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1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville

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Wood case restoration class – 9-5
Windermere Clubhouse
16800 Gower, Pflugerville

January 25

Chapter 15 Program – 10 a.m.
Pok-e-Jo's - 2121 Parmer, Austin

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Hello everyone and welcome to October 2013! I went for a walk last night at 6:30pm and marveled at the wonderful temperatures outside. With rain last weekend and more predicted this coming weekend, it seems like Fall has arrived. And not a moment too soon. We all tire of the hot weather and are about ready for the cool down. It seems to be here now!

We look at the heavy rains that deluged Boulder, Colorado last month and suddenly we are thankful for the relatively tame weather we have had. We could use the rain, but no one needs flooding and disaster. So, thank goodness for the moderate, beneficial rains we have had. Mother Nature will eventually get the lake caught up. Experts differ on when, but we know it will eventually occur.

It's been one year since a number of us took the pilgrimage to the home of Joe Giles to honor Clyde Day and present him with the Fellow Award. So many folks continue to be grateful to Clyde for his dedication to sharing his knowledge, and the time he takes to guide others who are interested in learning the art of horology. In June, Pat Holloway received her well-deserved Fellow Award. We continue to be thankful to Pat for the work she does to keep things turning in the Chapter, and the list is very long. This Newsletter wouldn't happen without her. She orchestrates many of our wonderful programs. Thank you both Clyde and Pat for your special contributions to Chapter 15!

Once again, it's the people that make the NAWCC (and our Chapter) what it is. And, as we described last month, the NAWCC continues to be strong. These are the NEW good old days for the NAWCC. For those who have a desire to contribute, there are many opportunities. Here in Chapter 15, we continue to look for ways to contribute our knowledge and skills to the Community. At our last meeting, we talked about several projects we're investigating. One example is a project that Randy Welch, Jay Holloway and I are presently involved in working with Georgetown to revitalize their downtown tower clock. This one is a perplexing combination of mechanical and electrical challenges that we are wading our way through one step at a time. Right now, we're focused on establishing power integrity to the Hurst synchronous AC motor that powers the unit. Once we have established that, we will run timing tests and see what other problems lurk. We'll keep you posted.

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*Welcome new member
Ray Allard
Lake Buchanan, Texas*

President’s Message (cont.)

Thanks again to everyone that attended our last meeting. Jay Holloway presented the program that covered two special San Antonio clocks. We heard about the “haunted” Menger Hotel and its special, intricate long-case Seth Thomas clock that has survived there in place for over 150 years! Then, Jay went on to describe the unusual French 3-dial tower clock at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. This was a fascinating presentation, with a rich selection of pictures both interior and exterior. It is a well-preserved movement enclosed in a glass air-conditioned room inside the tower. It is believed to be the only working French movement of its type remaining here in the US. Thanks Jay for a very intriguing historical presentation.

Pat has some very important information on our upcoming programs. Due to NAWCC and Chapter 15 member activities, we will not have a program in October, but instead will have a program November 16, 2 weeks before Thanksgiving. Please see her detailed schedule later in this Newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,678.82
Inc: None	0.00
Exp: None	0.00
Closing Balance	\$7,678.82
Regional Account	\$3,863.60
Exp: No change	<u>0.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$3,863.60

Upcoming Events

As usual, Chapter 15 has a wide variety of upcoming activities, offering something for everyone. Make plans now to attend the ones that are of interest to you. Please let us know if there are particular topics you would like to see covered in a program or workshop. 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?

October 20th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Reverse glass painting and stenciling at the Holloways’.

October 24th-26th

MKOA Regional in Carthage, Missouri.

October 26th – No meeting

As Ken mentioned, no meeting in October due to multiple conflicts.

November 9th-10th

Southern Regional in Metairie, Louisiana.

November 16th, 10 a.m.

