



The Mainspring

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of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

November 2006

President's Message

Dear Members,

On October 29th there was a Board of Directors meeting at my house and all the Board was present. There were many topics discussed and the future looks very bright for Chapter 15. Watch *The Mainspring* and the website (<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/>) for your upcoming events such as workshops, meetings and programs. There will be a Chapter meeting and program on SATURDAY January 13th in SAN ANTONIO! This should make it a lot easier for more of you to attend. The meetings so far have had wonderful programs and I am sure you wouldn't want to miss out. Watch *The Mainspring* and website for the meeting location. I am looking for volunteers for a committee to re-vamp the By-Laws. If you are interested please contact myself or another Board member.

Jeff Beehler

Vice President's Message

Preliminary planning for the NAWCC Chapter 15 Great Southwestern Regional Convention is underway. The dates are April 20 - 21, 2007. The place is at the incomparable Inn of the Hills in beautiful Kerrville, Texas.

We are beginning to put together the team that will work in concert to make this the greatest Regional Convention in recent memory. As Chairman, I urge each of you to consider what role you would like to play in making this event a super success. Perhaps you have served as Chairman of one of the committees. Your experience would be invaluable in forming the committees either in a leadership capacity or as an assistant. If you are new to the workings of the Regional Convention, we can train you to do any job you would like to undertake. Please do not hesitate to call or contact us. We need to hear from you as soon as possible. If you have questions, ask - NOW!

The Regional Convention Committees are as follows:

Finance	Registration	Security
Mart	Silent Auction	Hospitality
Exhibit	Photography	Activities
Door Prize	Graphic Arts	Auction
Program	Banquet	Publicity
Insurance		

The activities of some of these committees may be combined under one Chairman. Working together we can truly have a wonderful Great Southwestern Regional Convention.

Another very important part of our planning is the preparation of the Regional Convention program. The convention schedule, related

activities, and everyone who is involved with the work of putting on this event will be listed in the program. However, something new will be included. Individuals, businesses, and organizations may purchase display advertising in the program. What a wonderful way for our great friends who set up their wares at the Mart to guide visitors to their tables. Furthermore, those corporations and businesses who serve the watchmakers and clockmakers trade can certainly benefit from convention advertising.

The advertising rates for ads in the main body of the program are \$50 for a full page and \$30 for a half page. We will honor requests for a full page color ad **inside front cover**, or a full page color ad **inside back cover**, on a first come first served basis at \$100 per page. The outside front page cover is reserved for the Great Southwestern Regional Convention, and the outside back page cover is reserved for the co-host chapters. **The deadline for submitting advertising copy for the program is March 12, 2007.** Reservations and payments may be made from now to March 12, 2007 and should be sent to:

Gene Galbraith
Regional Convention Chairman
10900 Crumley Ranch Road
Austin, TX 78738

A confirmation letter and receipt for payment will be sent by return mail. We look forward to showcasing you and your business in the Great Southwestern Regional Convention program of 2007. Note: advertising does not necessarily have to be related to the interests of watch and clock collectors, but the Regional Convention Chairman reserves the right to refuse advertising that is deemed inappropriate.

Gene Galbraith

Director of Programs

The November 14th program will be presented by Dennis Warner, President of the American

Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute. Mr. Warner is a Certified Watchmaker who is well known for his instructional abilities in classes for aspiring watchmakers and watch collectors. Watch enthusiasts, collectors, and tinkerers will want to be present for this informative presentation.

The program for December will be shared with the Capital Area Watchmakers-Clockmakers Guild. Chapter 15 has been invited to the Guild's annual Christmas Party on December 5, 2006 in Austin, at the UT Longhorn Club. Maps will be available. This will be a wonderful time for the two organizations to intermingle and enjoy wonderful food in a Christmas atmosphere. Tickets are \$42 per person and include a gourmet meal, covered parking, and a great social evening together. Each President of the respective organizations will preside over short business meetings as necessary. The Guild Award Committee will present the Mulholland Award to a secretly chosen recipient. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. You may pay at the door, but reservations must be made in advance in order to guarantee a place at the banquet table. Contact Gene Galbraith at genegalbraith35@aol.com or call (512) 658-3853 to make your reservation(s). **Deadline is November 28.**

