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July 21

Painting/stenciling workday – 9 – 5
 Holloways’
 1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville

July 27

Chapter 15 Program – 10 a.m.
 American clock glass
 Don Bugh
 Pok-e-Jo’s - 2121 Parmer, Austin

August 18

Painting/stenciling workday – 9 – 5
 Holloways’
 1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville

August 23-24

Unloading and set up – August 22
 All Texas Chapters Regional
 Marriott Westchase
 2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston

September 28 – Ch. 15 program

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

The summer seems to be moving along at warp speed! Here we are, already half way through! We were given a bit of a relief from the typical June heat, primarily provided by a higher frequency of cold fronts, cloudier skies, and some rainfall. But now, here we are, well into the 100-degree days.

Unfortunately and unexpectedly our plans shifted, and as a result we could not attend the NAWCC National Convention. Despite our change of plans, Chapter 15 was well represented with a long list of attendees. From talking with those that made the trip, it was a great show. This year’s National was held at the Dayton Convention Center on Fifth Street. It included an auction by none other than Tom Harris, an active Mart, and an entire host of interesting speakers and programs. Some travelers experienced rather characteristic Ohio summer rainfall during the trip.

An interesting and intriguing change in approach has been announced from the Awards Committee related to the “Chapter of the Year” awards. It was decided that to level the disparity between large and small chapters, moving forward there will be two awards: one for large chapters and one for small chapters. While not yet exactly clear what constitutes a small chapter, we will definitely be tuning in for more information as it becomes available.

The big news coming from the Convention this year involves someone dear to us here in Chapter 15. At the Banquet Dinner, Pat Holloway was honored with the coveted (and needless to say well-deserved) Fellow Award. She has been intensely hard working, dedicated and active in the study of horology for many years, participating and contributing to multiple Chapters and National level activities.

While the award was somewhat of a surprise to Pat, it is no surprise to those of us here in Chapter 15 who have worked with her. Pat has kept Chapter 15 glued together and vibrant for at least 6 years, including several during which she bridged the gap when there was a void in leadership. Pat has developed a series of Workshops, which she holds at her home, sharing her knowledge and encouraging participation from both members and spouses. In this way she has grown the Chapter and increased active member participation. There is no better way to seed the continuation of the interest in Horology! She is absolutely an example for everyone to follow.

On a continuing basis Pat provides the heartbeat for our Chapter. She is continuously checking to make sure activities and Workshops are in place, Newsletter inputs are ready—and does so with similar activities in

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other Chapters simultaneously. It’s amazing she keeps it all straight, but she never misses a beat.

Pat touches the NAWCC across a broad array of levels. An NAWCC Director, three Chapter presidents, and countless NAWCC Chapter members supported her nomination. In 35 years of professional industry experience and 38 years of membership in the NAWCC, I’ve rarely seen someone with such unbounded energy and dedication to the NAWCC like I have experienced working with Pat.

Congratulations Pat on your well deserved Award!

Other programs included Lee Horrisberger discussing “Spending Time with Dueber Hampden.” Lee is a professor, teaching communications and marketing. As part of a project to study the use of social media, she started to blog about Dueber-Hampden. The responses to this blog and the new information that has become available definitely show the power of the Internet and social media. Doug Cowan very adeptly condensed several hundred years of travel clock evolution into a fifty-minute presentation. Although travel clock is often synonymous with carriage clock, he explained that travel clocks cover a broader range – both in terms of time period and in style. Patty Moore presented a very colorful presentation on neon clocks, many of which have an Ohio connection.

In addition to the National speakers, there was a wide variety of Chapter meetings and presentation going on concurrently. David Lima demonstrated gold leafing on columns at the Horological Arts Chapter meeting; Tom Spittler spoke on Luman Watson clocks at the Cog Counters; Richard Newman talked about John Wright and America’s oldest watch at the AHS-US section meeting.

And not to be overlooked was the Craft Contest where talented members submitted absolutely amazing hand crafted horological items. When the pictures appear in the *Bulletin*, please be sure to take a few minutes to see the skill that is evident in the organization. The entries ranged from intricately carved clocks to restored tower clocks to beautiful reverse glass painting – and everything in between! You’ll be hearing more about the Craft Contest in the months to come since our own Jay Holloway has been named to Chair the Craft Committee. One of his goals is to help members become more aware of the annual craft contest and he’d really like to see some of our talented Texas members submit entries for the 2014 National in Milwaukee.

Last, but definitely not least, as always there were *many* interesting finds in the Mart Room. With over 750 tables sold, you can imagine the volume and variety of items available to tempt even the most disciplined enthusiast!