Chapter 15 program at Pok-e-Jo’s, 2121 Parmer Lane, Austin. Tom Smith will be sharing a presentation and examples of military timepieces. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the various types of military timepieces as well as what makes them collectible. There will be time for questions and answers as well as sharing. Mark your calendars now for this very special treat! As always, visitors are welcome, so if you know anyone who is interested in this topic, be sure to invite them to join you for this program.

November 17th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Reverse glass painting and stenciling at the Holloways’.

December 7th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

There are still a few openings for the Chapter 15/Capitol Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers one-day wood case restoration class that will be held at the Windermere Clubhouse located at 16800 Gower St., Pflugerville TX.

Ken Reindel and Jay Holloway will lead the class that will focus on the history of clock and furniture finishes, the advantages and disadvantages of each type of finish, as well as various methods of restoration along with their strengths. Key areas covered are finishes, matching and blending colors, along with important repairs needed in restoration.

If you don’t have a clock case in need of restoration, you may bring any small wooden piece, or a case can be provided. For additional details, please contact Jay Holloway by phone at 512-294-7371 or by email at Jay@HollowayTrading.com. The investment for the training is \$40 with checks made out to NAWCC Chapter 15. They may be mailed to the attention of Jay Holloway, 1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville TX 78660.

A list of supplies will be sent out to attendees. These supplies may be brought to class, or supplies may be purchased at the class for a nominal fee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Member News

Our Treasurer and long time Chapter 15 colleague Tom Tarpay has recently suffered a stroke. Tom is presently out of immediate danger, and he is applying himself diligently to the rehabilitation process. We wish him the best.

For those of you who wish to send greetings and cards, Pat and Tom's address is 11305 Bellows Falls Avenue, Austin, TX. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from you.

Chapter membership renewal

It's that time again – time to renew your Chapter 15 membership for 2014. 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.

Chapter membership

If you've not yet renewed for 2014, 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 \$15

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

Craft Contest Opportunities

As promised in last month's Mainspring, over the next few months we will be showcasing some of the Chapter 15 members' National Craft Contest entries. Before we begin our focus on individuals and their entries, please take a few minutes to view some of the winning entries from the last several years. Pictures can be found on the NAWCC website: <http://www.nawcc.org/index.php/national-and-regional-events/national-craft-contest>

You don't have to be logged in to see the amazing work done by fellow NAWCC members. Please note that each year many of the available classes have no entries – some of these are classes where you, or our Chapter as a whole, have expertise. If you have an idea for a possible Chapter project, please contact one of your Chapter 15 officers to discuss assembling a team to complete the project.

September watch repair class

The joint Capital Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers Guild/Chapter 15 antique pocket watch repair class was well attended. Everyone reported that the class was very educational and the student to instructor ratio enabled invaluable one on one instruction. Dennis Warner, Luther Lucko and David Douglas supported George and Sue Ann Kiser, the instructors. Chapter 15 is very fortunate to have so many skilled members who are always willing to share their knowledge and years of experience.

Thanks to David Douglas for providing these snapshots of the class!



Dennis Warner



Sue Ann Kiser and Jay Holloway



George Kiser



Luther Lucko

Spot a clock

This month's Spot a clock moves back from New York to San Antonio, Texas as a reminder of Jay Holloway's September program.

The clock on the left is the beautiful three-dial tower clock at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. The movement was made by J & J Lussault and features beautifully damascened levers, racks and snails.

The Menger Hotel's Seth Thomas clock was featured in our February Spot a clock segment when it was spotted by Tom and Pat Tarpy. The clock, which features a hand carved case, appears to be a companion piece to a library table located to the left in the original hotel lobby. The hotel is across the street from The Alamo, and is just steps away from the River Walk, making it a convenient stop when viewing the sights. You can read more about the clock in the February 1989 NAWCC



Bulletin, or in books, such as *The History and Mystery of the Menger Hotel* by Docia Schultz Williams, that outline the celebrated history of the beautiful Menger hotel.