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Save the date

June 23

10:00 a.m. Chapter program
 “The Waterbury Watch Company”
 Pat Holloway
 1105 Lafayette Lane (Holloways’)
 Pflugerville

June 30/July 1

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Stenciling/Painting workdays
 1105 Lafayette Lane (Holloways’)

July 21

One day
 Basic clock repair workshop
 Joint workshop with the Capitol Area
 Watchmakers and Clockmakers
 Guild (CAWCG)
 Windermere Clubhouse
 16800 Gower St., Pflugerville

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

It seems that summer is here! The 90 degree days have become commonplace the last few weeks. We’re still enjoying the relatively cool mornings though, combined with cool breezes. All of us remember the drought last year and the devastating wildfires it brought with it. In New Mexico, even as we write this, a large wildfire rages, started by a lightning strike. It is reported as the largest in New Mexico history. It is said to have consumed an area larger than the size of Chicago so far, and will probably persist through July when the “monsoon” rains come. At 17% containment, it is still out of control, fanned by 40 mph winds and drought. From media reports, it seems to have affected numerous summer cabins so far, but could become a threat to other populated areas. We’ll keep our New Mexico neighbors in our thoughts and prayers. Meanwhile back home we are thankful that we have had some widespread rain this year to help with crops and hopefully prevent a repeat of last year’s summer mess.

I would like to thank Don Bugh, our presenter in May who traveled over from College Station to present a wonderful double-header on Street Clocks. Also, thank you Don for going through the trouble of transporting and setting up the E. Howard movement for us to see! Don’s presentation was fascinating. It was interesting to follow the legacy of several street clocks in Texas, including a favorite of mine at the Bank of America building in Houston. Not sure if I am ready to erect a street clock in our back yard quite yet, but several folks I talked to afterwards were thinking seriously about it!

We have several interesting topics to communicate this month.

As reported at our Annual Meeting, Jay Holloway has taken on the task of upgrading our Chapter 15 website. The good news is that we should have a prototype of the new site operational later this month. Thanks very much to Jay and his son Lane for their efforts to bring the site to modern standards. Thanks also to Mike Williams for his efforts over the last few years to keep the previous site alive and for the help he has been providing to Jay and Lane to transition it.

We were so busy with our Chapter 15 Annual Meeting report last month that several interesting National-level events seemed to get by. First, much effort has been expended at the National level to achieve a balanced educational budget in the light of reduced enrollment. In addition, there is much discussion about organizing a more affordable, shorter term and time-efficient set of training courses at the National level. We’re sure to hear more about both of these topics in the future. (Continued on page 2)

President's Message (continued)

Here at home in Central Texas, we have been talking about doing more workshops. In July, after we have rested and recuperated from the June National, we will be combining forces with the Capital Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers Guild (CAWCG) to do an Introduction to Clock Repair class. More detail is provided later in this Newsletter on location and other pertinent information.

We are scheduling a Self Winding Clock class for August, in my workshop (Ken's Clock Clinic) in Cedar Park, TX. Right now, best guess is it will be held over the weekend of August 18 and 19. I have been putting together an outline for this class. I want to share a partial outline here:

Part 1: Fundamentals

- Understanding electrical principles as applied to early self winding clocks
- Power and Battery Fundamentals: Selecting the right solution
- Fundamentals of contacts, insulators, and wire
- Coils, Electromagnets and Damping Resistors
- Winding Mechanisms and Mainsprings
- The Graham Dead Beat Escapement

Part 2: The Clocks

- The Self Winding Clock Co. Style A, B, C Rotary
- The Self Winding Clock Co. Style F
- The Stromberg Vibrating Wind Electric
- The "Getty" Movement (American Clock Co.)
- Minute Wind Electrics (Standard Electric, Stromberg, ITR, IBM, etc)
- Secondary Clocks (Unipolar and Reverse drive)

3. Electric Clock Setup and Maintenance

- Securing your clock
- Putting in beat
- Oiling and Contact Cleaning
- Synchronization

If you wish to bring a clock, we would appreciate it, and will help you get it working if it does not work, or teach you how to maintain it if it does. We thought long and hard about doing full movement restorations in this class and decided against it. There are two reasons. First, we want to cover multiple movements and clocks in this session. Second, it is virtually impossible to do a full Style F self-winding clock (or any self-winding movement) disassembly and restoration at a classroom level over a weekend, and

do the job correctly and completely. If you have a movement and you desire to have it fully restored, we can schedule that activity as a one-on-one apprenticeship some time in the future. Let's get the basics done up front and well understood first, and then do the restorations later.

Coming up later this month is the NAWCC National Convention in Pasadena. We're looking forward to it and as I mentioned last time, meeting our friends and customers is always a treat. Hope to see you there.

Member recognition

During our May meeting, we recognized Terry Palmer for 20 years as an NAWCC member. Congratulations on this achievement also go to the following members who were not able to attend the May meeting. Thanks to each of you for your continued support of the NAWCC and Chapter 15!

