

S.W.Chapter 15

# The Mainspring

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of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

December 2005

## Austin One Day Show A Big Success!!

The Austin One-Day show at Busters BBQ was quite the success. If you missed it you missed a nice show. We had 49 people there including two new chapter members and one new NAWCC member. I didn't get a count, but there were at approximately 15 tables. Several people told me that this was the first NAWCC event in Austin in approximately 15 years. And the BBQ was excellent. As the Arnold, the Governor, would say: "...we'll be back."☺

## A Message from the Vice President

*submitted by Ted Orban*

Just a short note to say that planning for the Regional is underway and going well. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Kerrville in April.

We are looking for donations to be used for door prizes. These items don't have to be new, they can be books that you no longer use, clocks and watches that need some work, surplus tools, etc. Anything related to horology will be greatly appreciated. If you have something, please contact me by e-mail or by phone.☺ *Editor's note: see the listing of Chapter officers on page 3.*

***BIG 5 day workshop in the making. Details coming soon!***

## From the President

*submitted by Jeff Beehler*

Well I hope everyone had a good and filling Thanksgiving. I know I ate too much. I have been busy working on updating and making changes to the By-Laws. When these are completed they will be published in the newsletter and voted on at the Regional business meeting in Kerrville. The changes you will see in the newsletter will be the final draft that will be approved by the executive board. Please plan to attend the business meeting as your vote counts. Speaking of the Regional, Ted is working fast and furious getting all the loose ends tied up. This is the season for giving so if you feel like giving a helping hand I am sure Ted could use it. Jerry has been working hard on setting up a suitcase workshop but I will let him tell you the details. I also want to take the time to welcome the new members aboard. We need more of you and the way things are going we will be sure to get some. If any member has any idea of what topics he or she would like to see covered in a workshop please let us know, we are always open to suggestions.

May each of you have a safe and happy holiday season.☺

Thanks to so many members who have already paid their dues; so far 87 of 221 total members. I actually received 15 renewals within the first week!

# Christmas Party

## December 11 Wharton TX

### 2 PM

Dr Harold and Shirley Secor will host a Christmas Party for members of Chapter 15 at their home in Wharton Texas. They ask that you bring a covered dish to share with others and a clock or watch related gift to exchange. Their address is 704 Merry Lane, phone (979) 532-3363. See the attached map.☺

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## E-Mail addresses

65% of our membership have reported e-mail addresses, but these often change and our records are out of date. **We know because we tried to send you an e-mail.** This is such an easy and inexpensive way to get the word out about news and changes. Please send your correct e-mail address on the renewal form.☺

Remember you can receive this newsletter by e-mail. It isn't a huge file, won't mess up your e-mail and we will NEVER sell your address or distribute it to others. Send an e-mail to [eggman@satx.rr.com](mailto:eggman@satx.rr.com) with the address to use and I'll add you to the list.

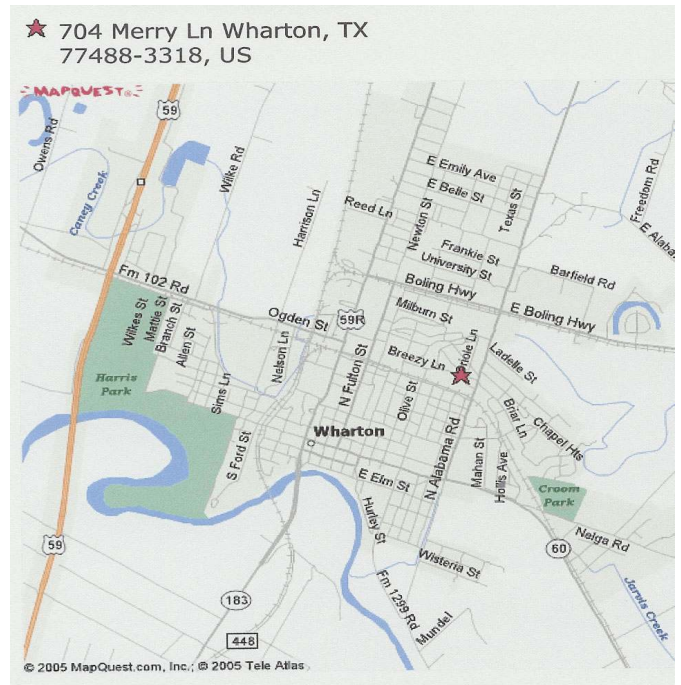
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## Membership News

●Clif Wigley reports that Jim Clore passed away November 30. He battled cancer for quite a while which prevented him from attending our one day and regional shows in the recent past.

