



The MAIN SPRING

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Southwestern Chapter 15 of the
National Association of
Watch and Clock Collectors

President's Message

The **Great Southwestern Regional Convention 2007** was exactly that, **GREAT!** Not because I said it was, but because so many of you were there and said it was. Thanks to all of you who came to partake of the joys of being among friends, selling your junk or treasures, or perhaps buying the clock or watch you've always wanted. One person was especially happy because she won the big raffle of the 1840s Gilbert eight-day clock at the Saturday noon drawing. Another was thrilled over winning the 1932 Bi-centennial Washington Banjo Clock, which was the number one door prize at the Breakfast Banquet.

Many people were responsible for making this Regional a memorable one. The outstanding convention program designed by **Kara McGregor**, Publicity Chairperson, got everybody's attention and helped them get from here to there on schedule. **Jerry Brazil**, the Mart Chairman and Regional Co-chairman, did a masterful job of coordinating everything that went on in the Mart Room. His cohorts, **Clyde Day**, Unloading Chairman, **Annette White**, Chairperson of Door Prizes, **Scott Clark**, Auctions Chairman, **Jeff Beehler**, Security Chief, and **Ron Davidson**, Media Programs Director, carried out their duties superbly. It's not easy to work in the same room where **Phil Gregory**, National Representative, and **Hugh Overton**, National Director, are watching your every move.

Then there was **Pat Holloway**, Registration Czar, and her sidekick, **Shirley Secor**, who kept count of everyone who attended the Regional. What a great job they did! **Michael Webb**, Programs Coordinator, and **Eldon Harris**, Chief Shutterbug, were seen scurrying about setting up the programs and shooting everything in sight; and especially **Susan Hansen**, Banquet Supervisor, as she chased Finance Chairman, **Neill Day**, because he had the check book. **Leonard Brenner**, **Ken Reindel**, **Phil Gregory**, **Ron Davidson**, and **Levi Lewis** taught us a few things about horology.

Convention Program Advertisers, **Southwest School of Clock Repair**, **Gene Galbraith**, instructor, **Oldtimer Clock Shop**, **Bob Larson**, owner, and **The Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches, Incorporated**, helped with the printing costs of the convention program.

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Southwestern Chapter 15 officers, **Jeff Beehler**, President, **Gene Galbraith**, Vice-president, **Jerry Brazil**, Secretary, **Susan Hansen**, Treasurer, **Brice Beehler**, Director, and **Ham Hamilton**, Director, were on hand to welcome everyone and thank the **Co-host Chapters** for their support of the Great Southwestern Regional.

The Annual Business Meeting was presided over by the President, **Jeff Beehler**, who conducted the election of officers for their 2007-2009 terms. Elected were: **Gene Galbraith**, President, **Michael Williams**, Vice-president, **Pat Holloway**, Secretary, **Neill Day**, Treasurer, **Jerry Brazil**, Director of Programs, **Scott Clark**, Director of Workshops, and **Ron Davidson**, Director of One Day Marts. **Michael Webb** is Newsletter Editor, and **Michael Williams** is Webmaster.

Gene Galbraith

Vice President's Message

Hats off to Gene for a successful 2007 Regional. This was only my second Great Southwestern Regional, but this year, I obviously paid more attention to what was happening. The number and enthusiasm of our volunteers was astounding and refreshing. I was amazed at how smoothly information flowed and events came off without a hitch. The regional was obviously well planned, led, executed, and supported by our members. I'll have a lot to live up to as I put together next year's regional, as will next year's volunteers. Along those lines, I've already started planning the 2008 and 2009 regionals.

As the new Vice President and Webmaster for our website, I welcome any and all input regarding the website and planning for the regional. Please check out the Officers page on the website (www.nawcc-chapter15.org/Officers) for new photos and bios as they become available. My email address is vicepresident@chapter15.org.

I hope to hear from many of you soon.

