



The Mainspring

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S.W.Chapter 15

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Happy New Year!

President's Message

Dear Members,
Well here we are in a brand new year. I hope everyone survived the holidays. I also hope everyone was good so Santa brought you that special gift that you always wanted. I must have been at least pretty good cause I got something I have always wanted. No it wasn't the Ithaca sweep Bank regulator (I guess I wasn't that good), but it was the electric train set that I never had as a boy. On to better things. We are starting the new year out with a bang. We will have the Chapter meeting on January 13th and we are having it in San Antonio and on a Saturday as requested. Please plan to attend. A lot of work goes into these meetings and it would be nice to have a big turn out. You will be greatly rewarded in the knowledge you will gain from the educational programs set up by our Vice President and Director of Programs Gene Galbraith. So please show your support by attending.

Jeff Beehler

Vice President's Message

Your Great Southwestern Regional Convention is

coming together nicely and promises to be a memorable one. One of the special features of the Convention Program will be a brief history of Chapter 15. Jerry Brazil is gathering the story for us and will present the highlights of the Chapter along with the names of the past presidents. If you wish to offer suggestions on what should be included please contact Jerry at eggman@satx.rr.com right away.

We are delighted to announce that we have a volunteer to be Chairman of the Exhibit Committee. Leonard Brenner has stepped forward to bring us an exhibit on "Never-Wind" clocks. Mr. Brenner has specialized in collecting and restoring these unusual clocks for several years. We appreciate his willingness to share them with us. If you have "Never-Wind" clocks you would like Mr Brenner to consider for the exhibit, contact him at len.brenner@sbcglobal.net.

We lost our photography chairman due to unexpected travel plans during the convention. Therefore we need a volunteer to be the Chairman of the Photography Committee. If you have a knack for taking photos, own a quality digital camera, can download and upload jpg photos, and will be available for the Regional, contact

genegalbraith35@aol.com

The Hospitality Committee is still in need of a Chairperson . Call, write, or e-mail if you would like to be the Regional Host or Hostess. You will meet a lot of wonderful “clockers” who will appreciate a refreshing drink and homemade goodies. We promise that the Chairperson will have help from volunteers.

Please review previous newsletters for our extensive Regional plans.

Gene Galbraith

Director of Programs

Please refer to the December issue of *The Mainspring* for details on the program for the January 13 Chapter meeting. Ken Reindel will be presenting a program on Clock Electrics. Time and place are given elsewhere in this issue.

The February 10th meeting will be a presentation on the Sir Francis Drake Falling Ball Clock which was issued by the Franklin Mint. We have a borrowed clock to use along with our PowerPoint presentation on the disassembly and function of the timepiece. If you own one of these clocks and would like to sell or donate it, running or not, please contact genegalbraith35@aol.com.

We invite you to offer suggestions for programs in the future. Anyone with special knowledge on horological subjects is urged to contact the Director of Programs. We know you are out there– present yourself!

Gene Galbraith

Details on Monthly Meeting
Saturday, January 13th, San Antonio
11 AM to 2 PM

Camino Ranch Restaurant, 14855 I 35 North (210) 967-1000. Located on the access road West side of I 35, North of Loop 1604 and across from the new Forum Shopping Center. Don't use Google Maps, they are just wrong; MapQuest is correct however.

From Austin: Take I 35 South, exit 172 (marked Olympia Parkway.) Stay on access road. You will see the restaurant just past Old Austin Road and before Forum Parkway.

From San Antonio: Take I 35 North, exit 172 (marked Forum Parkway.) Take turn around at Olympia Parkway across I 35. You will see the restaurant just past Old Austin Road and before Forum Parkway.

We have the room at no charge, but members are expected to buy lunch from the restaurant.

Dues Update

We are OVER the 50% mark! But there are still 85 members who aren't current. You'll notice the red highlight on this month's mailing label.

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; please renew for 2007 and use the Membership Application . THANK YOU for your support.☺

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

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

●February 10th, 2007
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
watch for more details

●March 2 - 3, 2007
Lone Star Regional, Mesquite Texas
sponsored by Chapter 124

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

● June 6 - 9, 2007
NAWCC National Convention
Chattanooga, Tenn

Hugh Overton to run for National Position

Hugh Overton, a long time Chapter 15 member, is running for the position on the NAWCC Nominations and Elections Committee. Hugh has previously served on the National level as NAWCC Secretary, as a Director, and on the Membership, Publicity and Crafts Committees. He will be serving as General Chairman of the NAWCC National Convention to be held in Springfield, Missouri in June 2008. He has been chairman of numerous regional conventions and held various offices an the chapter level. Hugh is a Star Fellow.

Hugh has attended 15 to 18 regionals each year for the past 30 years. He feels his experience on the NAWCC Board of Directors for six years, his thirty five years in the horological field as owner of Southwest Clock Supply, Inc., and his many acquaintances through the regionals attended will qualify him to make good judgments on the Nominations and Elections Committee. He will greatly appreciate your support and vote.

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.

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Member News

●Our well wishes are with Charlott Whisehunt who had surgery December 21, 2006 and is now recovering.

●Members are urged to read the nice article about our member Clyde Day appearing in the DailyTimes.com. You may find the article at <http://www.dailytimes.com> . It first appeared December 29, 2006.

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

Be There!
Come hungry...
Good opportunity to
pay your 2007 Chapter
dues

Chapter Financial Report

submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer

(General Fund)	
Balance 12/1/2006	\$ 8,376.01
Income:	\$270.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$ 46.39
Balance 1 /1/2007	\$ 8,599.62
Regional Account Balance:	\$4,546.35

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presentation on Electric Clocks
by Ken Reindel
see page 2 for more details

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