

# The Mainspring

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## A Fractured Report from Temple One Day Show

by the Editor

Thoughts to myself upon arriving at the show:

*“Saturday morning 7:30AM, oh my gosh did I miss that exit? I thought it was supposed to be number 303, no it’s 301. I grumble, did I add a typo in the directions that went to the website? Oh well, I get onto Central Avenue and find the United Methodist Church where it’s supposed to be. That’s a relief. Gee, this is a nice building. Plenty of room, big doors to load into and out of, a nice kitchen, and round tables. Round tables, I’ve never used those before! Take heart they work nicely for people to walk all around and look over your clock uh...”stuff.” And you only want \$3.00 to get in and that includes a table? Wow, we’ll have to consider this place again.”*

Turns out the chapter had a nice half of a half day show. By 10:30AM most had packed up to leave. Sure hope no one tried to show up at 12:30. We’re sorry most of our members couldn’t attend. We had about 35 people on 11 tables and while discussions were lively and looking and handling of the merchandise brisk, I didn’t hear many reports of significant sales. Then again that’s not why we get together. It was a nice event and good to see many faces and hear the day’s stories. The goodies and coffee were welcome on an early Saturday morning and the entire event ran smoothly because of the efforts of people like the Jensen’s, the Westbrook’s and others I’m sure I’ve left out.

For most of the rest of our chapter, we’re sorry you couldn’t attend, but we’ll have another show in Wharton in September and yet a fourth chapter one day show in Austin in November. Watch the newsletter and website for more details.☺

## Members actually subscribed

Submitted by the Editor

I deliberately didn’t make a big deal of it to see the response we’d get, but after only one article I have a list in hand of 17 members who have



elected to receive this newsletter in a “cyber” format. Thanks to you brave souls. You have saved the chapter a considerable sum of money in printing and postage. For those of you still using paper, the list remains open for additions. Send an

e-mail to me [eggman@beecreek.net](mailto:eggman@beecreek.net) and I’ll make it happen.☺

Chapter 15's New website

Check it all out at:

<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org>

## Anniversary problems?

*by the editor*

OK, I'm taking editorial license here, but I got your attention right? This article will be an abashed plug for Chapter 168 and their newsletter *the Torsion Times*. For collectors and repairers of 400 day clocks and all sorts of torsion suspension clocks this NAWCC chapter is just what you're looking for. It boasts of members all over the world.

In my recent experience it's newsletter is a wonderful resource and it's members quite helpful. I have a beautiful Tiffany Never Wind on my bench and it was in serious need of some help with reassembly for the lower suspension bracket assembly. And help I got, very timely and just what I needed. Thanks John Hubby!

*This article is an unabashed plug for Chapter 168 and their newsletter...*

Interested NAWCC members should contact John Hubby, Secretary Chapter 168 at [pastimes@juno.com](mailto:pastimes@juno.com) or write him at 28 Red Sable Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77380 (By the way John *is* a member of Chapter 15 as well)☺

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### Austin One Day Show

Mark your calendars this event is now planned for Saturday, November 12 from 9 AM to noon. We're looking seriously at a spot in West Austin near Bee Cave Road, but more details will follow in future editions of this newsletter and of course on the website.☺

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### Upcoming Shows and Events

*(watch our website for more details)*

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

●June 25<sup>th</sup>  
1 Day Show in Temple  
Hosted by Chapter 15, see details on page 1

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

●September 17<sup>th</sup>  
One Day Show in Wharton, details on page 3.  
Hosted by Chapter 15

●November 12<sup>th</sup>  
One Day Show in Austin, details to follow  
Hosted by Chapter 15 ☺

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## Watchmaker's Tips

*by Bruce Graham*

The traditional approach when fitting a too-tight seconds hand is to use a broach to open up the post or ferrule. Sometimes it may be difficult to grasp



the ferrule while broaching, or the ferrule may loosen from the seconds hand turning with the broach. Then there are the problems brought on by dull broaches... An alternate method to opening the ferrule is to use a tapered pin in

a staking tool punch. Turn down a steel pin on the lathe to the approximate taper/diameter of the target 4<sup>th</sup> pinion and use gently with your staking tool, testing the fit often. Once the fit is established check that the expanded ferrule doesn't rub against the dial opening, and that the seconds hand does not rub on the dial. Take care.☺

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*Editors note: yes I know the following is a reprint from last month. Some things are worth repeating.*

## ***Upcoming Wharton One-Day Show submitted by Shirley Secor***

The next Chapter 15 sponsored one day show in Wharton Texas will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> if you need a room. It 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](mailto:hsecor@sbcglobal.net) for more information or details.☺

## ***Member News***

☼Salley Russell passed away June 19<sup>th</sup> following a short illness. Salley and her husband Dan were two of the early members of Chapter 15 and Salley served as Chapter secretary for a number of years. Salley will be remembered for her warm happy smile and will be missed by all.☺

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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.

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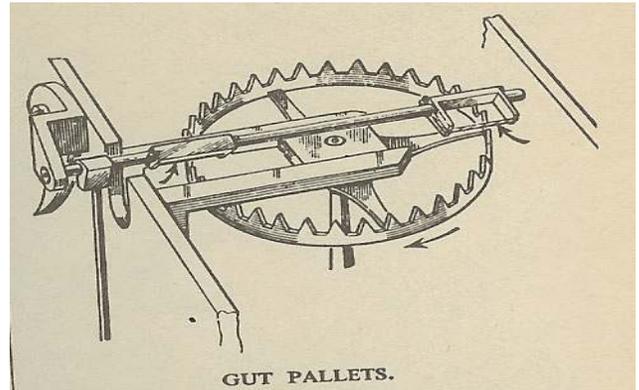
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Have you ever heard of: ***Gut Pallets*** ??

deCarle in his Watch & Clock

Encyclopedia (page 27) has the following note:

**GUT PALLETS:** Where the actual pad or active part of the pallet consists of a short length of cat-gut drawn taut. Used in the anchor and the crown wheel escapements. Its purpose is to make the escapement silent. Introduced by Justin Vulliamy about the middle of the eighteenth century. *Editors note: Justin is apparently the father of Benjamin Louis Vullamy known for the adjustable pallets in dead beat escapements from about 1920, a much more practical and longer lasting escapement detail.*



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