Mike Williams

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Coming Chapter Attractions

submitted by Jerry Brazil, Director of Programs

We have big plans for the coming months with Chapter 15. Start marking out the third Saturday of every month because we will have a chapter event that day. Our goal is to have a one-day mart each quarter, hands on classes and educational programs as well. We have an interesting list of ideas so far, but certainly welcome your suggestions anytime. Call, write or e-mail me or any other officer or director. Names and details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

For the first event, the chapter is taking a breather in May after all the work surrounding the April Kerrville regional convention. Your new Board of Directors however is convening to discuss the necessary details of the coming year. **The next scheduled chapter event will be the third Saturday in June, the 16th.** We have a half-day mart and show planned for San Antonio. Watch the newsletter for more specific details, but make your plans now to attend.

Included in the June mart will be a “show and tell.” You bring a clock, watch or horological item then get up and tell us about it. What will you say? Heck that’s up to you! Maybe you want to advertise it for sale. Or perhaps you can tell us a funny story about it’s history, repair, or lack of repair. It’s up to you. Maybe you have a one of a kind, or your absolute all time favorite. Maybe you think yours is the ugliest mantle clock you’ve ever seen. Whatever you say, it’ll be a time for you to draw some attention to your item.

In coming months we have an encore presentation of Wonderful and Unusual Clocks - part deux, this time with an Austin venue; a Round Robin educational clock repair day; a hands on discussion of clock and watch maintenance for the collector; and a presentation of a rare double folliot Japanese clock. Don’t forget the Houston regional in late August, the joint chapter one-day show in Waco in October, and the Mesquite show in March ‘08. It’s a nice slate of activities, a good reason to belong to the NAWCC, and to Chapter 15. See you there.

Treasurer's Report

☞☞ The General Fund has a balance of \$8643.00 with no outstanding debits or credits. This report from our outgoing Treasurer, Susan Hansen. Thanks for the report and your service, Susan.

☞☞ The Regional Fund has a balance of \$9195.75 with outstanding debits of \$4918.07 to Inn of the Hills (with some of those charges subject to review) and approximately \$500 in incidental costs. This report from Gene Galbraith, Regional Chairman. Thanks Gene for the report and a great meet.

Great Southwestern Regional at Kerrville

(Now available for viewing online)

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter this Regional was well planned and went very well in all areas, from the Mart, Hospitality, Programs, to the Exhibits.

To see what you saw, or what you missed; Eldon Harris was kind enough to document this meet with some excellent photography. These photos can be viewed on the NAWCC Chapter 15 website, located at:

<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/PriorEvents.htm>

You will also find the Program from the Regional there. Thanks to our Webmaster, Mike Williams, for getting it up and available so quickly.

"Southwestern Chapter 15 is grateful to NAWCC Headquarters for their assistance in making the Great Southwestern Regional a success."

Member News

George Kiser has been improving quickly from his bout of illness. He is back home and reports that he is about 90% recovered. George exceeded the Doctor's expectations consistently, but he always has been an overachiever. Great news George, keep up the progress.

Editor's Note

I will be serving as your Editor for the Chapter 15 – but it is your newsletter. Please help me out by letting me know of any significant events in Chapter members' lives. Thanks. My contact information is:

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Chapter 15 Membership Application

(Circle one) New - Renewal

Memberships 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 as many chapters as you wish.

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Already a member? Get someone involved!

Horological Hint

Putting a replacement movement in a Cuckoo Clock? (When exact replacements are available.) It will go faster if you keep all the bellows wires, strike levers, bird carrier, and pendulum hanger from the old movement. They are all already adjusted for that case. Just unhook and unscrew from the old movement and hook these up to the replacement movement. Fewer adjustments, less time spent, and much less aggravation.

Now many of you may have known this trick already – and those are the folks I need to hear from! Please send any Bench Tips you have and I will put them in as space allows. Help out your fellow members with your time saving tips or improved methods.

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Events to Remember

✍✍ **NAWCC - National Meeting**

June 6th – 9th

Chattanooga, Tennessee

✍✍ **NAWCC - Chapter 15 One Day Mart**

Saturday, June 16th

Location TBA

(See info in this newsletter)

✍✍ **NAWCC - Texas All Chapters Regional**

August 24th – 26th

Houston, Texas

✍✍ **NAWCC - MKOA Regional**

September 28th – 29th

Wichita, Kansas

✍✍ **NAWCC - Five State Collectors Regional**

November 2nd – 3rd

Amarillo, Texas

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