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Presidential Timepieces
 Noel Poirier

November 12th

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 Program
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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Chapter 15,

The month of August has passed quickly and now we are moving into September. We missed our normal monthly meeting to focus on the Houston Regional in August. The show was a success from all reports. Many of our members were there for the initial unloading on Thursday and stayed until the final minutes on Saturday.

Some of the highlights ranged from the buying and selling of lots of clocks and watches, to the lectures covering clock repairs, watch evaluation and value, plus our own member's (Pat Holloway) presentation on "Swatch: The watch that saved the Swiss watch industry". The exhibit was on *Timepieces in the Workplace* and included neon clocks for advertising to various self-winding clocks to mechanical clocks that managed the work place.

Their annual breakfast meeting had several highlights including a certificate for Chapter 15 as Co-Host. One of our members, Darrah Artzner, was given his Fellow award. Our National Rep for the Regional was George Goolsby who gave an excellent presentation on what is happening at the National level. A program is underway to grow an endowment to support the operation of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors well into the future with it focusing on our 75th anniversary coming up in 2017. I would encourage all of our members to participate in the endowment program.

Our September meeting will be at Pok-e-Jo's on the 17th and we want everyone to come and bring a friend. Our Vice President, Ken Reindel will present the program. Be prepared to ask lots of questions and test Ken's knowledge. See you there, it will be fun.

Jay

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
 JAMES (JIM) KEISLING
 CEDAR PARK TX
 AND
 CONGRATULATIONS TO
 DARRAH ARTZNER
 WHO RECEIVED THE
 NAWCC FELLOW AWARD
 AT THE ALL TEXAS CHAPTERS REGIONAL**

Ken's Corner

Ken Reindel 8-31-16

Well, it has now been 9 months since we landed here in Broomfield, Colorado. I guess it's time to poke my head out of the clock shop and look around.

That thought occurred to me a few weeks ago. I had planned on visiting at least one Chapter 21 meeting by now. But for one reason or another, it had eluded me and of course I had the usual list of reasons. The most difficult issue was with the meeting time. The meetings are on the last Monday night of the month. It's a difficult time of the week for heading out after a long day of work, and it's at night! And, of course, it is in south Denver and I work in the northern end. So there was the rush hour traffic excuse too. At times, I-25 can be the new Mopac.

I decided I had better hurry up and attend a meeting before I added Monday Night Football to my list of objections. It had been months and I started to miss our Chapter 15 meetings, the friendships, presentations, and sharing of experience. So what was I waiting for? After all, as an ambassador of Chapter 15, part of our Chapter Mission Statement is sharing and interacting with other Chapters, isn't it?

Finally, the evening came, and the topic was right. One of the creative things Chapter 21 does is a "Show and Tell" on the topic of the meeting. In other words, folks bring in things and talk about them in front of the group before the formal presentation, as long as they are related to the presentation topic. It turned out that the meeting topic for the evening was "Electrically Wound Clocks." Can you believe it? How could I resist? I was going to bring some things to show; after all, I have an entire lab full of show and tell.

It turned out to be quite fun. There were probably 12 folks in attendance there. I had an opportunity to meet and chat with many Chapter 21 members, and everyone's show and tell was enlightening. There was a good deal of time spent on Chapter business and a summary of the National, and the meeting went until 10pm at night (getting a tad late even for me).

Another very interesting thing Chapter 21 does is sponsor projects. There is a street clock in Boulder that a group is restoring. There is a large master clock in a facility in Colorado Springs that another group looks after. So, each group presents the status of their project. Very intriguing idea, and it gives a broader number of people an opportunity to interact, present, and contribute.

The actual presentation itself was not quite a presentation per se, but was interesting nonetheless. The presenter played a recording of a session done some years back at a National (not sure which one) in which a phenomenal collection of self-winding clock movements were described in detail. I enjoyed it but was probably somewhat unique in that regard since by the time the presentation ended I was one of only 3 folks left!

In the end I wanted to find a way to engage with Chapter members more, so I offered to host a Clock Case Refinishing seminar at my shop here in Broomfield, CO in October. I am guessing it will be towards the last weekend October, and I will let you know in case anyone from Chapter 15 wants to come up for an interesting weekend session!

All Texas Chapters Regional

The 2016 All Texas Chapter Regional was a resounding success for both sellers and buyers. Chapter 15 was well represented in both areas.

As usual, there was an excellent line up of programs. Ralph Pokluda and Richard Cox, kicked off the presentations with an encore presentation of the popular "Horology Q&A." Every seat was filled as Richard and Ralph addressed questions that were submitted by attendees. Dr. Geoff Parker presented two programs: "Evaluating and Valuing Wristwatches" and "Evaluating and Valuing Pocket Watches." Adding to the variety of topics, Pat Holloway gave a program on "SWATCH: The Watch That Saved the World" and John Hubby spoke on "Reveal on Schlenker and Posner" for the Chapter 168 (International 400-Day Clock Chapter) meeting that was open to everyone.

