



The MAIN SPRING

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National Association of
Watch and Clock Collectors*

Tri-Chapter One Day and Mart Sponsored by Chapters 15, 124 and 139 October 18, 2008 Lockhart, Texas

If you haven't already made plans to attend, now's the time to mark your calendar for the Tri-Chapter One Day to be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2008. Due to renovations at the Waco facility, we are hosting this year's event at the 1st United Methodist Church, 313 W. San Antonio St., Lockhart, TX 78644.

The Mart will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 and includes tables on a first-come-first-served basis. Coffee, doughnuts and breakfast goodies are also included. As part of the day's events, there will also be a program on the wonderful courthouse tower clock

If you haven't been to Lockhart recently, plan to make a day of it with lunch at one of the local restaurants and some of the best barbecue in Texas (and of course that would be the best there is) within walking distance. There are also antiques and gift shops, the beautiful Caldwell County Courthouse on the scenic town square, as well as the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches.

For an overnight stay, hotels in the area include the Plum Creek Inn (512-398-4911) www.plumcreekinn.net and the Best Western Lockhart Hotel & Suites (800-780-7234 or 512-620-0300) www.bestwestern.com/lockharthotelsuites

We still need volunteers to help with unloading, manning the hospitality area, and to bring breakfast foods. Please contact Roy Barnard at OneDayMarts@nawcc-chapter15.org or by phone at (512) 225-4783 as soon as possible if you can help out.

Vice President's Corner

October--the half-way point between regionals and annual membership meetings. Annual meetings in odd-numbered years mean elections for chapter officers. Elections for officers mean that we need members who are willing to serve in these positions. By expressing my willingness to serve as chapter vice-president in 2007, I also indicated a willingness to serve as chapter president in 2009. But we still need members willing to serve in other positions. The future of Chapter 15 depends on the hard work and vision of several officers and directors and the support of the membership. One or two people can't do everything, nor should only one or two people make decisions that significantly could affect the reputation and financial resources of our membership: A dynamic board of chapter officers and directors is needed to spread the work around—to help us achieve great things when we can and to serve as a sanity check against unworkable ideas.

The officers and directors are always seeking input from members on what they'd like to see for chapter activities. We've planned a few educational events and this month's Tri-Chapter one-day show should be great—it's our first one-day show since January, I believe. But I think that we can be doing a little more. Personally, I'd like to see us offer more weekend hands-on classes, much like Chapter 124 offers. It seems like every time I take one of their classes, half of the participants are from Chapter 15! But to offer classes like Chapter 124 takes the commitment of regular instructors, a regular classroom that is accessible, conveniently located, inexpensive, and someplace where we can get "down and dirty" by making metal chips or using cleaning fluids. What are your ideas? What are you willing to do to help make it happen? Are you willing to become an officer or director in charge of making the idea work, or helping another person make it work? Give it some thought and give us some feedback!

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

President's Message:

~ Gene Galbraith

Fall has arrived, and with it a host of events scheduled for clock and watch enthusiasts have already crowded the calendar. We are truly fortunate to have very active officers and directors who are constantly working to bring us activities for the enjoyment of members of the Southwestern Chapter 15 of NAWCC.

The upcoming Tri-Chapter Mart in Lockhart, October 18, is a highlight of the schedule which all of us will want to get involved in. Roy Barnard, Director of One-day Marts, is heading up the event. Let's all pitch in and give him a hand in the various tasks that are necessary to make this a successful mart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those in NAWCC chapters who were impacted by hurricane Ike. If anyone has special needs for assistance during this difficult time of recovery, please do not hesitate to contact your chapter leaders. We should all band together to relieve the suffering of our affected members.

Looking forward to the month of November, you will notice that the Southwestern Chapter 15 meeting is taking on a different format from the usual table, chairs, PowerPoint, and special speaker fare. We are most grateful to Jay and Pat Holloway for opening their home to us for a special Thanksgiving Fellowship for members, their families, and friends. Take note of the details of this event in this and subsequent newsletters, The MainSpring.

Not the least of exciting events on the horizon is the 2009 Regional Convention. Mike Williams, Vice president and Regional Chairman, has already begun advance planning for the Great Southwestern Regional next April. Any member of Chapter 15 who wishes to get involved in Chapter activities can learn a lot by joining forces with Mike and volunteering for committee work. It takes a lot of people working together to make successful Regionals happen. So, get in the kitchen and help Mike start cooking.

Save The Date

- **Tri-Chapter One Day Meeting**
Lockhart, Texas
October 18th
(see this newsletter for details)
- **Arkansas Razorback Regional**
Fort Smith, Arkansas
October 30th – November 1st
- **Great Southern Regional**
Metairie, Louisiana
November 15th & 16th
- **Chapter 15 Potluck Social**
Home of Pat and Jay Holloway
Pflugerville, Texas
November 22nd
- **One Day Show – Chapter 139**
St. John's Presbyterian Church
Houston, Texas
November 22nd

November Chapter 15 Meeting

Our November meeting will be a Potluck Social at Jay and Pat Holloway's home in Pflugerville. In keeping with the season, our program will include a brief time of sharing something that each of us is thankful for – this can be anything from being thankful for a particular tool, a certain clock, reference guide or a person who has encouraged or mentored you during the years.

To allow travel time, the social will be at lunch, kicking off at 11:00 and continuing until 2. Everyone is welcome to come a little early and/or stay later and visit if your schedule allows. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend.

Additional details will be included in the November MainSpring and on the website. See you there!

It's Dues time again.....

Hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about renewing your Chapter membership for 2009. Several members have already renewed; if you've paid, the year through which your dues are paid can be found in the upper right of the mailing label of this newsletter, or if you receive the newsletter via e-mail, you can contact me at pwholloway@suddenlink.net to check the status. "2008" on your mailing label means you have paid through December 2008 and will need to renew for 2009.

For convenience, we will also have renewal forms available at the upcoming events over the next several months, and I will have a current membership list we can reference.

Dues are \$10 per year and run concurrent with the calendar year. Please complete the Membership Application found in this newsletter 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 on postage and production expenses, allowing us to utilize the available funds for outreach and educational programs. Thank you for your continued support of our Chapter!

Chapter 15 Membership Application
New Application / Renewal (circle one)
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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

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

Pat Holloway
1105 Lafayette Lane
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Bench Tip: Ever split a piece of wood trying to put in a screw? Well if you have not done it yet, you do not have to go through that experience. Use this chart to get it right.

"Rules of Thumb" for Drill Size for Pilot Holes In Wood	BODY DRILLS			PILOT DRILLS	
	Screw Body Number	Machine Screws	Wood Screws	In Soft Wood	In Hard Wood
	4	No. 31	1/8	1/16	5/64
	5	No. 29	9/64	5/64	3/32
	6	No. 27	9/64	5/64	3/32
	7	--	5/32	3/32	7/64
	8	No. 18	11/64	3/32	7/64
	9	--	3/16	7/64	1/8
	10	No. 9	3/16	7/64	1/8
	12	No. 2	7/32	1/8	5/32

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