



The Mainspring

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of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

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Kerrville Show A Big Success!

Submitted by Jeff Beehler

The annual regional meeting and mart for Chapter 15 was held April 14 - 16, 2005 at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center located in Kerrville Texas nestled in and around the Texas bluebonnets and other spring flowers. There were 224 participants that enjoyed the quiet and relaxing venue of the hill country. Not as quiet, the Mart, with 92 tables sold, had significant buy and sell activity especially on Friday. Four separate silent auctions were also well received by participants.

Ron Davidson conducted a very interesting demonstration and discussion on using rock tumblers for clock cleaning. He thoroughly explained the equipment and techniques he uses in his shop and actually demonstrated cleaning an American time and strike movement. People were

quite surprised with the results. Dick Dorer also provided a discussion on watch history and repair. Dick had a very professional presentation using video screens to show his live presentation.

The exhibit this year chaired by Ron Davidson provided an extensive display of American shelf model double dial clocks from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A photo of that exhibit is enclosed.

As is our habit a wonderful hospitality salon chaired by Becky Bush and co-chaired by Bea Copeland provided many refreshing, filling and tasty items supplied by our members for show participants.

Winner of the grand prize, an Urgos triple chime
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grandfather clock donated by Jeff and Laura Beehler, was Jeaninne Young a new member to the National and Chapter 15 who with her husband was attending her first meeting. What a meeting they had! In addition approximately 27 other door prizes were handed out during the meeting, including a generous amount of New Life product donated by RAMAX of San Antonio, and a \$200 travel certificate donated by Imagine Travel also out of San Antonio.

Participation at our breakfast banquet was quite good and our speaker, Terry Brotherton, was well received. Terry provided updates from the National including the recent merger, encouraged our participation in the National Convention in Ft Lauderdale, Florida this year, and encouraged monetary donations to the museum and volunteerism within the chapter and the national. ☺

Message from the Vice President *Submitted by Ted Orban*

Announcing the Chapter 15 Website

Chapter 15 is keeping up with the time and technology and now has a brand new website. Check it out at: <http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org> As a matter of fact, the NAWCC has reported that the majority of its new members are now generated through the Internet.

Chapter 15's New website

Check it all out at:

<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org>

Some of the interesting items to look for on our website are: pictures from the recent Great Southwestern Regional (click "Prior Events"); area events (click "Upcoming Events"); the first meeting of Chapter 15 in 1955 (click "History"), this is a great story about how our chapter got its start; and a current membership list, accessible

only to Chapter 15 members (click "Membership" and then "View the Roster.")

Next, we're planning to create a page for member links. If you are interested in putting a link to your site, or even a short advertisement, on Chapter 15's website, please send an e-mail to Ted Orban at his e-mail address below. This is a free service.

We hope you'll enjoy using the new website. Please let us know your thoughts and/or comments by contacting Ted Orban at: orbans@austin.rr.com ☺

Financial Accounting from Kerrville Show *submitted by Laura Beehler*

Income	
Beginning balance (seed money)	\$ 2,500.00
Deposits	<u>\$ 8,215.00</u>
Income Subtotal:	\$10,715.00
Expenses	
Printed Checks	\$ 22.35
Mart Advertising	\$1,100.00
Insurance	\$ 375.00
Mart Room	\$1,623.78
Security	\$ 630.00
Hospitality Room	\$ 276.00
Breakfast Banquet	\$ 728.59
Table Rental	\$ 790.00
Hospitality Food & Supplies	\$ 136.55
Printing	\$ 145.06
Awards	\$ 36.26
Door Prizes	\$ 70.60
Mart Bucks	\$ 300.00
Unloading	\$ 12.85
Exhibit & Silent Auction	\$ 26.70
Room Giveaway	
from Early Registration	\$ 85.88
NAWCC Rep Room	\$ 85.88
NAWCC Dues Paid	\$ 320.00
Chapter Dues Paid	\$ 72.00
Change for Mart	\$ 200.00
Refunds	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Subtotal Expenses	\$7,117.50
Ending Balance	\$3,597.50
Less seed money	\$2,500.00
Net Profit	\$1,097.50

Jensen's Ice Cream Social

submitted by Joan Jensen

Again this year the Jensen's will be having their annual ice cream social at their Houston home. That's: 720 W 13th Street, Houston. Plans are to begin Sunday June 5 at 2 PM. Bring your freezer or your special toppings. Call them at (713) 869-2612 if you need directions or more details.☺



Kerrville Regional show was the annual business meeting of chapter members. Unfortunately this was again not well attended however as per our bylaws there were an adequate number to make changes and conduct necessary business.

First new officers for your chapter were elected. They are: Jeff Beehler, President; Ted Orban, Vice President; Susan Pugh, Treasurer; Jerry Brazil, Secretary and Editor; and Jerry Harlin, Director. You will find contact information for all these officers each month in the shaded block at the end of page 4 of this newsletter.

Secondly two changes to the Chapter 15 bylaws were discussed and accepted. Those changes are to increase Chapter dues to \$10 and to increase the term for Officers and Directors to two years.☺

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch the website for more details)

●2005 NAWCC National
June 9 - 11, Ft Lauderdale, FL
check your Bulletin for details

●June 18, August 6, October 15
One day shows in Dallas hosted by Chapter 124
see <http://www.chapter124.com> for details

●June 25th
1 Day Show in Temple
Hosted by Chapter 15,

●August 26 - 28
Houston Regional, hosted by Chapter 139

●September 17th
One Day Show in Wharton, watch for details.
Hosted by Chapter 15 ☺

Temple Belton One-Day Show

June 25, 2005 8AM to 2 PM
submitted by Benny Blanchard

Location: downtown Temple at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the corner of Adams and 2nd Street. Exit I-35 at Central Avenue (exit #303), stay on Central to 2nd Street then turn left. In 1 block you will see a large parking lot and the Fellowship Hall on your right.☺



News from the Kerrville Business Meeting

Some of our helpful unloaders from Kerrville

Coincident with the Mart and other festivities at the

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From the President *submitted by Jeff Beehler*

Well I just want to say thanks again for all the help and support in making “your” regional a real success. I had a real good time and everyone seemed to do the same. We are already getting together to see what we can do to make next year even better. If anyone has any suggestions just let one of your officers know. We are looking forward to an exciting year to come. Ted Orban is setting up a wonderful and exciting website with lots of photos and useful information. Ted Orban will also be representing our chapter at the National in Florida. Well that is it for now members and friends, back to the planning board.

PS The person who bought the automobile clock from me left it sitting on the unloading curb. Call me and describe it and its yours. Also someone left an eye loupe in Dick Dorer’s watch repair class. I have it also.☺

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