

# The Mainspring

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## **2006 Great Southwestern Regional Recap**

*submitted by Ted Orban*

Let me start by thanking everyone who helped with organizing, planning, and implementing the Regional; each of you made a great contribution to its success.

Although the number of sold tables and attendees were down a little compared to 2005, I think the quality of items in the Mart was quite excellent.

And everyone enjoyed the silent auctions on both Friday and Saturday. Quite a number of door prizes were presented including contributions from Clockworks, New Life Products from Ramax, a free night at the Inn of the Hills, and cash and mart bucks.

The exhibit of pre-Civil War American clocks and watches was tremendous, and we had so many pieces we ran out of table room. Thanks very much to the exhibitors for showing such a wide variety of great timepieces. I want to especially thank Charlie Schubert, a former NAWCC Director visiting from Oregon, for his impromptu discussion of tablets and glasses in the clocks of the Exhibit. Charlie shared

his vast knowledge of the techniques of reverse painting, stenciling and lithography.

If you did not attend the workshops led by Michael Webb and Dennis Warner, you missed out on some great information. Michael discussed clock mainspring winders, showing an example of each model currently on the market and pointing out the pros and cons of each. He also demonstrated the use of several, including safety procedures.

Dennis' presentation on the use of the Seitz Jeweling Tool included a video demonstration and a number of usage tips. Laurie Penman, scheduled

to lead two workshops, was unfortunately ill and too weak to participate. We hope he'll come back another time.

The breakfast attendance was excellent, as was the food. John Hubby represented the



National organization and provided updates on recent events. He encouraged contributions and volunteerism, and talked especially about potential changes to rules for local and regional shows that will encourage new member interest in the NAWCC. And he reminded us of the National Convention in Cleveland on June 21 - 25, pointing out that the previous annual convention in Cleveland still holds the record as the largest show ever.☺

## From the President

*submitted by Jeff Beehler*

I hope everyone has recovered from a great Regional. I sure had a good time visiting with everyone. I would like to personally thank Ted Orban and his committees for making this Mart so successful

There are many changes on the horizon for the NAWCC which will have some impact on how Chapters operate. The largest is the admittance of visitors to one day shows and to Regionals. Check your NAWCC Bulletin for more information on these changes. One of the major changes for our Chapter was voting to change the number of Directors and their duties. The Chapter passed a proposal to have three Directors with specific duties rather than four area Directors.

This is exciting as it will give us a person specifically responsible for club activities. We are planning to have more workshops and programs in the future so we can see

each other more often than just once a year. I am sure Ron Davidson as the new Program Director and Brice Beehler as the new Education and Workshop Director will keep our calendar full with many exciting events. If you have any particular subject you would like covered just let one of them know. We are still looking for a One Day Mart Director.

There are lots of exciting possibilities for the coming year. I do hope that you as chapter members will take an active role in participation and planning of future events. Chapter 15 is on it's way to becoming strong and more active, but can



only do so with your support.☺

## Advanced Clock Repair with Laurie Penman

*submitted by Ted Orban*

Just prior to the Great Southwestern Regional, a 5 day advanced clock repair class was conducted by Laurie Penman in San Antonio. Nine students attended, including one who flew in from Seattle just for this class; roughly ½ were hobbyists. Laurie is a pre-eminent master clockmaker who has authored a number of books on the subject. It quickly became evident that Laurie really “knew his stuff” and could explain the subject matter clearly and, to say the least, completely. Most of the beginning of the week was spent on escapement issues and design. Later, Laurie

discussed common repair problems, and a couple quite unusual ones, using movements brought in by the students.

Many thanks to *Clocks of San Antonio* for hosting the class in their back room. Joel Ferris

and Jeff Asbury were very accommodating in cleaning movements, loaning tools, and working into the evening hours to make up the time spent in the classroom and supporting our students.☺

## Education and Workshop Ideas Please

*submitted by Brice Beehler*

It was a pleasure meeting several of you in Kerrville. Many of you I have met in the past, but

my age at the time may have limited my memory, so it was nice getting reacquainted.

I have been around clocks my entire life (last name Beehler, as in Jeff), but it wasn't until recently that I have taken real interest. I guess I've been "bit."

I'm really excited to serve as the new Director of Education and Workshops and am eager to line up something that interests you. Please feel free to e-mail or call me and let me know if there is something specific that you would like me to look into. I can't promise every request will be fulfilled, but it will give me a good place to start. I look forward to a great year!☺

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## Details, Details, Details

*by Chapter Secretary*

Just in case anyone's asking, the Kerrville show stats are: 201 registered, 76 ½ tables sold, 51 at the breakfast. We had 6 new chapter members and 3 new NAWCC members register while there.

Currently Chapter 15 has 194 members with a composition as follows: 41 in Houston area; 21 in Dallas area; 98 in San Antonio and Austin area; 25 in all other Texas areas; and 9 out of state members.☺

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## Upcoming Shows and Events

*(watch our website for more details)*

● **May 6, 2006 and the following five consecutive Saturdays, in Boerne, Texas, Beginning Clock Repair Classes Hosted and Conducted by Chapter 15**

● May 23, 2006

Monthly meeting of Capital Area Watch and Clock Guild, Austin

● June 21 - 26, 2006

NAWCC National Convention, Cleveland Ohio

● August 18 - 20, 2006

All Texas Regional, Houston  
Hosted by Chapter 139

● September 14-15, 2006

MKOA Regional, Oklahoma City  
Hosted by Chapter 74

● **October 28, 2006**

**Joint One Day Show, Waco**  
**Hosted by Chapters 15, 124 and 139**☺

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