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10 a.m. – noon
Annual Mtg & Program – Ken Reindel
Pok-e-Jo’s – 2121 Parmer, Austin

April 10th

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar
“Questions You Should Ask Before
Buying That Wristwatch”
Adam Harris

May 7-8th

Austin Maker-Faire
Palmer Event Center

May 15th

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“Bulova: A History of Modern”
Richard Callamaras

May 21st

10 a.m. – noon
Program – Dulen Lee
Pok-e-Jo’s – 2121 Parmer, Austin

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President’s Message

Dear Members,

It has been an interesting several years as your President. That’s an understatement, in fact. It has been incredible! I have enjoyed it immensely. It has been very rewarding sharing monthly messages with you. Being able to visit with many of you in person at our monthly Program meetings has been rewarding. Working with the other Directors—Pat, Jay, Gary, Don, and others that have served various roles along the way—I can’t put into words how much I have appreciated the opportunity.

Whether they were personal anecdotal stories, clock tales, or whatever—these messages have been a source of joy for me to share. I remember my first Message, way back in 2011, where I commented on the ridiculous advertising campaign about the “New Busy.” Interesting how almost prophetically that advertising campaign disappeared a few months later. But within a few short months thereafter, we were saddened over the loss of Steve Jobs, doing hands-on programs at the Pflugerville clubhouse, working through Case Refinishing in Pat and Jay’s kitchen, and building on what was here already happening in the Chapter.

Within a few months, we saw the departure of Bob and Karen Rasmussen, and with that, we had no Vice President. Thankfully, Jay Holloway, in his usual very generous way of being, stepped in to fill the void.

Seeing the look on Clyde Day’s face when he was awarded Fellow was especially emotional. We will all hold that day as one more special one in the history of our Chapter.

We went on to establish our Long Term Goals and Strategies, to focus on those good things already happening in Chapter 15. Pat was already committed to monthly Mainsprings, and we decided if we were to focus on sharing and growing knowledge it could only happen with a monthly cadence of Programs. Remember the 15 Fantastic Facts about Chapter 15? Well, the Chapter grew, became stronger over the years, until at last in 2014 we won Chapter of the Year in the NAWCC! It was all based on the things already going on, which we collectively were able to emphasize, grow, and build upon. And that same core group of members, with Pat, Jay, Gary and our members in concert, driving improvements, played a huge part in the process.

So where does that leave us today? Well, your foolish President went and moved to Colorado. So now what? I would LOVE to proudly continue being the Chapter 15 President, but it is likely impractical. Not being able to personally attend every monthly meeting is a real disadvantage. Being disconnected from the local Regionals doesn’t help, either. Director meetings held by Skype only take you so far. So what are we do to?

This month we will hold our Annual Meeting at Pok-e-Jo’s restaurant on Parmer Rd. in north Austin. We will be starting at 10:00 am. All in attendance are welcome to join us for lunch afterwards, and yes I **will** be there in person. (Continued on page 2)

President's message - continued

We will be reviewing our Chapter leadership (as we do every year), which will hopefully enable more participation for those wishing to serve as Directors in Chapter 15 (and obviously we could use the help right about now). We will also be reviewing our Chapter progress for the year. Despite everything, there HAS been progress.

Of course, I am eternally thankful to all those that have helped get us to this point over the somewhat difficult latter half of 2015. There are quite a few folks here in Chapter 15 whose voluntary time and effort continue the heartbeat of the Chapter—and this is critically important. Those who work hard to assemble, publish, and distribute our monthly Mainspring Newsletter are an example. Those who provide the financial reports, track membership details, keep the Chapter fiscally sound, are so invaluable. And a special thanks to those who have helped keep things going in my (physical) absence over the last 6 months.

After our Annual Meeting and review, I will present a program on "Setting Up and Organizing a Clock Shop." I don't intend this to be my past presentation with the Chapter at all. I shall return! I plan at least 1 more presentation this year, maybe more. And that will continue into next year. I plan on remaining a loyal, supporting member of Chapter 15 for the foreseeable future. Sometimes it may be tough to be there in person. For those occasions we will arrange Skype presentations. Last week I did so in similar fashion for Chapter 133 in California. The technology is here and it works. That's every reason to continue with it in the future.

Once again a special **Thank You** for everyone who has participated in our Chapter over the last 5 years and whose selfless efforts have made our Chapter the great success it has been!

