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

The way we were



Front Row, left to right: J. M. Perkins; A. A. Adams; Hal Clayburne; C. B. Hedden; and standing, extreme right: C. M. Sandidge; Myron Everts. Second Row: E. B. Partain; O. D. Sale, Jr.; F. T. Jamieson; H. R. Coats; J. A. Rawlings, Jr.; Herschel Payne; L. O. Killion; Ed Landrum. Third Row: B. A. Crocker; Clyde O'Neal; T. J. Lewis; O. C. Bone; C. A. McGlamery.

No, this isn't about the song or the movie. I'm talking about the beginnings of our chapter, 55 years ago. On Sunday, February 13, 1955, nearly two dozen NAWCC members and a number of others met in Waco. A half dozen more members sent letters expressing their regrets, but supporting the efforts to establish an NAWCC chapter. One member travelled 350 miles to the meeting via bus, travelling all night Saturday to attend the all day meeting, then travelled all night Sunday to get back to Falfurrias, TX in time to open his business Monday morning. Others travelled nearly as far. Talk about enthusiasm!

The Southwestern Chapter of NAWCC decided to hold their charter membership open until their next meeting in April, to allow more NAWCC members to join as charter members (including a half dozen non-members who submitted their NAWCC applications at the meeting). Our chapter name reflects the fact that Chapter 15 initially represented all of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. At the time, California had two chapters, Japan had a chapter, the MidWest had three chapters,

and all seven of the other chapters were in the NorthEast! Chapter 14 was established about the same time as our chapter, in St. Louis. Two weeks after our first meeting, NAWCC (1750 members strong) decided to pursue incorporation. At our first "National" as a chapter, NAWCC's incorporation was declared to be in effect, and all 15 chapters were given "Certificates of Charter".

Much has changed in the past 55 years, yet much remains the same. The members who formed Chapter 15 so many years ago expected to possibly "parent" new chapters in the surrounding states, and in fact, eight chapters were spun off in the surrounding four states and four more within Texas itself! Stop to consider that for a minute: Our chapter helped establish nearly as many other new chapters as existed when we were "born"!

I hope to see many of you at our 55th "birthday celebration"—our annual meeting in San Antonio on Saturday, May 1. We will have a mini-mart, lunch (included with admission), and our annual meeting. You won't want to miss Ben Fulbright's educational presentation, "What's my clock (or my collection) worth?"

See you there!
Mike Williams,
President



More on Warren Telechron clocks



Last month's newsletter article on Henry Warren mentioned a Warren Telechron Master Clock Type A in the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches in Lockhart. Thanks to Gene Galbraith for providing a picture of this clock.

We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing about Mike Williams' restored Type B clock.

Treasurer's Report		
Chapter Account		\$7,878.31
Beginning balance	\$8,347.03	
Expenses – dial painting class	\$ 468.32	
Regional Account		\$4,363.60
Beginning balance	\$4,463.60	
Expenses – Lone Star Regional door prize	\$ 100.00	

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Member news

We were saddened to hear that Jack Strickland passed away on March 29th. Jack had been an NAWCC member since 1970, and was a Chapter 15 Life Member. Our thoughts are with his wife, Jean, and their families

Lone Star Regional

Chapter 15 was well represented at last month's Lone Star Regional in Mesquite. As always, the Regional was well worth the drive. The mart room was full – no empty tables in sight. Patience and perseverance paid off at the silent auction table for more than one Chapter member as did timely bids at Friday night's live auction. John Hubby's fascinating presentation on dating Gustav Becker clocks included some newly discovered information, and Ferdinand Geitner's programs were interesting and enlightening.

Chapter 15 Membership Application
New Application / Renewal (circle one)
Membership Dues are \$10
*You must be a current and paid NAWCC member to join a Chapter.
You may be a member of more than one Chapter.*
Please Print or Type

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/COUNTRY: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NAWCC Member # _____

HOROLOGICAL INTERESTS: _____

_____ Please send my Chapter 15 newsletter by email.

Make Check Payable To: Chapter 15, NAWCC
Enclose this application and check and send to:
Pat Holloway
1105 Lafayette Lane
Pflugerville, TX 78660

**Plan now to join us for Chapter 15's
'55 plus 55 Celebration and Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 1st 2010
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Coker United Methodist Church
231 East North Loop Road
San Antonio, Texas 78216**

**\$10 admission covers table rental for the mart, lunch, Chapter 15 history display,
door prizes, annual meeting and a presentation by Ben Fulbright
“What’s my clock (or collection) worth?”**

How to get there:

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.

Clock Bargains

At age 89 and after 40 years of collecting and repairing antique clocks, Clyde Day has decided it’s time to reduce his inventory of some 200 clocks. This includes grandfather, grandmother and granddaughter floor clocks; double dial calendar clocks – both shelf and wall type; school, banjo, store regulator, gallery, Vienna regulator, Morbier, OG, WAG, box, cuckoo, etc. wall clocks. Kitchen, enameled wood, iron front, 4 bell Sonora, steeple, and marble shelf clocks as well as movements and empty cases. Quality ranges from valuable GRO antiques to project clocks. All at bargain prices. Contact Clyde by phone at 830-896-4338 or email clyded@alumni.utexas.net.

Be a part of sharing horology with others

Chapter 124 is developing a permanent collection of clocks, watches and other horological items to become part of the “Bella Library Exhibit.” This portable exhibit stays at each site for one month. Initially all of the material came from Evelyn and Hugh Slough’s collection, but now, Chapter 124 is developing a permanent collection. If you’d like to be a part of this project and have items you are interested in donating, please contact Evelyn Slough at 972-283-5560 or evelyn.slough@sbcglobal.net.

You can see a picture and read more about this wonderful project in the February *Bulletin*.

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Save The Date

- May 1st
Chapter 15's '55 plus 55 Anniversary
Celebration and Annual Meeting
- May 22nd
Chapter 15 program
- NAWCC National Convention
June 16th – 20th
York, PA
- June 26th
Chapter 15 program
- July 24th
Chapter 15 program

The way we were – may not have changed much...

Along with the primary purpose of founding a Chapter, the first Chapter 15 meeting included watch and clock “displays that were many and varied,” and “The hours from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. were devoted to that pursuit most dear to all true collectors; inspecting each other’s “priceless treasures,” swapping yarns, and “hoss-tradin’” in general. ...An incidental result of the meeting was a raid on the antique shops, pawnbrokers, and second hand furniture stores in Waco, bulling the market and sending the price of clocks sky high!! Many had arrived the day before and scoured Waco in search of interesting items. Most interesting item found at an antique shop was a tall case with round dial opening by John Woods.”