Treasurer’s Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,787.78
Inc: None	
Exp: Newsletter and postage	-12.28
Balance	\$7,775.50
Regional Account	\$3,963.60
No change	
Balance	\$3,963.60

2013 National Convention

As Ken mentioned, the 2013 National Convention is now history. With over 1,400 attendees and 770 tables sold, there was plenty of activity and many opportunities to connect with others. Chapter 15 was very well represented. Some of the members and spouses in attendance included Mary Ellen Bell, Don and Betty Bugh, Hugh and Kathryn Lindsay, Jay and Pat Holloway, Rev. Bob Miller, Hugh and Ruth Overton, Bob and Karen Rasmussen, Hugh and Evelyn Slough, Fred and Pam Tischler, Gene and Jane Treybig, Randy and April Welch, and James and Bonnie Williams. Additionally, there were many attendees from other chapters around the state.

This year was the 70th anniversary of the NAWCC and the 200th anniversary of Seth Thomas. Ian Roome was the keynote speaker Wednesday evening, giving a very interesting timeline of the Seth Thomas companies. There was an amazing exhibit of Seth Thomas regulators (pictures in the Spot a Clock section page 4) and two programs that were presented in the exhibit room, allowing attendees to see the clocks that were being discussed. Earl Harlamert spoke about Seth Thomas regulators and Greg Gorton covered perpetual calendar movements.

July Program

On the 27th, Don Bugh will present American Clock Glass. The presentation will cover the history of glassmaking and properties of glass followed by a discussion and demonstration of tools



and techniques for cutting, trimming and drilling holes in glass. If you've ever wondered

how clock glass was made or how to make some of those tricky cuts for a replacement glass, this is your opportunity to learn more.

Don is also making a very generous offer: if you need a piece of glass cut for a clock, you may bring it along. If you have questions about a glass you need, or what you will need to bring, please contact Pat at 512-252-3881.

Houston Regional

Mark your calendars now for August 22-24 for the long-awaited All Texas Chapters Regional in Houston! Unloading for vendors/table holders is on August 22nd and the Mart room and programs begin on the 23rd.

Many Chapter 139 members are working diligently to restore the many items that have been donated for the silent auction. If last year's restoration work is any indicator, there will be some real prizes available at very reasonable prices.

This year's exhibit is North American Regulators. Additionally, a wealth of information will be shared during the scheduled programs: Rockford Watch Company Watches by Darrah Artzner; Tips for the Novice Clock Collector by Tim Glanzman; and Howard Clocks by Ralph Pokluda of Chappell Jordan Clocks. As if that isn't enough, everyone is invited to attend a program on Anniversary Clocks that is part of the Chapter 168 meeting on Saturday.

Registration forms are available in the July *Mart and Highlights* and on the Chapter 139 website <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/Regional.html>

June Meeting

On June 22nd, Pat Holloway shared a presentation on the effects of magnets on watches and some of the solutions used to counteract these effects. With the increased use of electricity in the mid- to late 1890s, the negative side effects of stronger and more prevalent magnetic sources related to electricity generation and transmission wreaked havoc on many pocket watches. As early as the 1830s, Arnold and Dent, as well as Ulrich, were experimenting with various materials to study magnetism's effect. But, for the most part, magnetism wasn't the primary concern of watchmakers.

There were three ways to combat magnetism: de-magnetize the watch after exposure, utilize external articles to protect the watch and internal protection employing non-magnetic materials for watch construction. Pat shared turn of the century images of advertisements for individuals who would demagnetize a watch, in addition to pictures and ads for equipment that could be purchased. One of the articles even had instructions for building a do-it-yourself demagnetizer that could use either 75- or 110-volt circuits.

External protection covered a range from a rubber, chamois lined pocket costing only 25 cents to the well-know Ajax insulators to Giles' anti-magnetic shield that had been awarded a medal at the Paris Exposition. There were also ads from various watchcase makers extolling the virtues of their cases that negated the need for any additional devices.

Paillard, a Swiss horologist, was instrumental in the last category - internal protection. Not only did he patent non-magnetic palladium alloys for hairspring and balances, he also joined a group of American businessmen to form the Geneva Non-Magnetic Watch Co. that became the Non-Magnetic Watch Company of America. The designation "Paillard's Patent" can be found on watches. The Paillard Non-Magnetic Watch Company had an exhibition in the electricity building at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

This brief overview of magnetism's effect on watches gave us a greater appreciation of the reliable timepieces common today.

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Spot a clock

This month, Spot a clock shares a few shots at exhibit from the 2013 National Convention in Dayton.

