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President's Message

It was about this time a year ago that Chapter 15 had a major turn-over in the Board of Directors. The Vice President and Director of Programs had resigned. The President, **Jeff Beehler**, put out a call for help in finding replacements. For better or for worse, I volunteered to take on the jobs of Vice President and Director of Programs to fill out the terms of the departed officers. At this same time, **Mike Williams** came on board to be the Chapter 15 Webmaster.

Immediately we began having monthly meetings and programs for the membership to enjoy. There were a variety of programs presented with new talent in the Chapter taking part in the educational endeavors. It was evident that Chapter 15 was alive and well as President Beehler took us month by month toward a very successful 2007 Regional Convention in Kerrville.

Once again change is in the air as our Vice President, **Mike Williams**, lays plans for the 2008 Regional Convention. He will be reporting his progress elsewhere in this newsletter.

Chapter 15 members are encouraged to actively support and attend the various functions of the Chapter. The Officers and Directors work very hard to provide meaningful programs for the benefit of the membership. Many hours are spent in putting together presentations that offer tips on clock and watch repair, historical insight on significant timepieces, and social interaction between members searching for horological encounters. The wealth of knowledge and expertise in Chapter 15 is truly remarkable. Let's make the most of it.

Among those who have served NAWCC and Chapter 15 over many years is **Howard C. Vaughn, Sr.** **Mr. Vaughn** advertises in *The MainSpring* as one who provides a specialized service in the making of clock gears, barrels, pinions, arbors, and escape wheels. If you need these services, give Howard a call. He says, "*I do what it takes*"to get the job done. He is getting some of my business forthwith.

Gene Galbraith

September's Program

OK, last month we literally were rained out. This month we'll hope for the best. **Please take note of the change in date. It's NOT the 15th, but Saturday morning the 22nd** in San Antonio, at Coker United Methodist Church. Program will begin promptly at 10:00AM and should run until approximately noon.

We'll take an in depth look at a Japanese Lantern Clock. We'll consider what it means to say "pre-Western time keeping." We'll study what a folliot is, and actually see a clock with two of them. And we'll actually be able to see and enjoy a superb example that is over 6 feet tall; a presentation piece, a clock from the 1860's.

Please come and enjoy the time together with a wonderful clock.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING SITE

Coker United Methodist Church is located near the San Antonio International Airport, west of highway 281, between Bitters and Nakoma at 231 E North Loop Rd.

Coming North on 281: Go north on 281 and take the Bitters Road exit. Move to the far left lane to take the turnaround. Go south on access road. You will pass Burlington's, Sam's Club, etc. Turn right on North Loop Road **immediately** past Shearer Hills Baptist Church. (There is a sign for Coker UMC). The church is approximately ½ miles down E. North Loop Road on the right-hand side.

From 1604: The church is located on the west side of Hwy. 281 between Bitters Road and Nakoma Drive exits. Take 281 south (towards downtown). Exit Bitters Road; go through the light at Bitters and continue south on the access road. You will pass Burlington's, Sam's Club, etc. Turn right on North Loop Road **immediately** past Shearer Hills Baptist Church. (There is a sign for Coker UMC). The church is approximately ½ miles down E. North Loop Road on the right-hand side.

From Austin: Take IH 35 South to Loop 1604 West. Follow 1604 W 8 miles to US 281 South: then follow the directions above from 1604.

New Members Campaign

Beginning in **October**, we will launch a new program aimed at increasing the membership in Chapter 15. Between **October 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008**, any member of NAWCC and Chapter 15, in good standing, may participate in a special drawing at the **2008 Regional Convention Breakfast Banquet** to receive a **significant prize** for having recruited the most new members to NAWCC and Chapter 15.

There will be a **Grand Prize** for the **First Place** winner. **Second** and **Third Place** winners will also receive a prize. **Honorable Mention** will be awarded to any member who recruits at least one new member in the time specified. Renewals do not qualify. **Pat Holloway**, our Secretary, will maintain the records for determining who the new members are, when they were recruited, and who recruited them. Any new member, who joins after October 1 and before April 1, is eligible to participate in the **New Member Campaign**.

Suggestion: NAWCC and Chapter 15 memberships would make great **Christmas** gifts! Let's see. Who could I give a membership gift to for Christmas? Well, there's Lucy, my five year old granddaughter. The possibilities are limitless.

Please Help

I am dragging out the soapbox again. If you do not have email or if you are already reading this on your computer, you are excused from this plea and can skip to the last paragraph. If you are holding a paper copy in your hand, and you have an email address - this is aimed right at you. My previous plea netted three changes to the email copy by members and I am still sending out about 130 paper copies - so don't think the other guy or gal is going to make it up.

