

The Mainspring

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of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors*

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Temple One Day Show Coming!

June 25, 2005 8AM to 2 PM
submitted by Fred Westbrook

Location: downtown Temple Texas 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.

Room reservations: Howard Johnson Inn & Suites at 1912 South 31st Street, Temple 1-800-688-6868. Mention NAWCC 1-day show for special rates of \$53 plus tax or \$59 plus tax for a suite. This is just a couple of blocks from Scott & White Hospital and 8 traffic lights North to Central Avenue.

I will have coffee and ice tea and hope that participants will bring the goodies! ☺

Editors note: you can also check the Chapter 15 website (<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org>) for more details and a map.

Message from the President *Submitted by Jeff Beehler*

Hello all! Just a short message at this time. Thanks again for a successful show at Kerrville. I am in contact already with the Inn of the Hills in regard to the 2006 Regional and hope it is better than ever. Ted Orban will be the General Chairman for the 2006 Regional and though it is a long ways away it is a good time to contact Ted

and volunteer your services.

I am really looking forward to the Temple One Day Show as it looks to be a real exciting time. Remember also the Houston Regional is just around the corner. I hope Chapter 15 will have a large attendance at Houston! We are in the process of trying to put together some workshops in the very near future. We would welcome all suggestions from members as to what topics you would like to have. Please contact one of the Officers as to your suggestions. I hope at this time that everyone has had a chance to visit our new website. It is a beauty. Well I said I would keep it short! See you in Temple.☺

RE-Announcing the Chapter 15 Website

Chapter 15 is keeping up with the time and technology and now has a brand new website. Check it out at: <http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org> .

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Chapter 15's New website
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Some of the interesting items to look for on our website are: pictures from the recent Great Southwestern Regional (click "Prior Events"); area events (click "Upcoming Events"); the first meeting of Chapter 15 in 1955 (click "History"), this is a great story about how our chapter got its start; and a current membership list, accessible only to Chapter 15 members (click "Membership" and then "View the Roster.")

Next, we're planning to create a page for member links. If you are interested in putting a link to your site, or even a short advertisement, on Chapter 15's website, please send an e-mail to Ted Orban at his e-mail address below. This is a free service.

We hope you'll enjoy using the new website. Please let us know your thoughts and/or comments by contacting Ted Orban at: orbans@austin.rr.com ☺

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **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 details on page 1

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

● **September 17th**
One Day Show in Wharton, details on page 3.
Hosted by Chapter 15 ☺

Member News

✳ Edward Gatzke, 83, passed away on May 5, 2005. Among his passions were antique clocks and antique tractors. Services were in Sequin. For more details contact his daughter Jo Ann Campbell, who submitted this message, or go to <http://www.mem.com>

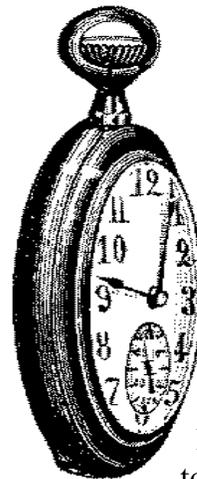
✳ Dwight Plemons suffered a fatal heart attack on Monday, May 9, 2005. Services were in McGregor, Texas with internment at the Crawford Cemetery. For more information go to <http://www.mem.com>



Watchmaker's

Tips

by Bruce Graham



I recently had in for repair 3 old English verge/fusee watches. I am always amazed by the obvious care and craftsmanship it took to make these lovely old timepieces.

However, many times the pins holding the movement plates together have been replaced with ill-fitting pins made of the wrong material, or worse the plate pins may be missing altogether!

I think a nice finishing touch for these old watches is to make new tapered pins that fit snugly and lay flat without a lot of plate overlap. You can use brass spring wire chucked in your lathe and turned or filed to the proper tapered shape for the replacement pin. And most importantly, take a little

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extra time to square up and slightly round off both ends of each pin. It looks so much better than leaving end-cutter marks, and it makes the pins easier to install and remove. Take care. ☺

This newsletter is already On Line at our website!

from the Editor

One of the benefits of a chapter website (<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org>) can be reading your monthly newsletter on line. ***This saves your chapter all the printing and postage costs*** . In addition it makes it much easier to add more details and graphics, and full color photos with no space limitations. Today you will find copies of all the newsletters for 2005, including this one

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already there! I realize about 35% of our members don't have an internet connection and have no desire to have one, and ***for those members we will continue to send out a "hard copy" newsletter each month.*** For those chapter members however who do have an internet connection and would be willing to use the website to read the monthly newsletter I'm asking that you e-mail me at eggman@beecreek.net and let me know. I'll take you off the mailing list for the paper copy and promise to send you an e-mail each month when the new edition is ready for viewing. Send a current e-mail address where you want your notification to be sent. ☺

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Upcoming

Wharton One-Day Show

submitted by Shirley Secor

The next Chapter 15 sponsored one day show in Wharton Texas will be on September 17th from 8AM to 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church at 1717 Pioneer Street. To reach the church take Business 59 into Wharton either from the north or south. Go to Highway 102 East. This is in front of the CVS Pharmacy. Go 3 blocks to Pioneer Street. The church will be on your left. Parking is in the back of the church. If coming south on Highway 60 the directions are largely the same: take Highway 102 from Highway 59, turn left on 102 and go under the overpass to McDonalds, turn left on Business 59 and go to the CVS Pharmacy and turn right.

We've talked to the Country Hearth Inn at 1808 FM 102 and they will give us a discount. Please call Shirley by September 1st if you need a room. It

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doesn't matter how many people in the room, the rate is \$59. They serve a Continental breakfast.

Show admission will be \$5 and a table will be \$5. Please bring goodies. Each National member can bring one guest. Guest admission will also be \$5.

There are nice antique shops downtown and hopefully the exterior restoration will be complete on the courthouse and the tower clock will be installed.

If you're coming from out of town chapter members meet about 6 PM the night before for dinner at Larry's Mexican Restaurant. Larry's is on south Business 59 just before the river bridge.

Contact Shirley at (979) 532-3363 or hsecor@sbcglobal.net for more information or details.☺

Chapter 15 Membership Application

New Application / Renewal (circle one)

Membership dues are \$10 per year. Dues are payable by December 31 each year. If joining initially after July 1st dues are \$5 for first year. **You must be a current and paid member of NAWCC to join a chapter.** You may belong to more than one chapter at a time.

Please print or type

NAME: _____

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