Gene Galbraith

70 members have already renewed their 2007 chapter dues. THANK YOU for your prompt reply! Your dues are paid through the year found in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label of this newsletter. "2006" means you have paid through December 2006 and need to pay for 2007. ☺

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **November 14, 2006 6 PM**
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15

*Tien Hong Restaurant
8301 Burnet Road, Austin
speaker is Dennis Warner*

● **December 5, 2006**
*Joint Christmas Dinner and Party
with CAWCG at Austin UT Longhorn Club,
please RSVP*

● **January 13th, 2007**
*Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
in San Antonio watch for further details*

● **March 2 - 3, 2007**
*LoneStar Regional, Mesquite Texas
sponsored by Chapter 124*

● **April 20 - 21, 2007**
*Great Southwestern Regional
Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas
sponsored by Chapter 15*

Classified Ads

CLOCK GEARS, BARRELS, PINIONS
ARBORS AND ESCAPE WHEELS
All made to order from your sample
H.O. GEAR SERVICE
"I do what it takes"

H.O. Gear Service For UPS Delivery
P.O. Box 103 185 Pin Oak Dr
Malakoff, TX 75148 Mabank, TX 75156
Member NAWCC Since 1974

Member News

● Joan Jensen recently suffered a heart attack. At printing time she remains hospitalized in Houston. Our prayers and best wishes are with her and Babe.

● We remember Dennis Warner on the recent passing of his mother.

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

Waco One Day Show

Gosh, if you missed this one you missed a good show. At last report there were 159 paid admissions and 80 tables at this half day show. Bill Andrle and his group of volunteers did a remarkable job. And they sponsored a program on cuckoo clocks you really should have seen. You might not care for cuckoos, that's OK, but you still should have seen the excellent presentation put on by Gerald Greener and his very professional supporting Power Point presentation. A job very well done! ☺

Chapter 15 Membership Application (circle one) NEW // RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$10 per year. Dues are payable by December 31 each year. If joining initially after July 1st dues are \$5 for the first year. You must be a current and paid up member of the NAWCC to join a chapter. You may belong to more than one chapter at a time.

Please print or type

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

Horological Interests: _____

NAWCC Member# _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 15 NAWCC

Enclose this form with remittance and send to:

**Jerry Brazil, Secretary Chapter 15
26766 Fawn Mountain Road
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015**

Minutes from October Business Meeting

President Beehler opened the chapter business meeting at 6:30PM October 10, 2006 in Austin at the Tien Hong Chinese Restaurant and welcomed the 10 chapter members present. Within Old Business Vice President Galbraith mentioned that 2 people had accepted regional chairmanships. He also mentioned that chapter programs were now scheduled and committed through the end of this year. A Treasurer's report was noted from the recently published October newsletter. The Secretary noted that currently 52 members were accepting their newsletters by e-mail and that as of this evening the chapter stood at a total membership of 200. President Beehler reported that he was still looking for volunteers to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

In New Business it was reported that a search was on for a location for the 2008 Chapter Regional. San Antonio or Austin were being given serious consideration rather than Kerrville. President Beehler noted that the

Chapter is looking for people to fill positions on the Board of Directors for the 2007 - 2009 term. Anyone interested should contact a Board member. In monthly meeting news we are considering Logan's Roadhouse in San Marcos and to change the date to Saturday. At 7:00 PM there was no additional New Business and the meeting was turned over to Vice President Gene Galbraith for a presentation of the techniques of bushing clock plates. Editors note: this was an excellent, educational and current presentation given with the aid of a very helpful Power Point presentation as supported by equipment provided by the Tien Hong restaurant.☺

Chapter Financial Report

submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer

(General Fund)	
Balance 10/1/2006	\$10,545.71
Income:	\$ 120.00
Expenses: Newsletter	\$ 139.04
Balance 11/1/2006	\$10,526.67

Regional Account Balance: remains unchanged

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