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### Save the date

#### **October 22, 10:00 a.m.**

Once upon a TIME  
 Roger & Carolyn Spillers  
 Windermere Clubhouse,  
 16800 Gower St., Pflugerville 78660

#### **November, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Chapter potluck  
 Bob and Karen Rasmussen’s  
 Liberty Hill

#### **December**

No Chapter meeting  
 December 1-4 Lathe FSW  
 College Station

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### President’s Message

One of the things we’ve committed ourselves to within Chapter 15 is training and learning. We put on a variety of Saturday morning meetings focused on educating folks in various aspects of clock repair and restoration, history, the study of a particular maker, and other special topics. Last month, Michael Webb taught us a few things about a variety of clock repair tools. The list was long! It covered arbor straighteners, degaussing (magnetizing/demagnetizing) tools, handy work holders, a unique drill press, suspension spring assembly jigs, and many other things. Michael has a knack for keeping the audience engaged, and that added to the enjoyment of the program. We’ve heard resounding great feedback for his program. Thanks again Michael!

Michael’s program reminded me of stories of the day when the primary path to the profession of clock and watch repair was apprenticing. There was a time when, to qualify as an apprentice, you’d be asked to press your thumb upon a polished square of clean brass. In a few days, the brass would be checked for tarnish or corrosion. If it was excessive, you couldn’t qualify! Thank goodness for Latex gloves or I’d be in big trouble. Likewise, you’d be asked to file a particular shape into a .062” slice of brass. If you could demonstrate some knack for the problem, you were in.

Periodically, I’ll have someone come over to the shop and spend a day working with me on a few restoration projects. While they enjoy learning a few new things about clock repair and restoration, I greatly enjoy their company, so it works out great for everyone. I’ve found that it takes a unique individual who will arrive at, say, 9 in the morning and stay till 8 or so at night working on various clock related projects. It takes a special kind of interest, passion and dedication for what we do to be willing to spend an entire day dealing with grooved pivots, bent escape wheel teeth, and worn verges.

One of the unique things about the NAWCC is the number of folks you run into that are so uniquely dedicated, passionate and committed to the art and science of Horology. In particular, Chapter 15 has a deep and rich history. It might surprise some that we have many members that have been with us for literally decades!

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### **Welcome new members!**

**Gary Sitter - Erie PA**  
**Erik Funk - Kerrville TX**

## President's Message (continued)

The NAWCC Board of Directors passed a motion at their December 2009 meeting to begin offering a "years of service" recognition pin to members each year who have achieved continuous membership in the association for 10, 20, 30 or 40 years. Within our own Chapter this year, these folks have already or will be receiving pins:

Name	Years	City
Don White	10 years	Spicewood
James H. Sadler	20 years	Dallas
Annette White	20 years	Arlington
Joe Jones	40 years	Iowa Park
Julian Cox	40 years	Sugar Land
Ham Hamilton	40 years	San Antonio

Thanks to all of the dedicated members listed above, and to all of those who continue to support us and our endeavors within Chapter 15. We appreciate your companionship and commitment to the art, and look forward to future recognitions!

## Fourth annual potluck

It's almost here! Our fourth annual Chapter 15 Potluck Social will be **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Karen Rasmussen's home** (101 Howard Lane, Liberty Hill TX 78642). Driving directions will be included in next month's newsletter as well as in the reminder email the week before the event.

To allow travel time to and from surrounding areas, the social will be a lunch, from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Spouses and friends are also invited. What better way to introduce them to this great group of people?

Coffee, iced tea, water and paper goods will be furnished. Please plan to bring a dish of your choice: meats/main dishes, vegetables, salads, breads, desserts, etc. are all needed.

## October program

You don't want to miss our October 22nd program when Roger and Carolyn Spillers will be sharing a program called "Once upon a TIME." The meeting will begin at 10:00, at the Windermere Clubhouse, 16800 Gower in Pflugerville.

See you there!

## Chapter membership renewal

It's that time again – time to renew your Chapter 15 membership for 2012. Payment can be made by check or with the PayPal option on the Chapter 15 website. If you have an email address, please consider receiving your newsletter electronically – not only does it reduce our costs, it's environmentally friendly.

Chapter membership	
<p>If you've not yet renewed for 2012, please take a few minutes to complete and return the form below, or use the PayPal option found on the <a href="#">Chapter 15 website</a>.</p>	
<p>Chapter 15 Membership Application                      New Application / Renewal (circle one)                      Membership Dues are \$10  <i>You must be a current, paid NAWCC member to join a Chapter. You may be a member of more than one Chapter.</i></p>	
<p><b><u>Please Print or Type</u></b></p>	
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Treasurer's Report	
<b>Chapter Account</b>	<b>\$7,438.86</b>
Exp: Sept. Newsletter and stamps	62.12
	<b>\$7,376.74</b>
<b>Regional Account</b>	<b>\$4,263.60</b>
Exp: Donation*	100.00
*Houston Regional door prizes	<b>\$4,163.00</b>

## Spot-a-clock – Southern California Edition!

~ Bob and Karen Rasmussen

This year has found my husband, Bob, traveling out to San Diego, CA on business frequently. When I go to visit him, we take some short road trips and have encountered a few street clocks. They've been pleasant surprises to find and we've been able to learn a little something about the areas along the way. The first one we saw was in Laguna Beach, a coastal community north of San Diego.



The clock sits downtown in front of a jewelry store & Bob went in and inquired about it. The only thing they could tell him was that it was no longer mechanical and they supplied the electricity to it. In doing some research online, I found an older article in the LA Times (*Tock of the Town*, February 28, 1996) that talked about the street clocks of Orange County, including this one. According to the article, this clock was made by E. Howard and dates from the 1850s; it's 14 feet tall and diameter of the double face is about 3 feet. Since the 1920s it had stood in front of Huff-Rice Jewelers in downtown Orange, CA.

A florist from Laguna Beach bought the clock in 1975, but apparently there was a case of seller's remorse as the city tried to renege on the transaction and denied the excavation permit required to remove the clock. So, the buyer had to sneak in at night and he somehow got it and transported it down to Laguna Beach. It was soon installed at its current location.



The second one pictured to the right was discovered while we were sitting at a red light in Del Mar. Bob decided he had to get a picture, so he jumped out of the car to take one. (Incidentally, he didn't make the light, so I had to go on & circle back.) While I couldn't find any information on the clock itself, this one was a recent installation (2004) that commemorates 50 years of community service by the local Rotary Club.



The third one pictured to the left was found in Escondido. We had originally made the trip there for the weekly summer classic car show they have downtown & we found it along the main drag. It was also a Rotary Club installation done a year after the one in Del Mar. This one was built by The Fancy Street Light Co. in Rock Island, Ill. Since it looks so similar to the one in Del Mar, they may have been built by the same company, but I can't say for sure.

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### Coming next month -

The next installment of clock case refinishing - repairing the veneer

### Spot-a-clock (continued)

One of the last trips we made was up to Los Angeles. On one of their most famous - and expensive - streets, Rodeo Drive, there is a real Rolex street clock (as if we would expect anything else).



And last but not least, of course, is our stop in Hollywood, where their version of a street clock is a bit unconventional...

OK, so this last one is not really a street clock – it sits at the top of the *Ripley's Believe it or Not* museum on Hollywood Boulevard. As we continue on our travels, we'll keep an eye out to spot more clocks!

Thanks to Bob and Karen for sharing their Spot-a-clock, Southern California style!! Keep your eyes open and your cameras (phones) ready - who knows where or when *your* next clock sightings will be?