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Save these 2014 dates

January 19 & February 23

Painting/stenciling workdays
Holloways’ in Pflugerville

January 25

Chapter 15 Program
“Proceed with caution”
Ken Reindel
10 a.m. - noon
Pok-e-Jo’s - 2121 Parmer, Austin

February 22

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

March 7&8

Register now for the
Lone Star Regional
Mesquite, TX
*Twist & Turn - The Evolution of
Torsion Pendulum Clocks*

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

I want to start by wishing you all the best and happiest New Year as we start 2014. And, I just heard that we broke a record for cold this morning at 14 degrees at ABIA. I try to remind myself of those hot days in August when I complained, “I sure wish it were cooler...I won’t complain if we have a cold winter!” Well, I guess I better just grin and bear it, but it sure is cold out there.

We’re hoping you had a great Holiday season. It’s time to once again resume our monthly programs. We have been working on our list of programs for this year. Last year, our programs were focused largely on history and similar non-technical topics. For this year, we hope to return to a balance where we do a few more technical sessions, as well as historic and non-technical. We were inspired by how much everyone enjoyed the Clock Case Refinishing class, and want to do more technical programs for this year, and perhaps a few more hands-on workshops as well.

One topic of great interest to me personally—and a hotly debated one over the years—is horological oils. We see articles being published in the NAWCC Bulletin on this topic recently that are very thought provoking. I am planning to do a session early this year on that topic as well, sharing nearly 40 years of perspective on it. Yes, in that time I’ve tried just about every clock oil and grease available, and can tell you what the positives and negatives of each of these is. So before you go out and buy your next supply of oil, be sure to watch for this session! I can promise that it will both entertain and surprise you.

That said, our first program out of the gate for the New Year promises to provide alternate, polite perspectives on some technical articles we’re run across lately. So if you’ve ever wondered about the technical completeness or accuracy of these articles, we can give you some thoughts on that exact topic. And, that one is coming up this month!

Coincidentally, one topic that seems to be getting a great deal of attention again is the need to provide educational resources for our members. The NAWCC has taken great strides towards making the Library available online to all members. The Library is a rich source of training information. Many decades of expertise are represented there. If you get “stuck” on a project and want to learn a few things about your topic, check out nawcc.org for these resources. Last week I viewed a couple of programs that were originally available on VHS tape. It’s nice to sit back and stream them to the computer where I can take notes, stop and start at will, adding to my knowledge of a topic. (Continued on page 2)

President's message continued

Chapter 15 has provided some donations lately to support this effort. We've helped fund procurement of some cameras and other equipment for the NAWCC to move this effort along. We're proud to be part of it—after all, it is part of our Charter and Mission Statement! If we are to conserve horological articles, it starts by assuring that those that might be handling, disassembling and otherwise servicing them have the knowledge to do the best possible job with them. There is nothing worse than a job that defaces the article and makes the job for the next restorer difficult or impossible; or worse yet, permanently damages the article. Any small contribution we can provide to grow our talent base and thereby prevent these mishaps is worth the investment.

Jay pointed out that it is time to start seriously thinking about the annual NAWCC Crafts Competition again. We have numerous crafts-persons in our Chapter, and wouldn't it be great if Chapter 15 were represented in this year's competition? So give it some thought...and get busy on that project you've wanted to tackle. What a great way to spend these cold winter days ahead!

We are glad to hear that Tom Tarp is doing much better. We look forward to having him back at our monthly programs, and we're keeping our fingers crossed that will be soon!

Upcoming events

There are several exciting events planned for the first quarter of 2014. The events begin with our first Painting/Stenciling workday on January 19th. This function will be followed quickly with our first program of the year on January 25th. Ken Reindel will be presenting a program describing some things to watch out for when interpreting some recent repair and restoration articles found in horological publications. He will present a perspective on how to best utilize the information presented, and how to avoid the pitfalls that might result from assuming that every article is equally accurate.

February will also bring two events: the Chapter program on Saturday the 22nd, and a painting and stenciling workday on the 23rd. February's program will be on horological oils. As Ken mentioned in his President's letter, there are many options out there and just as many opinions on which one to use. You won't want to miss this informative program.

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,810.60
Inc: Dues renewals (net of PayPal fees)	194.37
9 class tuition	360.00
Exp: 1 Class refund	-40.00
Class expenses	-223.37
Newsletter	-11.82
Closing Balance	\$8,089.78
Regional Account	\$3,863.60
Exp: No change	
Closing Balance	\$3,863.60

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.

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.

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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 7866

2013 in review

If it seems like 2013 was a particularly active year for Chapter 15, you're right!
Just take a look at everything we did in 2013 – and get ready for an activity packed 2014!!

Activities

Co-hosted Lone Star and All Texas Chapters Regionals

Annual meeting and silent auction

Clock repair mentoring activities

2013 National Convention attended by 14 members

Programs

Connecticut Horology

First Family of Clockmaking – The Willards

Disassembling a 3-weight Vienna Regular webinar

Buyer Be Aware!

Horological Items that Begin with M

The Problem with Magnets

Clocks of San Antonio

Military Timepieces

Workshops

11 transfer and stenciling reverse glass painting workshops

2 repair workshops with

Capital Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers Guild:

Intermediate clock repair

Pocket watch repair

Clock case restoration workshop

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Spot a clock

This magnificent tower and clock were spotted on a recent visit to the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches in Lockhart. Although the restored movement has been in place for some time, the tower and motion works are new additions made possible by the monetary award that accompanied the prestigious John L Nau III Award for Excellence. (See the April 2013 issue of *The Mainspring* for more on this presentation.)

If you haven't been to the Museum, or if it has been some time, you might want to plan a trip some Saturday to see the tower clock. You'll also be pleasantly surprised by the other changes that are taking place in the museum. Among other things, the stairs have been relocated to make better use of the available square footage. This provides an inviting entry and passage to view the various galleries, as well as accommodating the larger tour groups that often visit the Museum.

There is also a very interesting vignette in one of the galleries that features an E.N. Welch Cary model clock on a mantel. The scene is completed with photographs of E.N. Welch, Annie Louise Cary (the opera singer for whom this clock is named), and a shot of the family that owned the this clock standing in front of their mantel with the clock in its rightful place of honor!

And, you might have read about the recently published book "Stretch: America's First Family of Clockmakers." A copy of the book is displayed beside a Peter Stretch clock that is featured in the book and is on loan to the Museum.

