



# The MAINSPRING

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## Save these 2017 dates

### September 16<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – noon: Pok-e-Jo's on Parmer  
Horological Resources  
Jay Holloway

### September 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar  
*Zeeland Clockmaking*  
Presenter – Andy Dervan

### October 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### October 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar  
*Studebaker Watch Company*  
Presenter – Sara Butler-Tongate

### November 11<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – noon: Pok-e-Jo's on Parmer  
Program – Michael Webb

### November 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. – NAWCC Webinar  
*American Watch Company*  
Presenter – Tom McIntyre

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## President's Message

Welcome to all our Members and Friends of Chapter 15,

As I prepare to write a message we must remember hurricane Harvey and our chapter members as well as our neighboring chapters and their members who have been affected. The damage and cost to restore everyone who had losses is massive. Please keep our friends in your thoughts and help when you can.

Pat and I were attending the Houston Regional and the fear of the approaching storm reduced the attendance. Many people registered but stayed away leaving bargains for the brave who attended. Attendees came from as far away as California, Idaho, New Mexico, Arkansas, and New Orleans just to name some that I spoke with at the show.

As many may know the decision was made to stop the show on Friday evening. We were able to have all the planned programs and speakers as well as help everyone load out before closing with the Chapter silent auction at 6:00 pm. The host hotel was very gracious and did not penalize the Chapter for not meeting the goals for rooms and meals. We certainly thank the Westchase Marriott for their support and look forward to being back next year.

School has begun and once again we have our regular monthly meeting in September. We will be getting back to business with a program on where to find many horological supplies. This topic should lead to lots of discussion. Fall begins on September 22 and we have many opportunities for our members. A training class on servicing your jeweler lathe is planned locally, and regionals in Carthage MO and New Orleans LA are set for September and November. Both regionals are small but a lot of fun to attend. I personally have picked up several great bargains at these shows.

This month brings our new NAWCC Executive Director on board. Tom Wilcox has already seen the challenges within our organization as multiple chapters have personal experience with Harvey and he has reached out through an email, the Message Board and a Facebook page to all members to provide support. I look forward to supporting Tom as he brings new energy and ideas.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jay Holloway,  
President Chapter 15



## All Texas Chapters Regional

In years to come, the 2017 all Texas Chapters Regional may be better remembered as the year that Hurricane Harvey took center stage. Some members might remember making the decision not to attend, while others will remember an accelerated schedule of events and hurriedly packing and loading on Friday to escape Harvey's trek up the coast. Others across Texas and Louisiana will remember the caring and concern demonstrated by fellow members after days of winds, flooding and power outages.

Despite the concern and eyes on the weather, Chapter 139 and the co-host chapters made every effort to ensure another stellar event with an outstanding exhibit of Cuckoo Clocks and Automata, a full line-up of speakers, It's For Free! events and the Chapter Silent Auction. And who can forget Katrina Clarke's amazing cake that commemorated the cuckoo clocks in this year's exhibit? This is the third year that Katrina has made a horological cake, and each one has been outstanding. Despite a few raindrops, this intricate cake made the trip into the exhibit area virtually unscathed. After the silent auction, this totally edible work of art was cut and everyone who had not headed out was treated to a piece of cake.



There were programs for all interests. The first was Drew Lundgren's presentation on **Restoration of a Different Sort of Clock**. Everyone who visited the Craft Contest at the 2017 National Convention had an opportunity to see the after version of this American Reminder Clock Company clock, but not everyone saw the before version (pictured to the left) that Drew shared at a Chapter 139 tech session. In case you missed the after version, it should be pictured in an upcoming issue of the Watch & Clock Bulletin.



Don Hellstern's presentation on **The Culver Brothers: The Unfortunate Truth, A Southern Calendar Clock Company History** wrapped up the morning's programs. Don has conducted extensive research on the Culver Brothers who held patents on and distributed Southern Calendar Clock Company clocks. These clocks are often better known as Southern Fashion Calendar clocks. If you missed the presentation, Don has also written a book on this topic.

The afternoon included programs by Pat Holloway, Jim DuBois and Shaun Clarke. Pat's program was part of the Chapter 120 – Horological Art Chapter meeting that was open to all attendees. Chapter 120 is a Special Interest Chapter that focuses on various aspects of horological art. Membership is open to any NAWCC member. There was quite a bit of interest in the watch holders available in the mart room and the silent auction, and Pat's presentation called **Now where did I put my watch?** provided background on the various places that you might put a watch – in a pocket, on a wrist, hanging from the bed curtains, or placed in a watch holder that hung on the wall or sat on a desk or table.

Jim DuBois' presentation covered some of the more technical aspects of horology in a program called **Making Clock Parts**. The discussion and PowerPoint pictures included making arbors, gears and other parts for clocks of all sizes and makes. Jim drew from his many years of experience in this area.

Shaun Clarke, the last presenter of the day switched from clocks to a peek **Behind the Scenes at the Watchmakers' Bench**. Shaun willingly shares his knowledge and experience through presentations such as this as well as at the Chapter 139 tech sessions, one-day meetings and workshops.

The accelerated schedule also allowed Jay Holloway, Vice-Chair of the NAWCC Board of Directors and the National Rep for the Regional, to speak for a few minutes on the state of the organization, Steve Humphrey's retirement and Tom Wilcox's joining the NAWCC on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Jay also reminded everyone about the exciting events that will be held to celebrate the organization's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at next year's National Convention in York. Despite the threatening weather, the attendees stayed for a period of questions and answers, before wrapping up the event with the final bids and closing of the Chapter Silent Auction.

Treasurer's Report	
<b>Chapter Account</b>	<b>\$7,741.40</b>
<b>Exp</b> Stamps; June, July, Aug newsletters	<u>-68.68</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$7,672.72</b>
Regional Account – no change	<b>\$3,113.60</b>
<b>Exp</b> Donation to Houston Regional	<u>-100.00</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$3,013.60</b>

## Upcoming Events

### September 16<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 15 Program

Jay Holloway will present the September program on horological resources – where you can find various parts, tools, etc.

### September 17<sup>th</sup> – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

The September webinar topic will be **Zeeland Clockmaking** by Andy Dervan. You can register now:

## A Look at the 2017 Regional

In case you missed this year's Regional, here are a few pictures from the exhibit, silent auction and mart room.



<https://net.nawcc.org/NAWCC/Events/NAWCC%20Webinars.aspx>.

### October 21<sup>st</sup> – Chapter 15 Program

Program is being finalized.

### October 22<sup>nd</sup> – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

Sara Butler-Tongate will present **Studebaker Watch Company: The Rise and Fall of a Mail Order Watch**. Although many of us have heard of Studebaker Watches, Sara's presentation will provide the detail behind the rise and fall of this interesting company. Registration should be available soon.

### November 11<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 15 Program

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### November 12<sup>th</sup> – NAWCC webinar – 6 p.m.

Tom McIntyre will give a presentation on **The American Watch Company and the 1876 Centennial**.

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## Spot a clock



This collection of automated alarm clocks was a fun part of this year's exhibit. From Mickey Mouse, Bugs Bunny and Roy Rogers to Care Bears and Gnomes, each of these clocks had an automated component to entertain and delight!