



The Mainspring

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President's Message

I am just busting with excitement! Southwestern Chapter 15 is starting to move! The long awaited monthly meetings are taking shape with our first meeting to be held in Austin on September 12, 2006. I am thrilled to have Gene Galbraith come on board as Vice President and Director of Programs. Gene is an avid clock collector as well as extremely knowledgeable on wooden works clocks. He has jumped in running and we have meetings with programs planned for the next three months.

The meetings in September, October and November will be held in Austin. The Board is very aware that this may be a drive for some of you and we are making plans to alternate between San Antonio and Austin so that more members can take advantage of the meetings. I am excited to finally have monthly meetings as this means Chapter business can be handled in a timely manner. Having one business meeting a year really puts a drag on getting anything done to promote and grow the Chapter.

Please do your best to reserve these dates and join us for great programs. This is your opportunity to help get our Chapter rolling again. Take advantage of the programs on clocks and watches that will be offered as well as the fellowship. It is time we got to

know you so please plan on attending the first meeting of the new Chapter 15.

I also received an e-mail from Mike Williams volunteering to take on the task of maintaining our website. Mike is as enthusiastic as Gene when it comes to getting things done. He has already been working with Ted Orban to learn the ropes of our site. He has been on top of getting information on our new programs and the upcoming Joint One Day show in Waco onto the website.

I am extremely happy with the turn of events since the last newsletter. I know that our Chapter has big plans ahead and with your participation and help we can make Chapter 15 the Great Southwestern chapter that it should be.

See you at the meeting in September.

Jeff Beehler

Fall Programs

Welcome to the new Chapter 15 and its schedule of events for this fall.

1. ***September 12, 2006*** is a regular business meeting followed by a program entitled: "The Legacy of OG Clocks," presented by Director of Programs, Gene Galbraith.



an approximate head count for the September 12 meeting so the restaurant can make plans for adequate staff.

At 6:30 PM Chapter 15 President, Jeff Beehler, will call the meeting to order.

If you do not know your way around Austin, go online to MapQuest, type in the address and print out a map.

Ya'll come.

Gene Galbraith

2. **October 10, 2006** is a regular business meeting followed by a program entitled: "Playing the Bushing Game" or "The Art of Bushing," presented by Director of Programs, Gene Galbraith.

3. **November 14, 2006** is a regular business meeting followed by a program to be announced. Suggestions and/or volunteers are encouraged to contact Gene Galbraith at genegalbraith35@aol.com

Meetings will be held in Austin at the Tien Hong Restaurant, 8301 Burnet Road. We meet at 6:00 PM for those who wish to have a great Chinese dinner. We order from the menu and pay at the time of ordering. Those who do not wish to eat will pay \$3 for tea, coffee, or soft drink. Note: even if you do not order a drink, you pay the \$3 as a cover charge. This arrangement is to avoid an additional rental fee for the banquet room. Please RSVP to genegalbraith35@aol.com. If you do not have a computer call Laura Beehler at (210) 602-0623. We need to have

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **September 12, 2006 6 PM**
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
see details elsewhere in this newsletter

● September 14-15, 2006
 MKOA Regional, Oklahoma City
 Hosted by Chapter 74

● **October 10, 2006 6 PM**
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
see details elsewhere in this newsletter

● **October 28, 2006**
Joint One Day Show, Waco
Hosted by Chapters 15, 124, 139

● **November 14, 2006 6 PM**
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
see details elsewhere in this newsletter

Member News

●It is with great disappointment we announce the passing of Jim Kallison in San Antonio August 5, 2006. He was a long time Chapter 15 member and an extremely avid and world class clock collector up to his last day.

●It is with joy and relief that we announce the recovery of June Fear from brain surgery which occurred July 2006.

●Please remember Joan Jensen as she struggles with a serious illness in Houston. We would be hard pressed to find someone who has worked harder or longer or cared for Chapter 15 more than she.

Members are urged to pass along other member news to the Editor for publication in this space.☺

Latest Information about Waco Show

by Webmaster, Mike Williams

You are invited to our very first Texas Tri-Chapter Joint One Day Show. Chapters 15,124 and 139 will be hosting a One-Day Mart in Waco, TX at the Fort Fisher's Knox Hall on the Brazos River by Baylor University, October 28, 2006. There will be a large Mart area, educational, and breakfast food served. Admission is \$10; tables are included while they last. Come early. The One Day event will start at 8 AM. Depending on the turn-out, this could become an annual event.

Two nearby hotels are: La Quinta (with a Denny's next door) on I-35 and South 9th Street, call (254) 752-9741; and Holiday Inn on I-35 and Lake Brazos Drive, call (254) 753-0261. There are several other hotels in the area. **Baylor does play A&M in Waco on this day. The hotels will sell out so reserve early.**

Many have expressed that they missed the Waco show, so this could be a nice alternative. Contact Bill Andrlle at (254) 829-1559 for more

details. You can also find this information on our Chapter 15 website <http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org>
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Introducing the Webmaster

I'm fairly new to the chapter, NAWCC, and clock repair. I joined the chapter specifically to take Eldon's clock repair course and to attend the Kerrville Regional. I've had a lot of fun over the last few months and benefitted greatly from the expertise of experienced chapter members. When I heard we needed a new webmaster, I was happy to volunteer to give something back to the chapter. I've developed and maintained a few websites over the years. Ted has created an easy to maintain site and this will give me an excuse to learn a few new web tools and techniques. I am a programmer in my day job, but mostly work with mainframe programs and seldom get to play with web pages, so this should be fun!

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