It is not cheap putting a paper copy of this in your mailbox. You know postage is up, then there is the cost of paper, and printing (I just lost a sweet deal on that, so it's up too). It is getting to where your \$10 dues might just cover the cost of you getting this - leaving no seed funds for the One-Days, Regionals, or other activities you enjoy. Now I see on the roster a lot of names that I am mailing a paper copy to that have an email address - come on, drop me a line and let me use it. Contact me at: newsletter@nawcc-chapter15.org

If you have not gone to sleep yet, I would also like to renew my request for contributions to this newsletter. There is a lot of knowledge out there in our membership; please share, just as I am sure someone shared with you what you now know. There is a Chinese saying that you repay your teachers by teaching. Send in Bench Tips or Articles to the same address above and work off some of your debt.

2008 Regional Moves!!

WE ARE MOVING! After many years at the wonderful Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, the Great Southwestern Regional is moving to New Braunfels for 2008! The Inn was a great facility and they treated us well, but the location was inconvenient for most of our members and impossible for many. New Braunfels is within 60 miles of 80% of our membership, within 50 miles of two major airports (28 miles to San Antonio, 50 miles to Austin), and within reasonable driving distance of Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth.

Our 2008 regional will be held April 18-19, 2008 at the brand new exhibit hall in the New Braunfels Civic Center (opening Fall, 2007-- see www.ci.newbraunfels.tx.us/public/ccenter.html). Be sure to check out the information at the bottom of the web page about the "Future", including a PowerPoint presentation of the renovated civic center. We will have 60% more mart floor space available, a classroom across the hall, and convenient hospitality and exhibit space. Parking and the unloading docks will amply meet our needs. Forty Hotel rooms will be blocked at the historic Faust Hotel (www.fausthotel.com), two short blocks from the Civic Center. Faust Hotel's ballroom will also be the site of our breakfast banquet on Saturday morning. A few more hotel rooms may be available if we have a big and early response. Room rates will be King- \$95.00, Queen- \$79.00, 2 Full size Beds- \$89.00, Single Full size bed- \$69.00.

Please stay tuned here and on our website for future details.

Mike Williams, Vice President and Chairman,
Great Southwestern Regional

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October's Meeting

The combined Chapters One Day in Waco on Saturday, October 20th at the Texas Rangers' Museum will be well worth the trip. This event has a great mart and a good chance to talk clocks and watches with your fellow members. More details in the October newsletter and at www.nawcc-chapter15.org/UpcomingEvents.htm

November's Meeting

The program that had been planned for the August meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 17th. That is a long time to wait from August to November, but you will be benefiting from the long experience of some knowledgeable people, so it should be worth the wait.

Dating French Clock Movements

While published information is readily available to us on American Clock movements, it is often difficult to determine the age of French Clock movements. This is a partial list of medals awarded to French clockmakers:

JAPY FRERE

- 1819 - Gold Medal - Louis XVII
- 1823 - Gold Medal - Louis XVIII
- 1827 - Gold Medal - Charles X
- 1834 - Gold Medal - Louis Philippe
- 1839 - Gold Medal - Louis Philippe
- 1844 - Gold Medal - Louis Philippe
- 1849 - Gold Medal - Louis Philippe
- 1851 - Grand Medal- Great Exhibition London
- 1853 - 1st Class Medal - New York Exhibition
- 1855 - Grand Med Honour - Expo Universelle Paris
- 1867 - Grand Med Honour - Expo Universelle Paris
- 1873 - Grand Diploma d' Merit - Expo Universelle Vienna
- 1879 - Grand Prix d'Honneur - Expo Universelle Paris
- 1879 - Grand Diplome d'Honneur - Expo Regionale Besancon
- 1879 - Grand Diplome d'Honneur - Expo speciale d'horlogerie
- 1880 - Grd Diplome d'Honneur - de la Chaux-de-Fond

VINCENTI, JEAN

- 1834 - Medaille d'Argent
- 1855 - Medaille d'Argent

MARTI, SAMUEL et Cie

- 1860 - Medaille de Bronze
- 1889 - Medaille d'Argent
- 1900 - Medaille d'Or
- 1931 - Grand Prix, Paris

MARTI, FRITZ

- 1900 - Medaille d'Or, Paris

This list is limited, but it can be helpful in dating movements that have "Medal" marks on them.

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.

Please PRINT or Type

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

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Enclose with this form and send to:
Pat Holloway, Secretary Chapter 15
1105 Lafayette Lane
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Events to Remember

- ✍ **Wharton Meeting**
September 15th - 8:00 – 12:00
Methodist Hall on Boling Highway
Anniversary Open House at the Secor's after Meet
- ✍ **San Antonio Meeting (see details in this newsletter)**
September 22nd (note NEW DATE)
"An In-depth Look at a Japanese Lantern Clock"
- ✍ **Combined Chapters One-Day**
October 20th – Saturday
Waco, Texas – Texas Ranger Museum
- ✍ **NAWCC - Five State Collectors Regional**
November 2nd – 3rd
Amarillo, Texas
- ✍ **November Chapter 15 Workshop (rescheduled from September)**
November 17th, 9:00 – 11:00 am
San Antonio, Coker United Methodist Church

Treasurer's Report

Neill Day, Chapter 15 Treasurer, reports that the Chapter's last bank statement shows a current Regional Account balance of \$3,163.75.

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