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Save the date

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 8

Painting/stenciling workday – 9 – 5
Holloways’

September 21

Antique pocket watch repair – 9-5
Windermere Clubhouse
16800 Gower, Pflugerville

September 28

Chapter 15 program - 10 a.m.

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

Well, August once again lives up to its reputation in Austin, TX. With temperatures soaring over 102°, we look forward to the cooler early mornings, which rapidly evaporate as the day marches on. Actually, yesterday the thermometer in my car registered 107° on my trip home! We were appreciative of the July rains here locally which cooled things off...even a cloudy day is a welcomed experience. We look forward to cooler temperatures of late September, but that’s a long way off at the moment! Fortunately, our country has not had the disastrous weather so far this year; we are hoping this keeps up and the coasts avoid the harsh, pounding hurricane winds and rains we’ve seen in recent years.

I want to extend a special thanks to Don Bugh for his outstanding July 27 program on horological glass cutting. It was a good deal of work for him! First, Don traveled from College Station equipped with every kind of tool for cutting and trimming glass, as well as an ample supply of glass—including samples of various glass samples from different eras. Second, Don dedicated over an hour cutting glass pieces for enterprising folks who brought their clocks to him with broken glass, or clock doors needing a fix. Don was generous with his knowledge, skill and energy to help out all of his “customers” free of charge!

During Don’s presentation, we learned a good deal about many aspects of the art. First, Don presented an enlightening summary on the history of glassmaking. We were all fascinated to learn that while the knowledge of how to formulate glass existed in 100 AD, glass was not commercially available (except to the very elite) until the mid 1800’s for use in homes. It was fascinating to see the numerous methods for glass making as Don charted the different methods used in making clock glass over the centuries. Finally, Don taught us about using the right tools in glass cutting and how important both these tools and techniques combine to get reliable results, including cutting circles.

Again, thank you Don for the awesome program!

Before our meeting, Jay Holloway encouraged everyone to participate in this year’s craft contest with the NAWCC. You can read more in his message on page 3.

August 22-24 will bring with it our annual trip to Houston for the All Texas Chapters Regional. We are hoping for a strong mart again this year (last year’s was quite good). The Regional will once again be held in the new location, the Houston Marriott Westchase. The free parking, easy accessibility to good restaurants, and spacious center will make it a great experience. (Continued on page 2)

President’s Message (cont.)

We want to encourage all Chapter 15 members to give it a try; we hope to have a strong showing again this year!

In addition to the exciting All Texas Chapters Regional, we have several upcoming activities here in our area over the next several months. Please see the Upcoming Events section later in this Newsletter for the details on the upcoming joint program with the CAWCG on Antique Pocket Watch repair, Reverse Glass Painting at the Holloways, and a Meet the Author session with Steve Nelson, Author of “A Tale of Two Clocks.”

Treasurer’s Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,775.50
Inc: Dues	50.00
Exp: Newsletter and postage	<u>-13.64</u>
Balance	\$7,811.86
Regional Account	\$3,963.60
Donation to All Texas Chapters Reg.	<u>100.00</u>
Balance	\$3,863.60

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members who recently celebrated landmark anniversaries with the NAWCC!

10 Years Ⓞ Joe Giles	20 Years Ⓞ Hugh Lindsay Ⓞ Tom Tarpy
30 Years Ⓞ Jack Chipman Ⓞ John Hubby, FNAWCC* Ⓞ Bob Larson	40 Years Ⓞ Richard Cox, FNAWCC* Ⓞ George Deeter Ⓞ Byron White, FNAWCC*

Upcoming Events

As usual, Chapter 15 has many great upcoming activities. August and September events offer something for everyone. Make plans now to attend the ones that are of interest to you. Also, if there are particular topics you would like to see covered in a program or workshop, please contact any of the officers and we will try to get it scheduled. Similarly, if there are topics you’d like to share at a meeting, we’d like to hear about it. It doesn’t have to

be a long presentation – a show and tell format works well for many topics. What better way to further the science of horology than to share your experiences?

August 17th, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

Meet the author webinar with Steve Nelson. This is your opportunity to talk with Steve about his recent *Bulletin* article called “A Tale of Two Clocks.” You can [click here to register](#).

August 18th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join Pat Holloway and Dan Havlik at the Holloways’ to learn more about reverse glass painting and stenciling. Just let Pat know if you plan to attend, and we’ll have supplies available for you. (512-252-3881)

August 22nd – 24th

All Texas Chapters Regional unloading Thursday 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Mart and programs are on Friday and Saturday, and the annual Silent Auction will be held on Friday. This year’s auction features some great clocks, so be sure to check it out.

Registrations and table sales are running neck-and-neck with last year’s so hopefully you’ll be able to find that perfect watch, clock, tool or book that you’ve been looking for.

The exhibit is of North American weight-driven regulators, and programs cover a wide range of topics from Rockford Watches to E. Howard clocks to Tips for the Novice Clock Collector. And if that’s not enough, everyone is invited to the Chapter 168 meeting where John Hubby will be speaking on anniversary clocks.

September 8th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Reverse glass painting and stenciling at the Holloways’.

