



The MAIN SPRING

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National Association of
Watch and Clock Collectors

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Save these 2017 dates

June 17th

10 a.m. – noon: Pok-e-Jo's on Parmer
Program – *Art Deco Clocks*
Presenter – Greg Cook

June 28th – July 1st

NAWCC National Convention
Arlington Convention Center
Arlington TX

July 9th

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar
Railroad Timekeeping
Presenter – Dave Gorrell

July 15th

10 a.m. – noon: Pok-e-Jo's on Parmer
Program
Presenter – To be determined

August 13th

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar
The Goddard Watch
Presenter – Noel Poirier

August 24 – 26

All Texas Chapters Regional
Westchase Marriott, Houston TX

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President's Message

Dear Friends and Members of Chapter 15,

We are reaching mid-year as we begin June. So much has happened already and so much more is in store for our members as we continue through 2017. With the National Convention beginning at the end of the month we want to see a great turnout from our Chapter. It is rare for the National to be this close and we want everyone to take advantage of it.

National Conventions have so much for everyone. The week begins with training classes covering multiple subjects: servicing tall case clocks in the home, Atmos clock repair, pocket watch repair, and evaluating antique clocks. A key focus during the week is the display of Joseph Ives clocks which has many rare and unusual items from the National Museum and major collectors across the country. Several of our members are entering the annual Craft Contest where we have won many 1st place ribbons over the last several years. Multiple programs providing additional knowledge to those who attend is another part of the National. The keynote program on Joseph Ives will be Wednesday evening, and the mart opens on Thursday with over 600 tables filled with clocks, watches, tools and horological supplies. Bring your money and return home with many great finds to tell everyone about at the next Chapter 15 meeting.

We want to thank Dulen Lee for his program and Kurt Schrader for bringing his friend from San Antonio who spoke about his years in Germany working for the Junghans watch and clock company. The two programs made a unique meeting for May. Don White, our treasurer, had stories about his trip to Europe and some great museums he visited. Maybe Don will do a presentation of all the clocks he saw on this trip later this year.

Our Chapter along with the local AWCI guild have presented two training classes so far this year with more scheduled for fall. Please let us know what topics you would like to learn more about and plan on attending the classes. Lastly, we are always open for members to present programs, so look for items you enjoy and help the rest of our Chapter to learn more about horology.

See you at the next meeting and at the National!
Jay Holloway, President Chapter 15

Welcome New Member

Roger Davis

June preview

At our June meeting, Greg Cooke will be giving a program on Art Deco. Following is a brief preview he has provided. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us on the 17th to learn more!

The Art Deco movement began about 1908 just prior to World War I. However, the art and design world, agree that the French Art Exposition of 1925 firmly established Art Deco's influence in the world of art and design. "It combined modernist styles with fine craftsmanship and rich materials. During its heyday, Art Deco represented luxury, glamour, exuberance, and faith in social and technological progress. Art Deco brought in styles of [Cubism](#), the bright colors of [Fauvism](#) and of the [Ballets Russes](#)"¹. Art Deco incorporated many different themes of Egyptian, Mayan, Sports, ladies, children, and all manner of creatures and animals.

In terms of clocks, new materials and the influence of above themes and styles changed clocks dramatically. The traditional clocks of the Art Nouveau period, and early periods were considered old fashion with spring driven clocks beginning to fade from production. New materials like aluminum, Bakelite and chrome came into use and of course electrical clocks began to appear. Some examples below:



Figure 1 Shows use of colors, lines, and materials



Figure 2 Shows how the traditional marble clocks changed



Figure 3 Shows an Electrical Clock by the Lawson Clock Company. A classic Art Deco piece with bold lines and modern materials.

In Europe, the French and Swiss were the big producers of Art Deco Clocks. In the United States, venerable clockmakers such as [Ingraham](#), [Seth Thomas](#), Waltham, and Telechron produced a large number of Art Deco clocks for the home. The Art Deco period continued until just prior to World War II and was incorporated in all manner of production of: Art, Furniture, vehicles (trains, cars etc.), clocks, buildings, etc. The name "Art Deco" came about in the 60s with an exposition in France and publishing of several books on that period. In the 60s and 70s Art Deco items were exhibited and auctioned with emphasis.

¹ From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,766.97
Inc Dues and class registration	105.00
Exp Newsletter printing	-11.17
Closing Balance	\$7,860.80
Regional Account – no change	\$3,113.60

Upcoming Events

June 17th – Chapter 15 Program

Our newest member, Greg Cook, will be presenting on Art Deco clocks. If you remember the exhibit at last year's Lone Star Regional in Mesquite, you will know that many beautiful and unusual clocks were created during this era. Join us in June to learn more about them.

June 28th – July 1st 2017 National Convention

2017 National Convention will be held in Arlington TX. Be sure to check the schedule so you don't miss any of the events.

July 9th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

This month's webinar will be **The Railroads and Time** by Dave Gorrell. Dave will describe the method of time telling used in the early 19th century, why that was not very useful in keeping accurate time, as well as the development and eventual adoption of a more useful timekeeping method. You can currently view earlier webinars or register for the July program now at <http://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/NAWCC%20Webinars.aspx>

July 15th – Chapter 15 Program

The July meeting will provide everyone with an opportunity to share.

August 13th – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

This August webinar topic will be **The Goddard Watch** by Noel Poirier. Noel will be talking about Luther Goddard and the recently acquired rare Goddard watch from the early days of American watchmaking. This webinar is available for registration now at the link provided above.

August 24th–26th All Texas Chapters Regional - Houston

Register now to take advantage of the 25% Early Bird discount! Links for a mail-in registration form, hotel reservations, and, new this year, advance registration by PayPal are all found on the Chapter 139 webpage: <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/>

Please note that Chapter 15 cohosts the All Texas Chapters Regional, and, as in past years, there is no additional Chapter meeting in August.

Time is running out!

Be sure to register now for this year's National Convention in Arlington TX before the cut-off of June 9th!

**Wednesday June 28th – Saturday July 1st
Mart, Exhibit, Craft Contest, Presentations,
Specialty Chapter Meetings**

Register now at NAWCC.org

https://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=MT17NATO

May program

The May program turned out to be a surprise “two-fer” with Dulen Lee sharing some of his technical knowledge on resilvering dials, and a guest speaker who had worked for Junghans sharing historical information and memorabilia.

Dulen's clock was a well-made English time-only with a platform escapement and a worn silvered dial. The manufacturer was one of the companies that was bought out by Smith's.

Dulen discussed the products, tools and processes he used, both for resilvering the dial and for replacing the black coloring in the numerals. The results were a beautifully restored dial that should last the clock for another lifetime. Dulen restored the movement which needed little work due to the quality construction, and the case required very little work to restore its original luster. Pictures of the clock can be seen in this month's Spot a Clock on page 4.

Kurt Schrader introduced us to his guest, Scott Lautter, who had accompanied him from San Antonio. While their acquaintance was related to vintage motorcycles, the talk had turned to clocks and the discovery of another shared interest – horology. Scott had worked for Junghans in Germany, and fortunately, he agreed to accompany Kurt and give an impromptu program.

Steve Tibbitts' Black Forest clock program in April provided a great segue, with the history of clock-making in the Schramberg area. Scott discussed the terrain of the area, including how the Junghans factory buildings are built up the hillsides, taking advantage of the available natural daylight. There are elevated walkways to provide access between buildings. Many members were surprised to learn that Junghans continues to manufacture very nice watches, including radio-controlled, atomic and solar wristwatches.

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Spot a clock

Thanks to Dulen Lee for sharing the process of completely restoring this beautiful little clock!

