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Save the date

March 24

10:00 a.m. Treasures of the Czars
 Mary Ellen Bell
 Windermere Clubhouse
 16800 Gower, Pflugerville

April 28

10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Annual Meeting
 Program – Darrah Artzner
 Rockford Watch Company
 Windermere Clubhouse

May 19

10:00 a.m. Chapter program
 Don Bugh
 “Moving a Seth Thomas Street Clock
 to Texas” and “Sidewalk Clocks of
 Texas”

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

Our busy schedule continues. We had a great turn out for our events during the month of February. At the combined IEEE and NAWCC Chapter 15 presentation on 120 Years of Synchronized Time, we had 53 folks, with 10 Chapter 15 folks present. I want to extend my thanks to all those that attended and helped out with that presentation.

Bea Copeland was kind enough to open her home and allow us to tour her fine clock collection. We are very thankful to her for her hospitality and fascinating tour. Although I regrettably could not be part of the group, many attendees I’ve talked to were greatly impressed with the fascinating history and informative time she provided for the group.

Our March program (to be held on March 24 at the Pflugerville meeting area) is but a few weeks away. And, we will continue with a program from Mary Ellen on “Treasures of the Czars.” Just over the horizon is our Annual Meeting in April. Darrah Artzner will present at our meeting on the Rockford Watch Company. Then, in May, we will get a special treat from Don Bugh as he presents on “Moving a Seth Thomas Street Clock to Texas” and “Sidewalk Clocks of Texas.”

Our appreciation also goes out to our neighbors from Lone Star Chapter 124 who put on a great Regional in Mesquite to kick off the month of March. It was one of the best shows in recent memory: well attended and well done. It was a great opportunity to meet up with friends, see some fascinating educational programs, and participate in a vibrant Mart.

At our meeting in April we will be voting on several important modifications to our By-Laws. Please see the summary of these issues later in this issue of the Mainspring.

I’ve been seeing quite a few articles lately on the history of clock and watch repair training. It’s funny that I would refer to it as “history” when a great deal of change has occurred within my lifetime. For example, in the 1950s, it seems that there were close to 80 schools nationwide available for clock and watch repair training. Today, the number is probably single digit. The programs offered by the NAWCC are the largest and most comprehensive. Thus, one can see the importance of a local Chapter focus on training.

We want to continue to provide local training classes on topics related to clock and watch repair, history, and evolution. We are contemplating a training class during the summer months and will keep you posted as it develops. We appreciate the engagement and interest from all our members who attend these programs. It’s what makes them so worthwhile. (continued on page 2)

President's message continued

Speaking of which, a warm welcome to our new member! You already may have met Richard Fulkerson who has attended several events: the IEEE program, open house at Bea's and the Lone Star Regional in Mesquite. Richard collects Seth Thomas Adamantine clocks as well as watches. We look forward to seeing him at more upcoming programs.

Chapter membership renewal

It's 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.

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,405.74
Exp: Feb. Newsletter	-18.12
Annual liability ins. (Hartford-1 yr)	-500.00
Lone Star Regional door prize don.	-100.00
Inc: Membership renewal (net of PayPal fees)	<u>58.00</u>
Balance	\$6,845.62
Regional Account	\$4,163.60

Upcoming workdays

March 17th and 18th, there will be an informal transfer painting/stenciling workday at Jay and Pat Holloway's. If you have a clock tablet project you've been working on and need a little incentive to get it finished, or if you'd like to learn how to stencil on glass or paint tablets using the transfer method, please plan to join us from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

In the past, several members have gotten together for these workdays, and have had so much fun and learned so much from each other that we wanted to offer an invitation to any of you who would like to attend. If you're interested, or have questions, please give Pat a call (512.252.3881) before Thursday the 15th to discuss what you'd like to work on. No prior painting or stenciling experience is required.

February Open House

On Saturday, February 25th, longtime Chapter 15 member Bea Copeland hosted an open house at her home. In addition to sharing her marvelous collection with the almost 30 attendees, Bea treated us to some of the wonderful Texas hospitality, that helped make the 1978 National Convention in San Antonio such a memorable event. She even had a display that included photographs and one of the custom-made clock piñatas that were the centerpieces on each of the banquet tables. Rather than a formal program, several Chapter members were available throughout the afternoon to help answer questions and provide information on some of the clocks.

A BIG thank you to Bea for opening her home and sharing her collection and loads of San Antonio hospitality!!!

Chapter membership

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 [Chapter 15 website](#).

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

You must be a current, 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 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



*Bea with a display of items from 1978 Convention
Note the clock shaped piñata and Bea's clock-themed dress*



1978 Banquet room with various clock-shaped piñatas on each table.

Member news

We learned this week that longtime Chapter 15 member Julian Cox passed away on March 4th. Julian had recently received a pin from National marking 40 years of membership. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Proposed by-law changes

You may recall that at next month's annual meeting we will be voting on several changes to our bylaws. A full explanation of the changes was included in the November Mainspring. In summary, the changes are as follows:

Constitution Article IV – Officer

Change from three directors, Education and Workshops, One Day Marts and Programs to one Program Director in charge of Education and Workshops.

Bylaws:

Article I. Officers

Section 1. Duties

Section 1b Duties of the Vice President

Remove the following paragraphs from the duties of the vice president:

“The Vice President shall be the General Chairperson for the Annual Chapter meeting, otherwise known as and herein referred to as the Great Southwest Regional meeting of the NAWCC. As General Chairperson the Vice President shall have the overall responsibility for coordinating all activities undertaken during such meeting, including but not limited to the organizing of any and all displays, exhibits, programs, marts, lectures, and educational demonstrations. As General Chairperson the Vice President shall update the records maintained by the Meeting Director and Educational Director for the meeting under his or her production.

The Vice-President shall be the Program Chairman, and is charged with the duty of preparing the technical portion of the program of each chapter meeting. During this period, he shall preside and introduce the speaker.”

Bylaws:

Article II. Meetings and Elections

Section 2. Elections

Currently, a spouse cannot be nominated to the Board of Directors if his or her spouse is also nominated. Change to: A member cannot hold nor be nominated to any officer or director position if his or her spouse already holds or is nominated for the office of President or Treasurer.

Bylaws:

Article VI. Miscellaneous

Section 3. Dues

Currently annual dues are \$10 and the amount can be changed as expenditures require, upon approval of the membership.

Change to: The annual dues shall be \$15 for the first family member and \$10 for the spouse. The amount can be changed as expenditures require upon approval of the membership.

This change was approved at last year's annual meeting, but because it had not been announced beforehand, the official vote will take place this year.

Spot a clock



Thanks to Don White for providing this month's clock spotting. This magnificent clock is housed in the clock tower on the Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square) in Venice. The first clock was installed in the late 15th century and was one of a number of large public astronomical clocks installed in Europe during the 14th and 15th centuries.

At the top of the tower are two great bronze figures that strike the hours on the bell. One of the characters is old and the other young to show the passing of time.