



# THE MAIN SPRING

A Monthly Publication from  
Southwestern Chapter 15 of the  
National Association of  
Watch and Clock Collectors

## Crunch Time!

**The Great Southwestern Regional in New Braunfels is just around the corner!**

By the time you read this, we will be about six weeks away! Have you sent in your registration form yet? Have you reserved your hotel room? Remember our special rates are only guaranteed if your reservation is made with the host hotel by March 18! I'm really excited about this year's classes and programs: Ken Reindel will be teaching a class on wheelmaking (gearmaking). John Hubby, Vice Chairman of NAWCC and the leading Gustav Becker expert today, is presenting and publishing information that substantially corrects and enhances some of Kochmann's information. John Newman of Prattville, AL gave a presentation on starting a repair business at National, and he will be bringing his presentation to our regional as well. We will be following his presentation up with a panel discussion where audience members can interact with a few current repair businessmen.

Friday's Mart will start later than in the past, to allow more time for unloading, registration, and setup and Friday Mart hours will be curtailed to leave some of the "good stuff" until Saturday. More activities will be moved to Saturday to encourage more Saturday participation, while still keeping Friday's schedule full.

With everything that is going on, we still need more volunteers. Everything will get done, but it's not fair to put the load on the backs of a very few people. Here are the areas of responsibility with the names of the leaders, along with the areas where nobody has yet volunteered. I will be happy to send a list of responsibilities for any of these areas to anybody who requests it.

### Committee Chairs:

Finance: Neill Day  
Registration: Pat Holloway  
Mart: Jerry Brazil  
Unloading Team: George Falk  
Program and Exhibit: Gene Galbraith  
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### The Parade of Time Exhibit will include:

- **Clock Organ, circa 1840, formerly owned by P. T. Barnum who purchased it in Europe in the 1850s. Fully restored throughout, the organ has 72 pipes and plays 10 different tunes. The Black Forest 8 day clock was probably made in the late 1790s or early 1800s. The clock hands are 10 carat gold. The clock organ stands 9' 2" tall.**
- **Early skeleton table clock circa 1675, single fusee, probably made by an apprentice in England as his "masterpiece."**
- **Silver paired case English pocket watch, circa 1830.**
- **Peter Stretch long case 8 day clock, circa 1710, made in Philadelphia.**
- **Japanese Shogun Era Temple Clock**

Mike Williams, Vice President  
2008 Regional Convention Chairman  
NAWCC Southwestern Chapter 15  
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# Great Southwestern Regional

## April 18-19, 2008

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday - April 18

10:00 a.m. Registration/Unloading  
 1:00 pm – 5:00 p.m. Mart Hours  
 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Educational Program  
 (Dating Gustav Becker Clocks, by John Hubby)

#### Saturday - April 19

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Banquet  
 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mart Hours  
 11:00 Mart Shopping Spree Drawing  
 Other activities with times to be announced

\* Door Prizes \* Silent Auction \* Exhibits\*  
 \* Educational Programs\* Hospitality\*

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\$69.00-\$95.00 +tax (single to King rooms)

Deadline to receive special room rate is April 1, 2008.

**\*\* Deadline for all pre-registration is April 4, 2008 \*\***

**Registrations received on or before March 21, 2008 will be eligible for a drawing for one night FREE Hotel accommodations. Drawing to be held at Breakfast Banquet. \*\* Deadline for all pre-registration is April 4, 2008 \*\***

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON BADGES**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name/Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a National Officer\_\_ Director\_\_ Chapter President \_\_ Fellow\_\_ Star Fellow\_\_ Old Timer\_\_

Registration Fee (member/family members).... \_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Registration at the door is \$25.00)  
 Children under 18 admitted free

Registration Saturday Only..... \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Sat registration at the door \$15.00)

Breakfast Banquet..... \_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mart Table (Maximum 2 people per table)..... \_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Tables **DO NOT** include Registration Fee

½ Mart Table (Maximum 1 person)..... \_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Tables **DO NOT** include Registration Fee

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Make Checks Payable to:</b>          Southwestern Chapter 15 Regional</p>	<p><b>Mail To:</b>          Pat Holloway, 1105 Lafayette Ln.          Pflugerville, TX 78660</p>	<p><b>For information contact: Regional Chairman</b>          Mike Williams – 512-788-5125          Mike@simpletimeclocks.com</p>
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## Message from the President

~Gene Galbraith

As time is counting down toward the **Great Southwestern Regional in New Braunfels**, we should all be getting registered and making reservations in the hotels and camp grounds. In addition to the Regional activities, you may find time to stroll around the city and enjoy the historical architecture and beautiful gardens. The quaint shops offer many opportunities to browse for those special items to take back to friends and family.