September 21st, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Joint Capitol Area Watchmaker and Clockmakers Guild and Chapter 15 antique pocket watch repair class. This class will be held at the Windermere Clubhouse, 16800 Gower, Pflugerville, Texas. George Kiser will be leading the class. If you’ve ever wanted to take a pocket watch repair class, you won’t want to miss this opportunity. There will be plenty of assistants to help with the hands-on work. Cost is just \$25 for members. For details, contact Jay Holloway at 512-294-7371.

September 28th, 10 a.m.

Chapter 15 program at Pok-e-Jo’s, 2121 Parmer Lane, Austin.

July Program

On July 27th, Don Bugh presented a very informational and helpful program on American Clock Glass. The presentation began with a brief history of glassmaking, including the qualities that can be found in glass made by various processes through the years.

Following the presentation, Don led a discussion and demonstration of tools and techniques



for cutting, trimming and drilling holes in glass. The difference between the usual \$5 glasscutter and one that has an oil reservoir was amazing. In fact, with the use of this tool, Don made the

job look easy enough for several participants to give it a try. Each of them confirmed that it was nothing like using the glasscutters they had previously used.

Other demonstrations included cutting curved areas, circles, a circle within a circle (see picture to the right) and ultimately drilling a hole with virtually no cracks in the center of a piece of glass. Following the demonstrations and participant practice, Don cut glass to fit several clocks that members had brought to the meeting.



Thank you, Don, for generously sharing this program and your skills!

Houston Regional

It's not too late to register for the All Texas Chapters Regional, August 22-24 in Houston. There are programs guaranteed to appeal to everyone along with "It's for Free" and silent auctions. A schedule of events and registration forms are available in the July *Mart and Highlights* and on the Chapter 139 website <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/Regional.html>

Chapter 15 will once again have a table to promote our Chapter. This table will be located beside the Holloways' tables. Be sure to stop by or plan to spend some time manning the table to answer questions, meet new people and share your love of horology.

Thank you, Chapter 15!

On behalf of the members of San Jacinto Chapter 139 I would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous gift from Southwestern Chapter 15 to be applied to door prizes at the All Texas Chapters Regional. I know the prizes will generate lots of interest, especially for the winners. Please convey our appreciation to your membership.

Respectfully, Avin S. Brownlee

Craft Contest Opportunities

Dear NAWCC Members,

At this time the NAWCC is asking that members and/or chapters review the Craft Contest rules and procedures for the 2014 National Convention being held in Milwaukee, WI from June 19 to June 21.

So many of our members have great talent and the Craft Contest allows them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills on a National level and bring recognition to their local chapter. There are 25 different classes covering all types of watch, clock and horological items.

For more details please contact:
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Did you know?

Did you know that many of the NAWCC's historic periodicals and materials are being scanned and are available to members online? These resources provide invaluable research tools and also make for some very interesting reading. To access the scanned materials, log in to the NAWCC website, click on Library and Research, and select Resources from the menu on the left of the screen.

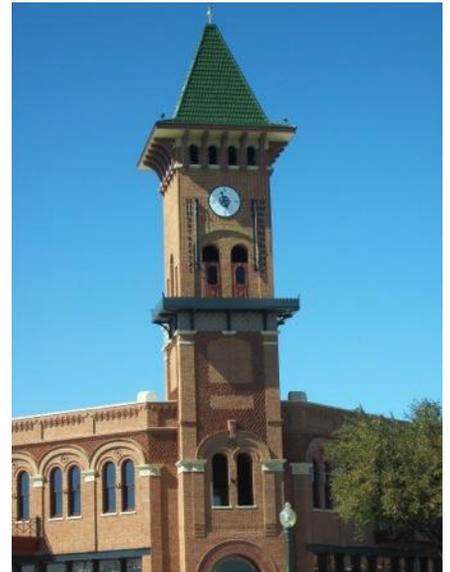
Links to the following are available:

The Keystone Magazine – issues from 1889 – 1912. These are large files, so be patient while they download as they are well worth the wait. You can also find Seth Thomas Tower Clock Records, E. Howard Company Records, Hamilton Watch Company ledgers database, ephemera, and *Timely Topics* – the Hamilton employee publication. If you're interested in learning more about railroad watches, all of The Railroaders' Corner articles can also be accessed.

Spot a clock



This month's Spot a clock features clocks around the Grapevine Visitor Information Center. Chapter 124 restored the street clock pictured on the left, and the project won first place in the Institutional and Public Clock Restoration category of the 2011 National Crafts Competition. If you would like to see before and after pictures, go to www.Chapter124.org click on Activities then McClintock Clock to download a pdf file that documents the painstaking restoration process.



The visitor center pictured on the right features a tower clock and temperature gauge along with an automated reenactment featuring two notorious would be train robbers, Nat Barrett and Willy Majors. These two nefarious characters can be seen in action daily at 12, 3, 6 and 9 p.m. (as long as wind gusts don't exceed 25 mph).

Thanks to Tom and Pat Tarpy for spotting and sharing photos of these great clocks! If you have pictures of clocks that you'd like to share with everyone, just email them to Pat Holloway along with a brief description. That's all there is to it!