In addition to the programs, there were several very informative demos: Gordon Shahin addressed "Using UV Glue for Glass & Plastic"; Bob Holkan spoke on "Copying Wood Moldings"; and Drew Lundgren demoed "Making & Using a Quick & Easy Repivoting Center Finder." Thanks to all the speakers and to everyone who gave up time in the Mart room to attend the programs.

The Silent Auctions garnered a lot of attention, and as always, the "It's for Free" tables were stacked high with all sorts of treasures. The Chapter Silent Auction on Friday evening elicited very lively bidding as folks were vying for some very nice items ranging from tools and parts, to clocks and watches, to horologically-themed thermal cups and children's items. Chapter 139 members do a great job taking donated items, and providing the tender loving care needed to restore them to working order.

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,738.98
Inc and Exp None	-0-
Closing Balance	\$7,738.98
Regional Account	\$3,313.60
Exp: Door prize donation to Regional	-100.00
	\$3,213.60

Upcoming Events

September 17th – Chapter 15 Program

Ken Reindel plans to be back in town, and will be sharing *Building a Spray Booth for Clock Case Refinishing*. Like his program on building your clock shop, Ken will be speaking from recent, firsthand knowledge. Be sure to mark your calendars to join us in wishing Ken a warm welcome back to visit Austin.

September 24th –CAWCG / Chapter 15 Clock Hairspring workshop

On Saturday, September 24th, there will be an all-day workshop on clock hairsprings. The workshop will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Windermere Clubhouse, 16800 Gower St, Pflugerville. Cost for members is \$25.

September 25th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

Andy Dervan will provide insight into *Clockmaking in the 19th Century*. Andy has submitted many articles for publication in the Bulletin, and this year, he was awarded the James W. Gibbs Literary Award for horological literary excellence. You may learn more about this webinar and register now <http://www.nawcc.org/index.php/workshops/webinars>

October 6th- 8th Clocks at Winterthur Symposium

Although the date for reduced rates has passed, there are still a few openings for this year's Ward Francillon Time Symposium in Winterthur DE. The lineup

2017 National in TEXAS!

As you have probably heard, the 2017 National Convention will be in Arlington TX, June 28th – July 1st. What better opportunity to attend a National convention!! Since there won't be a Lone Star Regional in Mesquite, why not gather up everything you would have taken to Mesquite and reserve a table at the National? There are still tables available, but they are selling fast. Be sure to register early to get the best choice of tables. **Hint** – if you'd like to have a table close to a friend, it's best to send in your registrations in the same envelope along with a note that you would like tables next to each other.

The Sheraton Arlington is the host hotel, and is connected to the convention center with a covered walkway. Parking is included in the NAWCC rate. If you plan to stay at the host hotel, it's always a good idea to make reservations early as these rooms tend to sell out quickly.

Even more importantly, as a Texas Chapter, what better way to make this an extraordinary event than to volunteer? Assistance is needed with unloading, pre-registration packet pick-up and onsite registration. No training required for many of the volunteer opportunities. If you'd like to be a part of this event, please contact John Acker, General Chair of the 2017 National Convention. His contact information, as well as registration forms, schedule, etc. are available on the NAWCC website: https://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=MT17NATO

of speakers is outstanding, and it's a beautiful time of year to visit the Northeast. With the Symposium only about an hour from Columbia, this is a great opportunity to visit the museum and library. Learn more at the website: <http://www.clocksatwinterthur.com/>

October 15th – Chapter 15 Program

Jay Pine will present *An Introduction to Electric Clocks*. Those of you who attended the recent All Texas Chapters Regional probably noticed Jay's great booth of electric clocks. Every clock in his booth was in excellent working condition, and it was a real treat to see everything in action. (See Jay's booth below.) Join us in October as Jay shares his knowledge of electric clocks.



October 16th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

As we get closer to this year's Presidential election, we thought it would be appropriate to talk about Presidential Timepieces. Noel Poirier, Director of the National Watch & Clock Museum, will give a presentation on various timepieces owned and used by Presidents of the United States.

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Spot a clock

Not to be outdone by last year's event, the 2016 All Texas Chapters Regional Exhibit featured an unusual piece that was spotted next to the exhibit. Katrina Clarke, whose husband Shaun is Vice-President of Chapter 139, created another original horological cake. The detail was amazing – to the point that signs were posted for those who were tempted to touch it – and the entire cake was edible! With Ben Fulbright acting as auctioneer, the watch cake was auctioned to a generous group of bidders. Plates and forks quickly appeared and the cake was shared among everyone who was present. More pictures of the cake and other Regional activities will be available on the Chapter 139 website: <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/>

