



The MAIN SPRING

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

President's Message

~ Gene Galbraith

Southwestern Chapter 15 is working through its Board of Directors to provide horological programs that will be of interest to young and old; old-timers and newcomers. Toward that end we are inviting guest speakers to share their knowledge on special subjects and bring items that are rarely seen in public presentations. We hope the membership of Chapter 15 will support these programs with their attendance and by bringing visitors to share the wonders of horology.

Clock and watch enthusiasts will be especially interested in the programs planned for June and July. Where and when will be found in the "Save The Date" section of this newsletter, but you will have a great opportunity to learn about key wind and key set pocket watches from 1840-1890. Also, you will be able to experience the Great Civil War through the stories of clocks and watches of the period. We especially hope that young people will join in the excitement when they see and hear about the Civil War from one who is a specialist in re-enactments. The stories are true, and they are supported by authentic objects and documents.

However, we would not forget those among our membership who have specialized knowledge about various subjects. Let us know who you are, and offer to share your expertise in a program. Do not hesitate to step forward and teach us what you know. We are all better for what we learn from each other.

Great Southwestern Survey

In the business meeting for NAWCC Chapter 15, held at the recent Regional meet, it was decided that the best method for determining the direction the Chapter should take would be a survey. In discussion, the initial idea was to get responses to how the Regional was conducted, but eventually this was broadened to include questions on other Chapter activities.

In this newsletter you will find a series of questions to help discover what Chapter members want from the Chapter. Some questions will be very specific as to practices and others will be more open-ended to help discern what members are looking for both in type of Chapter activities, in practice as to how those activities are conducted, and where they take place.

Please take the brief amount of time that will be required to complete the survey. If you are still receiving a paper copy or if you wish to print out your email copy; after the paper copy is filled out please mail it to:

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Those who receive email copies can go to the Chapter website (address just below this article) and get an electronic copy. After you fill it out send it to: **Secretary@nawcc-chapter15.org**

One thing to remember is that this is a completely volunteer organization; no one is paid for any efforts that they make for the Chapter. Consider what you can do to help make things you want to see done a reality.

Visit Your NAWCC Chapter 15 Website at www.nawcc-chapter15.org/ - new information updates!!

Great Southwestern Chapter 15 Member Survey

Please submit in the month of June – Thanks!

For the recent Regional the hours for Friday were scheduled to encourage attendance on Saturday, and it worked – more people on Saturday. What was your opinion of how these should be scheduled and do you feel it is a good idea?

There were many favorable comments on the New Braunfels site for the Regional. Did you find the facility and the location to be convenient?

Are there any areas of concern you have on Chapter 15 programs, Marts, or other activities?

Does the *Mainspring* publication meet your needs? How could it be improved? What would you like to see more of, and in what areas would you like to see less coverage?

Does the Chapter 15 Website meet your needs? How often do you visit the Website? How could it be improved?

Any other comments on any subject?

Please circle your response for the following:

Regional:

Preferred days of the week:

- Friday/Saturday
- Saturday/Sunday
- Friday/Saturday/Sunday

Preferred start time:

- a.m. or p.m.

Banquet:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Programs:

- During mart hours
- Evening after the mart closes

Chapter 15 meetings:

- Frequency:
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Other

Timing:

- Saturday morning
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday afternoon
- Saturday evening

Location:

- Austin
- San Antonio
- Other (if other, where?) _____

Type of meetings:

- Program
- Hands on workshop
- One-day Mart
- Picnic or "pot-luck" gathering

Topics for programs:

- Watches
- Clocks
- Horological tools
- Bench tips
- Specific topics of interest for programs or workshops? Please list any specific topics .

Would you be willing to present a Chapter 15 program or workshop?

If so, please list the topic(s)

You Know You Enjoy It, Share!

As a member of NAWCC Chapter 15, you know the advantages of being involved. Share that with someone you know that enjoys watches or clocks. Any NAWCC member can join as many Chapters as they wish, so why not give this membership application to someone you know.

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: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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NAWCC Member # _____

HOROLOGICAL INTERESTS: _____

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

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Treasurer's Report

The final report for the financials on the Regional and up to date information on Chapter Funds will be posted within a few days on the Chapter Website and will be in next month's newsletter.

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Save The Date

- **NAWCC National Convention**
June 11th – 14th
Springfield, MO
- **Chapter 15 June Meeting**
“Key Wind, Key Set Pocket Watches”
June 21st – 10:00 am
Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches
Lockhart, TX
- **Chapter 15 July Meeting**
“Time Pieces of the Civil War Era”
July 19th – 10:00 am
Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches
Lockhart, TX
- **Texas All Chapters Regional**
August 22nd - 24th
JW Marriot
Houston TX
- **Chapter 15 One Day Mart**
September 13th, 8:00 a.m.
1st United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Wharton, Texas

Great Southwestern Regional 2009

Since the feedback on the New Braunfels site for the 2008 Great Southwestern Regional has been so positive, and after exploring some other sites in the area; we will be going back to New Braunfels for 2009.

Mike Williams, Vice President and Great Southwestern Regional Chairman for 2008, contacted some other locations. But for the price and the excellent facilities (see picture to the right of the Mart Room and below of the excellent loading dock), New Braunfels could not be beat.

Exact dates and other information will be available soon so you can put this on your calendar.



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