Upcoming Events

April 9th – Chapter 15 Annual Meeting and Program

April is Chapter 15's Annual Meeting. In addition to the business meeting, Ken Reindel will be sharing his experience in a presentation called "Setting Up a Clock Shop: Guidelines and Lessons." Ken will share ways to set up your clock shop to be more effective and efficient.

April 10th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

Adam Harris' presentation will be "Questions You Should Ask Before Buying That Wristwatch." This program, which is a follow up to his earlier webinar on collecting wristwatches, addresses things to think about before purchasing a watch for your collection.

You may register now at the following link <http://www.nawcc.org/index.php/workshops/webinars>

May 7-8th – Maker Faire Austin

If you've never been to a Maker Faire, you might be surprised at everything you'll find. Learn more at <http://makerfaireaustin.com/>

May 15th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

Richard Callamaras will give a presentation on "Bulova: A History of Modern." Richard is very knowledgeable about Bulova watches, and was instrumental in preparing the current special exhibit by the same name at the Museum in Columbia.

May 21st – Chapter 15 Program

If it's May, it must be time for Dulen Lee to share some of his horological insight. This will be the third year that Dulen will present our May program.

March Program Recap

In a little change of pace, everyone brought their favorite or most useful horological tool to the March meeting. There was an amazing variety of tools used in horological applications, ranging from high tech such as computers, digital cameras and cell phones to some innovative, inexpensive, shop-made tools.

We learned that many of today's cell phones can record slow motion video. This is a great tool when assessing escapement or gear tooth issues. By recording in slow motion, you can clearly see the lock and drop or interaction between gear teeth and pinions. And the good news here was that this is a tool almost everyone already has – no need to rush to Harbor Freight or a favorite online vendor or search through all the tools at the next Regional and spend additional dollars!



Items included a handmade tool using a brass rod with a groove cut across one end and a handle attached to the other end making a way to press a spring washer firmly while sliding the pin through the hole to secure the minute hand.

A second item was a hand made clock stand that works with 2 weight clocks, wood movement clocks as well as spring clocks. There was also a handmade tool (shown below) for replacing teeth on barrels that was excellent for holding specifications.

Other non-standard tools were large hat pins and a flexible extension flashlight that allows the user to



see critical areas inside a clock. Specialty tools included items for straightening clock arbors, pivot checkers to determine if the arbor or pivots are bent, special

hammers, shop-made and purchased hand removers, and more.

Lone Star Regional

As in years past, the 2016 Lone Star Regional did not disappoint! The first indicator might have been walking into the mart room to see every table occupied, and an extra row added to accommodate even more sellers. Moreover, all of those tables were *loaded* with well priced merchandise – items ranging from just a couple of dollars to a very rare Seth Thomas regulator at \$52,000.

There were varied educational offerings, beginning with a hairspring workshop with Mike Dempsey on Thursday. The programs and demos began Friday morning with the keynote presentation on “Art Deco Design” by Peter Crum. This year’s theme and exhibit was art deco clocks, and Peter’s talk set the stage, describing some of the architectural design during this iconic period.

The exhibit included very interesting graphics that included amazing watch advertisements along with other distinctive images of every-day items from the period. There was a wide variety of deco clocks, complemented by photographs, radios, lamps, as well as the stylized hood ornaments and cigarette lighters. There was even a seating area vignette to help envision this era. You can see some shots of the exhibit in this month’s Spot a Clock on page 4.

There were also presentations on Refinishing Clock Cases, Spindle Turning, Bluing Clock Hands, and American Clock Glass, and an encore presentation of the great presentation given a couple of years ago at Chapter 15 by Don Bugh. Perhaps the most unusual presentation this year was “How I Spent My Summer Vacation: 3D Printing in Horology” by Mike Dempsey. He discussed the printers and software packages, and how he has used the printer. One application is for “proof of concept” where he creates parts to ensure they will work before creating them in the final material.

Chapter 15 was very well represented. Thank you to everyone who supported this year’s Regional with your attendance at all of the events! As you might have heard, **there will be no Lone Star Regional next year** as they will be *very* busy preparing for the 2017 National in Arlington!

Chapter membership renewal

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed for 2016! If you have not yet renewed, please take a few minutes to send along the completed form and payment.

Chapter membership

If you’ve not yet renewed for 2016, please take a few minutes to complete and return the form below.

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: _____

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Enclose this application and check and send to:
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Treasurer’s Report

Chapter Account	\$7,744.14
Inc: Dues	95.00
Exp: Newsletter	<u>-18.03</u>
Closing Balance	\$7,821.11
Regional Account – No change	\$3,338.60

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