



# The Mainspring

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## President's Message

Well I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I had a good time at the Mesquite Regional and enjoyed visiting with a lot of people I don't get a chance to see very often. I also noticed a lot of the usual people were not there this year. I hope all is well with them. I am going to make this short and sweet as at the time of this writing I am under the weather. I am again on my knees pleading for someone to step up to the plate and throw your name in the hat to be an officer. We need a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and some directors. Please, please people as I said many times before this is YOUR chapter and it takes people like you to keep it going. A few people cannot be expected to do all the work. So please help us out here.

Jeff

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## Vice President's Message

We are fortunate to have **Phil Gregory** as our Official Representative from NAWCC in Kerrville. He will be our guest speaker at the Saturday banquet and will present a program on tablet painting during the convention. Phil brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise on horological subjects. He always has a human interest story to tell about his work and travels around the world.

**Michael Webb**, Chairman of the Program

Committee, will coordinate a wonderful series of programs including: **Phil Gregory**, "Tablet Painting;" **Ken Reindel**, "Trouble Shooting Self-Winding Clocks;" **Ron Davidson**, "Revolutionary Clock Cleaning;" and **Levi Lewis**, "A 1720's Long case Clock." Other programs may be announced in April.

**Pat Holloway**, Chairperson of the Registration Committee, reports good progress on registrations for the Regional. We are most grateful to Pat and her assistant **Shirley Secor** for their untiring efforts to make registration a pleasant experience for each of you. Please register now to avoid the lines. I know Pat will appreciate early registrations.

**Jerry Brazil**, Co-Chairman of the Regional and Mart Chairman is organizing everything that happens in the Mart Room. In addition, he is helping to put together a summary of the history of Chapter 15 for the *Official Convention Program*. All past presidents will be honored on a special page recognizing their service to the chapter.

As announced in an earlier issue, we have formed a new Regional Committee. The Chairman of Media Programs is **Ron Davidson**. He will set up four VCR Educational Programs throughout the convention area so that members and guests may have an opportunity to view various educational and historical aspects of clock and watch collecting and repair. We believe this is a good way to recruit new members to NAWCC and Chapter 15.

We have changed the deadline for submitting advertising for the Official Convention Program to March 16. This is a great opportunity for you to advertise yourself and your business to all who attend. It also makes a strong statement of support for Chapter 15. What's more you may request copies of the program to help recruit new members. We already have some great ads that will be featured in the program.

Our other Regional Committee Chairpersons are getting set to do their jobs and will be recognized in *The Mainspring* for April.☺

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Gene Galbraith

## Director of Programs

There is great excitement over the coming **Tower Clock Tour** in Lockhart, March 24. Officials from Lockhart and Caldwell County will be on hand to greet us at the north doors of the majestic courthouse built in 1893. The courthouse is located at 110 S. San Antonio Street, but can't be missed as it dominates the skyline in the community.

Chapter 15 is hosting this **free event** for members, their families and invited guests. All persons entering the courthouse must register and sign a release form in order to participate. No food or drinks, except bottled water, will be allowed in the building. The courthouse has easy access for the disabled; excepting, of course, the climb up the tower to view the **Seth Thomas clock**. There will be photos available, just as though you were in the room where the clock counts seconds.

**Registration begins at 10:30AM.** At 11:00 all will gather on the courthouse lawn to listen to the striking of the hour. Immediately following the toll of the great bell a special presentation will be given in the old Court Room on the second floor highlighting the history of the Caldwell County

Courthouse and the restoration efforts that returned it to its former glory. The story of the great tower clock will be told through the medium of PowerPoint. Some of those dedicated people responsible for bringing the clock back to life will be present to bask in the glow of the recounting of their struggles and triumphs. You will have an opportunity to meet the people who loved the old clock so much that they sacrificed their time, energies and fortunes to bestow this gift upon generations to come.

After the morning festivities are concluded there will be an hour or so for lunch at any of the famous barbeque smoke houses. A map will be provided to guide you about the City of Lockhart. Following lunch, the tower tours will be organized. Groups of four will be formed and a tour number will be drawn by each group to determine the order for climbing the tower. Photos of the two stairs and the two ladders that must be climbed will be shown in the Court Room presentation so you can decide whether you should attempt to make the climb to the Seth Thomas movement.

**It is requested that if you plan to attend please RSVP** the total number in your party so we have a general idea of how many people to plan for. Since everyone must register and sign a release we are opening the tours to all who wish to attend. Make your RSVP to [genebraith35@aol.com](mailto:genebraith35@aol.com) or call (512) 658-3853.☺

Gene Galbraith

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## Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **March 24, 2007**

*Field trip to view Caldwell County  
Courthouse Tower Clock  
sponsored by Chapter 15  
see additional details above*

● **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

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## Chapter Financial Report

*submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer*

(General Fund)

Balance 02/01/2007	\$ 9,280.28
Income:	\$140.75
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$46.39
Secretary of State	\$30.00
Donation to Mesquite Regional	\$50.00
H Lindsay (Corporation Status)	\$100.00
Liability Insurance	\$135.00
Balance 03/01/2007)	\$ 9,160.28
Regional Account Balance:	\$ 5,574.81

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### Classified Ads

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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	

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## For Sale

Seth Thomas Office Calendar No 1  
1874-1880 Fully Restored,  
original except dials professionally repainted. See  
S. T. Clocks and Movements - 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, Vol 1,  
page 90 by Tran Duy Ly  
Valued at \$5500 SELL at \$4600  
- and -  
Chauncey Boardman Wooden works “Groaner”  
8 day, 1840 +/- Runs great, Looks great  
SELL \$500  
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**WANTED:** Upper and Lower dials for Seth  
Thomas Fashion No 1

*contact Clyde Day (830) 896-4338*

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## **Butterworth Clocks**

People using Butterworth Clocks as a parts supplier take note: their website will shortly become encrypted and require both an ID and a password. Contact Mark for the necessary input if you plan to continue to order from his site.☺

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## **Member News**

George Kaiser was admitted to the hospital in Temple March 9. At this printing he is still in the Scott and White ICU. Family requests cards and prayers only as he is not ready for visitors.

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