●Joan Jensen was recently hospitalized. This prevented she and Babe from attending the Austin one day show. We missed them and wish her a full and speedy recovery. ☺



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## Upcoming Shows and Events

*(watch our website for more details)*

●January 14, 2006

Chapter 124 One day Show, Bedford, TX

●January 24, 2006

Capital Area Watch & Clock Makers Guild  
Monthly Meeting, Austin, TX

●March 17-18, 2006

Lone Star Regional, Mesquite Texas  
Hosted by Chapter 124

●April 21-22, 2006

***Great Southwestern Regional, Kerrville TX***  
***Hosted by Chapter 15***

●June 21 - 26, 2006

NAWCC National Convention, Cleveland Ohio

●August 18 - 20, 2006

All Texas Regional, Houston  
Hosted by Chapter 139☺

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## Classified Ads

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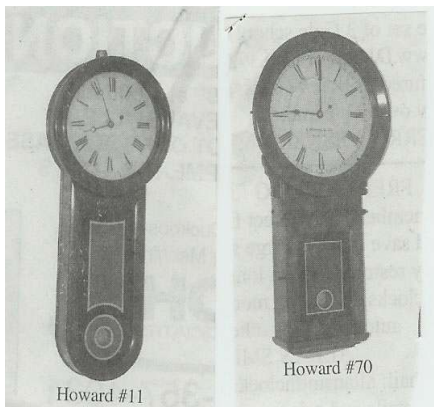
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## Clocks Wanted



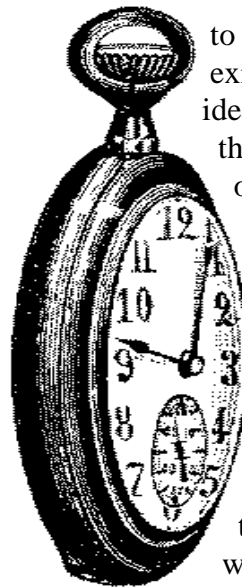
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original and in  
good condition.  
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or e-mail  
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## Collecting Pocket Watches

*submitted by Bruce Graham*

It was suggested that a series on collecting pocket watches might be a good way to introduce the hobby



to a new audience, and to help existing collectors formulate new ideas or thoughts on how to build their collection. The topic is open-ended as there seems to be a never-ending variety of watches to collect, with some aspect of the hobby that appeals to almost everyone.

The first question I am usually asked is why would anyone want to collect old watches? I think almost every collector would have a different answer, but some of the common ones are:

- An affinity for mechanical devices. Ever notice how many watch and clock collectors also love old cars, motorcycles, airplanes, guns etc.? I think there is a "little gearhead" in most of us watch nuts, and the mechanical precision of a finely made watch is something to be enjoyed.
- The scarcity of certain watches is certainly a draw for those collectors looking for a challenge. There seems to be no end to the permutations of collectable watches.
- The intrinsic beauty of watch cases and movements. It is always fun to show off the movement of an 18 size Bunn Special or a 23 jewel Vanguard to someone who has never seen the inside of a watch before.☺

*Editors note: much more to come with this interesting article next month. "Watch" for it.*

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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Horological Interests \_\_\_\_\_

NAWCC Member# \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 15, NAWCC

Enclose with remittance and send to:

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## Website Update

*submitted by Ted Orban*

We have added a page on Chapter 15's website for member links. See <http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/MemberLinks.htm> If you have a horology related website, we would love to add a link to your site or even an ad on this page. Please contact the webmaster Ted Orban. ☺ (*Editor's note see page 3 for the addresses of Chapter Officers*)

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## 2006 Dues

Well it's that time again. Please complete the form in the left column so we can make certain we have all your information up to date. As you may remember we increased dues to \$10 at our last regional meeting in Kerrville. Mail your check and application form to the address on the form.

**Please have your dues in by December 31, 2005.**

Thanks ☺

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