



**S.W.Chapter 15**

# The Mainspring

*A Monthly Publication from Southwestern Chapter 15  
of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors*

**January 2006 !**

Laurie Penman will conduct  
5 day class in San Antonio!

*We are exceedingly pleased* to report that Laurie Penman, Master and head Clockmaker for AWCI, an internationally recognized author and frequent contributor for BHI, *Clocks Magazine*, *Horological Times* and the *Clockmakers Newsletter* has agreed to conduct 5 days of clock repair training beginning Sunday, April 16 and running through Thursday April 20, 2006 in San Antonio. These are the five days immediately preceding the Chapter 15 annual regional show in Kerrville. He will also be speaking during both days of the regional show. **You really don't want to miss this opportunity.**

This training is designed for the experienced clock repair person and will provide technical and practical advice on a number of topics including escapements, pivoting and bushing (including a presentation on his new bushing device), and advice and assistance on specific problem clocks brought in by the students attending.

Classes will be held in the facilities of *Clocks of San Antonio*, 15669 San Pedro, San Antonio. This is the same location we conducted a chapter discussion of unusual clocks in October last year, the northwest corner of Highway 281 North and Brookhollow Avenue exit.

We are looking for a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15 students so please send your reservations in soon. Cost will be \$300 for the 5 days of training. Room, board and transportation of course will be up to each student. We have recommendations on hotels near the classroom site.

Interested students should contact Jerry Brazil for

more information and or a reservation. See page 3 for address, e-mail and phone number. ☺

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## **A Message from the Vice President**

*submitted by Ted Orban*

The Kerrville Regional is only a few months away and is shaping up to be an excellent show. Look for the full page ad in the February MART.

Thanks to the efforts of Jerry Brazil we have been able to secure the time of Laurie Penman, well known for his knowledge of repair methods and techniques, not to mention the many books and articles that he has published. Laurie will teach a week long class on repair in the period leading up to the Regional. He will also host two of the educationals during the Regional.

I am still looking for volunteers to help out with the Regional. ☺

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## **From the President**

*submitted by Jeff Beehler*

A New Year and New Beginnings! I hope that all is well with each of you and your New Year is a safe and happy one.

The Regional is getting closer and it looks to be a very rewarding effort by Ted and his crew. They have lined up some great educationals and a pre-Regional workshop. The Registration form is on the website and will be in the next Mart issue. Don't delay - send in your registration now! You

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will not want to miss this Regional.

I would also like to introduce Phil Gregory who is our new National Director. Phil will keep us advised and updated on the various happenings at the National. Phil is also very gifted and talented in the area of painted dials. He teaches Reverse Glass Painting and also Dial Painting. He will be more than happy to teach a class in either area if we are interested. If you are interested please give me a call or drop me a line so we can get him scheduled. We, as a club, are growing in the field of education. If there are classes that you want to attend or a subject that you want more information on please let me know and I'll see if we can find a teacher or more information for you.☺

### ***2006 Dues Status***

... so far 128 of 221 total members have PAID their dues. *This month notice your payment status on your mailing label.* And thanks so much to those who have prepaid for future years.

## **Financially Speaking**

Susan Hansen our Treasurer, a woman of few words but many numbers, reports that when she took over the books in April the chapter balance was \$10,438.50. And as of December 31, 2005 the balance was \$10, 203.64. And that number was before over half of our paying members had sent in their dues. Her comment was classic: "I think we are definitely in the BLACK!" Way to go Susan! ☺

## **Membership News**

●Byron White reports that E. H. Lawrence of Glen Rose passed away this month

●Julian Cox reminds us of his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday Dec 21, 2005. Congratulations, and I'm guessing we have many others! ☺

## ***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☺

### ***A question on***

### ***Membership Cards...***

*We haven't used them for at least 5 years. It was felt, I believe, the expense and effort far outweighed the advantages. If you're getting the monthly newsletter you're properly signed up. Thanks for asking.☺*

## **National Crafts Contest**

*submitted by Jim Thornsberry, Chairman*  
*NAWCC Crafts Contest Committee*

The December issue of *the Mart* published a comprehensive description of the upcoming crafts contests to be held at the 2006 National Convention in Cleveland June 21 - 25, 2006. All

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rules, classifications, entry forms and requirements are listed.

All classes will be judged by qualified experts and a "People's Choice" award, determined by popular ballot, will also be given.

We feel that encouraging members to participate in the Crafts Contests promotes a positive camaraderie based on a sharing of talents and skills between and among fellow members at the local and national level. Included are 24 separate classes including clock movements and cases, watch movements and cases, restorations, painted dials, wood carving, tools, metal engraving, experimental designs and the most recent classification a Chapter Clock Restoration project.

If you have questions or need more specific information see *the Mart* article (pages 56 through 59 in the December issue) or call me direct at (816) 941-9492. ☺

*Editors note: Chapter 15 has had several crafts contest winners and will again I'm sure!*

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## Collecting Pocket Watches

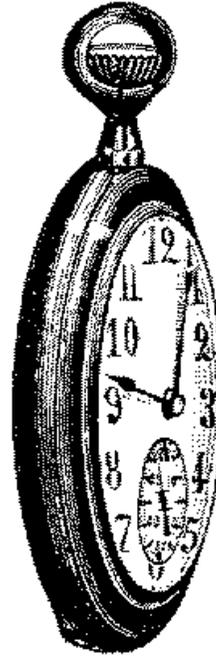
*submitted by Bruce Graham*

Last month we were discussing some of the reasons for collecting watches. And our list isn't complete, consider the following:

● The historical significance of American watches. Those produced during and after the Civil War

presents a rich field of research - people, places and events are often captured by an engraving. In addition the history of a past family member who carried a watch on the railroad provides an added personal attachment.

● The craft of watch manufacture represents a significant part of American history where mechanical innovation and production capability



made us world leaders in a surprisingly short time. The rate of patents granted to watch manufacturers leaves us with a fascinating documentary of the inventiveness of early, and often American, watch makers.

● Not to mention the fact that watches are actually useable, even today. Compare that to stamp or coin collections!

● And finally, making friends in organizations like the NAWCC with common

interests is an added bonus.

I hope to cover some of the many different opportunities of watch collecting, so feel free to e-mail the editor with suggestions, questions or responses to help me cover your favorite aspect of this hobby. ☺

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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**

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## *Classified Ads*

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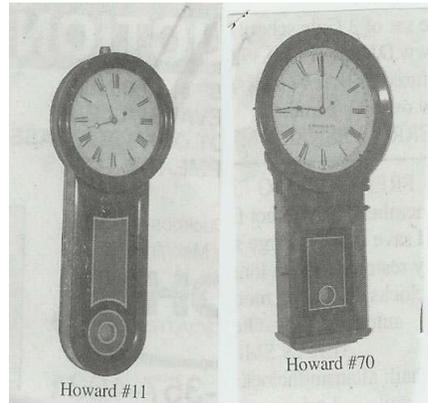
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