The **Mart** will be your best source for anything horological. Clocks, watches, tools, parts, and supplies should be plentiful. The **Regional Exhibit** will feature items on the theme, "**Parade of Time.**" Already some great pieces have been promised for the exhibit. You no doubt have items that are worthy of sharing with the world. Let us know what you have, so we can plan to display them. Remember, the exhibit is tightly secured for the protection of your precious timepieces, horological tools, and literature. Everything is insured for your safety and peace of mind. Therefore, please share your treasures with us.

On **March 15**, you that are interested in the marvelous clocks known as "**Self-winders,**" will have the opportunity to hear a self-winder specialist give a presentation on these clocks. **Ken Reindel**, out of Austin, works for National Instruments. He has developed a passion for repairs and restorations of self-winders. His expertise is known throughout the world. His techniques and inventions have transformed the way in which we view these relics of industrial timekeeping. You don't want to miss Ken's program. Check other details about this presentation elsewhere in **The MainSpring**.

## Save The Date

- **NAWCC Chapter 15 Workshop  
Self Winding Clock Restoration  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00  
Austin, Westover Hills Church of  
Christ**
- **Great Southwestern Regional  
April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
New Braunfels, Texas  
New Braunfels Civic Center**
- **NAWCC National Convention  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Springfield, MO**

## **March Program Self Winding Clocks**

A reminder about the hands on repair class we have scheduled in Austin, Saturday March 15, 2008; begin 9 a.m. and run until Noon.

Ken Reindel is going to cover repair and restoration of electro-mechanical movements, specifically the Self Winding Clocks. We only have 3 hours which can't do justice to a total restoration, but we will get as far as we can. I am sure that our time will be full to overflowing with information, so bring your movement and be prepared to learn the nuances and details of the electro-mechanical movement. Once again we're meeting at the Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa in Austin. That's on the corner of Steck and Mesa. Questions can be directed to Jerry Brazil at 210 698-6665 or [eggman@satx.rr.com](mailto:eggman@satx.rr.com)

## **2008 NAWCC Crafts Competition**

There's still time to enter the 2008 NAWCC Crafts Competition that will take place at the National Convention in Springfield, MO, June 11 – 14, 2008. In addition to all the other activities and displays that will be available, the competition is a great way to share your interests and talents with other watch and clock enthusiasts. Wondering what you might enter? Photographs of some of the 2007 entries, along with a complete listing and description of the 25 classes, rules and entry forms are included in the December issue of *The Mart* on pages 59 through 62. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than May 16, 2008, so start thinking now about what you might want to enter. It would be great to see entries from Chapter 15 members included again this year.

## **Member Updates**

Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Jack Whisenhunt, who was recently released from a ten day stay in the hospital for a lung infection. Jack is resting and recovering at home.

A reminder to please send member updates to:  
[newsletter@nawcc-chapter15.org](mailto:newsletter@nawcc-chapter15.org) or  
Newsletter  
1502 Dartmouth Ave  
Austin, TX 78757  
or give me a call at 512-454-5918.

## 2008 Membership Renewal – Last Notice

We've had tremendous response to the membership renewal reminder in the last couple of newsletters, but there are still a few of our members that I've not heard from. Although this will be the last published reminder for 2008 renewals, you can still continue to send your dues, and the roster will be updated accordingly. A big **Thank You** goes out to everyone for responding so quickly.

Dues are \$10 per year and run concurrent with the calendar year. Please complete the Membership Application found below so we can check our records for addresses and other details. Additionally, if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please indicate this on the application. E-mail distribution helps save postage and production expenses, thus allowing us to utilize the available funds for outreach and educational programs. Thank you for your support of our chapter!

Chapter 15 Membership Application  
New Application / Renewal (circle one)  
Membership Dues are \$10

You must be a current and paid member  
of NAWCC to join a Chapter.

You may be a member of more than one chapter.

**Please Print or Type**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAWCC Member # \_\_\_\_\_

HOROLOGICAL INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable To: Chapter 15, NAWCC  
Enclose this application and check and send to:

Pat Holloway  
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## Bench Tip

If you use a graver on a lathe, you know that the piece being cut or shaped will reflect the polish (or lack thereof) of the cutting edge of the graver. Similarly when using abrasive paper to polish a metal surface the finish will be affected by what backs up the paper. For the finest smooth finish a nice thick piece of glass with the abrasive paper laid on top will give you the smoothest finish. Lay the glass and paper flat and stroke your work over the top.

This tip works especially well if you need to square up the corners of an hard Arkansas four-sided slip such as the type used by many for the final polish on pivots. Use smooth strokes with a firm pressure.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Neill Day, Chapter 15 Treasurer reports that the account balances on the last statements are:

**Chapter 15 – \$8508.49**  
**Regional – \$1746.93**



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