10 years: Tony Janak
 20 years: Ronnie Barcak
 Terry Palmer
 40 years: D.W. Chilcutt
 Wally Napier
 Dr. John Sykes
 J.J. Schonaerts
 Robert Shans
 Frank Chafey

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,031.16
Exp: May Newsletter	-16.76
Inc: Membership and renewals	<u>165.00</u>
Balance	\$7,179.40
Regional Account (unchanged)	\$4,163.60

Painting and stenciling workdays

The next painting and stenciling workdays will be Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st. Like to hear more, or join us for this fun activity? Contact Pat Holloway for details on these upcoming workdays.

Welcome new NAWCC and Chapter 15 members Randy and April Welch

Upcoming events

In addition to the August Self Winding Clock Class Ken mentioned in his message, there are several upcoming events that provide a wide range of opportunities. Here are a few of them:

June 23rd – Pat Holloway will be giving a program on **“The Waterbury Watch Company and How it Grew.”** In addition, there will be a short demonstration on how to access a few of the many useful resources found on the NAWCC website. Please note that this meeting will be held at the Holloways’, 1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville.

June 30th /July 1st – **Painting/stenciling work days** (see details on page 2)

July 14th – Joint **Basic Pocket Watch Repair** class with The Capitol Area Clockmakers and Watchmakers Guild (CAWCG) at the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches. Registration will be opening later this month. For additional information, please contact Jay Holloway by email at jay@hollowaytrading.com or by phone at (512) 294-7371.

July 21st – Joint **Basic Clock Repair** class with CAWCG at the Windermere Clubhouse in Pflugerville. The cost for this one-day class is \$25, which must be paid to reserve a spot in the class. For additional information or to register, please contact Dave Arnold by email at darnold@mail.utexas.edu or by phone: (512) 694-5820.

July 28th – Chapter 15 program at the Windermere Clubhouse, 16800 Gower, Pflugerville.

August 18th/19th – (tentative) **Self-Winding Clock Company Repair Class** at Ken’s Clock Clinic. More details to come.

August 23rd – 25th – **All Texas Chapters Regional** in Houston. Chapter 15 is a cohort for this great Regional, so if you’d like to pitch in and lend a hand, please contact Pat at pwholloway@suddenlink.net. You can also save 10% by taking advantage of the Early Bird Registration available through June! The Early Bird form can be found on the Chapter 139 website. This year’s Regional will be held at the Westchase Marriott – free parking, close to plenty of shopping and restaurants, and since it’s located at the Sam Houston Tollway, you don’t even have to face the Galleria area traffic. A great exhibit and a wide variety of programs are scheduled. There will be something for everyone. Make plans now to attend!

Texas Tower Clocks

We had a real treat in May when Don Bugh presented a street clock double-header: “Moving a Seth Thomas Street Clock to Texas” and “Street Clocks of Texas.” The stage was quickly set and interest was high when Don arrived and set up a working E. Howard street clock. It’s not often that we get to see these clocks actually working.

After everyone had an opportunity to examine the clock, we settled back to hear about some of the ordeals Don encountered moving a Seth Thomas street clock from Canada and setting it up in College Station during the hottest August on record. Luckily, once the clock finally arrived, Terry Palmer was willing to battle the elements (and the heights) to help Don with the installation. And, despite the heat, Don and Terry got to have crash courses on operating fun equipment like fork lifts, cherry pickers and fall protection.

To add to the fun, Don and Terry were working in a short time frame since they planned to make it to Houston in time for the opening of the 2011 All Texas Regional!

In addition to his street clock, Don is currently documenting other original street clocks in Texas. During the second presentation, he shared pictures and some amazing stories related to the history of several of these clocks. Many thanks to Don for all his research efforts and for sharing his findings with us.

As Ken said in his message, we really appreciate Don (and Betty) making the trip from College Station to share his experiences and research findings. If you missed the presentations, be sure to ask Don about his experiences next time you see him!

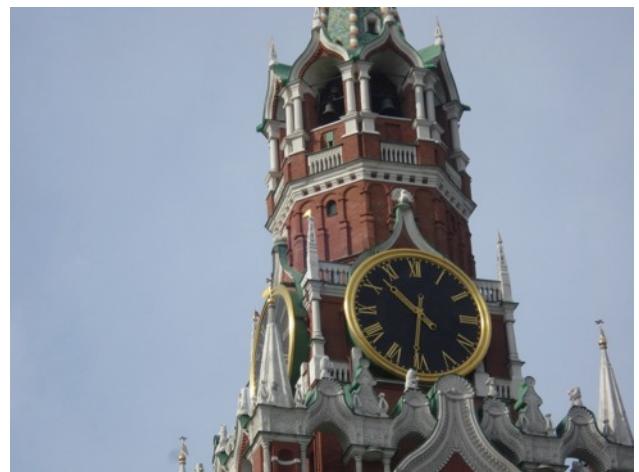


Who wants to talk around the water cooler when we can talk around a real working street clock instead!!

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Spot a clock

Last month, Don Bugh gave us a look at some Texas street clocks. This month, Mary Ellen Bell spotted our clock a little farther away. Thanks Mary Ellen for sharing these pictures from your 2010 visit to Russia!



I'm standing in front of the tower clock in the Kremlin wall in Moscow. According to Russian records, I am the only woman to climb inside the clock and up into the belfry. This was in 2002 and I was happy to revisit it again in 2010. Unfortunately, we didn't get to go inside.

Above is a close up picture of the clock.