

**S.W.Chapter 15**

# The Mainspring

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## Notes on the Kerrville Regional

*submitted by Ted Orban*

The Great Southwestern Regional is approaching quickly - April 21 and 22. I think this year's Regional will be great and I am very excited. Once again we will have a free silent auction, lots of door prizes, great hospitality and superb educational programs in a terrific setting at Kerrville's Inn of the Hills Grand Ballroom.

Pre-registration is the same as last year except that we have created a reduced registration rate for a Saturday-only admission. Mart tables are \$25 each or ½ table for \$15. There is a maximum of two people per table. Setup is Friday morning at 8 AM, except for individuals who reserve four or more tables who may setup Thursday evening.

We have four educational workshops planned for the Regional. Two will be conducted by clock repair expert Laurie Penman. Michael Webb and Dennis Warner will lead the other workshops. Terrific programs! More details in the next newsletter.

The General Membership business meeting will be held at 5:15PM on Friday April 21 in the Ace Reid Room #196. We will be voting on changes to Chapter 15's Constitution and By-Laws and electing new Directors. The Chapter Officers would like to get your suggestions on activities for 2006. Please plan to attend.

We need to borrow a large coffee maker, a 30 cup size, for the Hospitality Room. Please send an e-mail to Ellis Orban at [orbans@austin.rr.com](mailto:orbans@austin.rr.com) if you have one that we could use.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Kerrville.☺

## From the President

*submitted by Jeff Beehler*

Hello Members,

Kerrville is just around the corner and Ted and his committee members are doing a great job of making the Regional come together. There are areas which he could use your help and it would be appreciated if you could contact him to see where you are needed. It takes a great deal of effort to make the Regional happen and everyone is encouraged to pitch in.

I strongly urge you as a member of Chapter 15 to participate in this year's Regional. I especially encourage you to attend the business meeting. Your input and vote is important to the survival of our club. We will be voting on a change to Article IV of the Constitution and your vote and voice is needed.

Remember that registrations received on or before March 24, 2006 are eligible for a drawing of one-night FREE hotel accommodations during the Regional. You can go to our website [www.nawcc-chapter15.org](http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org) for more information or contact Shirley Secor at (979) 532-3363.

Hope to see you there!☺

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## Update on the Chapter 15 Website

*submitted by the Webmaster*

We have a page on our website devoted to links to Chapter 15 member's websites. See [www.nawcc-chapter15.org/MemberLinks.htm](http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/MemberLinks.htm) . If you would like to link to your website please send an e-mail to the webmaster at [orbans@austin.rr.com](mailto:orbans@austin.rr.com). ☺

## The Regional Exhibit

*submitted by Sue Hansen*

This year's exhibit at the Regional in Kerrville will be on pre-Civil War American horological items including: watches, tools and clocks. If you have a piece that would fit this description and one ready for display, and you would be willing to show it off please contact me at: [spugh@grandecom.net](mailto:spugh@grandecom.net) or Ted Orban at: [orbans@austin.rr.com](mailto:orbans@austin.rr.com) ☺

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## Upcoming Shows and Events

*(watch our website for more details)*

● 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

● May 6, 2006 and the following five consecutive Saturdays, in Boerne, Texas,  
*Beginning Clock Repair Classes*  
Hosted and Conducted by Chapter 15

● June 21 - 26, 2006

NAWCC National Convention, Cleveland Ohio

● August 18 - 20, 2006

All Texas Regional, Houston  
Hosted by Chapter 139

● Coming this Summer,

*Gear Cutting Demonstration in San Antonio*  
*Watch for more details*

● October 28, 2006

*Joint One Day Show, Waco*  
Hosted by Chapters 15, 124 and 139☺

## Joint One Day Show... Waco

*by Bill Andrlle, Secretary Chapter 124*

It's a done deal. We have rented the Knox Banquet Hall for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Knox Hall is located next to the Texas Ranger's Museum in downtown Waco on I-35 at the Brazos River.

Admission will be \$10 per person and tables \$5 each to cover the cost of the hall. I will need help and volunteers from each chapter.☺

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## Beginning Clock Repair Classes

*by the Editor*

We have had a *very positive* response to our planned Beginning Clock Repair classes. We have actually encouraged people only to join the NAWCC, and Chapter 15 as well, just to attend.

Classes are now planned to be held in the shop of our instructor Eldon Harris located in beautiful Boerne, Texas. Eldon is a long time Chapter 15 member with approximately 30 years of clock repair experience and currently has an active clock repair business. The only cost to the student will be the book, which is \$20. The class will be limited to 12 students per session so let us know soon if you wish to attend. You may contact Eldon directly at [cloctec@gvtc.com](mailto:cloctec@gvtc.com) or (830) 249-2011.

Sessions will be held on Saturday's from 9 to noon, beginning May 6th and running weekly.

To give you a general idea Eldon will cover: *Tools for Clock Repair, Terminology, Horological History, American Count Wheel Striking, French Count Wheel Striking, French Rack Striking, Adjusting the Strike, Take the Clock Apart, Cleaning, Mainsprings, Repair Safety, Bushing, Lubrication, Recoil Escapement, Deadbeat Escapement, and much more.* This by no means is an exhaustive and inclusive list, but gives you an idea of the scope of what we have in mind..☺

## Proposed Constitutional Change

In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws the following notice is provided to all Chapter members of a business meeting now scheduled for Friday at 5:15 April 21, 2006 during the Kerrville Regional Show. One of the items to be discussed will be proposed changes to the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws.

The purpose of the following changes is to develop a more cohesive structure within our organization and to reflect the current needs and demands of our Chapter.

Article IV of the Constitution will be changed to read:

### Article IV - Officers

The Officers of this chapter shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

There shall be three Directors and they shall consist of a Director of Education and Workshops, a Director of One Day Marts, and a Director of Programs.

The Officers and the three Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee of this Chapter. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have an equal vote.

The By-Laws will also be changed in several locations to reflect this, but only this, change to the Constitution.

If any member has an opinion or comment about these changes they should contact one of the Officers and/or be present at the business meeting.

A complete copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws may be found at the Chapter 15 website. [www.nawcc-chapter15.org](http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org)

There are still a couple openings for the Laurie Penman 5 day session on Problem Clock Repair April 16 through 20, just before the Kerrville Regional. If interested contact Jerry Brazil soonest.

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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.

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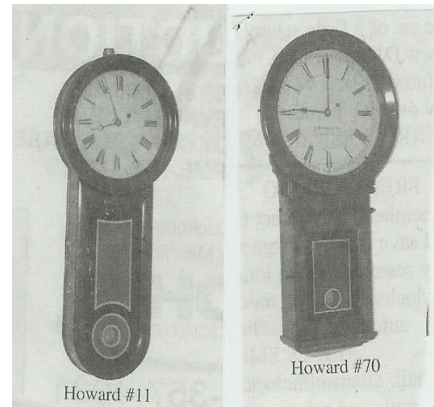
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