



# The Mainspring

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**S.W. Chapter 15**

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

We had our premier monthly meeting last month in Austin. I was pleased with a turn out of 23 people but disappointed that more people from the San Antonio area didn't make an effort to attend. There have been a

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lot of requests for monthly meeting and educational programs and believe me we have them now.

Gene presented our first program on ogee clocks and it was outstanding. You

can check elsewhere in the newsletter for more information on upcoming programs. Please support your chapter and attend the next meeting.

Our Regional, held in Kerrville, is just a few months away. Where does the time go? As always we are looking for help. If you can draw a breath you are qualified to help! Contact Gene Galbraith or a Board member and we will find a spot for you. Please don't wait for a phone call or formal invitation to volunteer.

Laura and I had a nice visit with Joan and Babe Jensen a few weeks back. Joan is in

good spirits but misses seeing all of you at the shows. Babe is trying to get that "housewife" stuff down pat. He is getting there slowly but surely but I'm sure he would rather be working on clocks. If you get a chance drop Joan a line or give her a call. I am sure she would love to hear from you.

With so much going on it is hard to keep up with all the dates and activities. Mike is doing an excellent job in keeping our website (<http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/>) updated. So if you have questions or need to find some information about the chapter check the website.

Last, but certainly not least, the Three Chapter Joint One Day Show in Waco is happening at the end of the month. This is going to be a really exciting show and I am sure will be well attended with three chapters participating. It should be a lot of fun and I am sure there will be a lot of clocks and watches to check out. See you there!

Keep on ticking!

Jeff

## Vice President's Message

Great things are happening in the Southwestern Chapter 15 of NAWCC. Being a part of the action is really where people shine. Chapter 15 is fortunate to have talented people who are truly

making a difference. Are you ready to shine?

One of the specific duties of the Vice-President is to act as Chairman of the Great Southwestern Regional. The 2007 Regional will once again be held in Kerrville. The dates are: **April 19, 20 and 21, 2007**, at the Inn of the Hills.

Many of you have valuable experience working in various committees that are necessary to make the Regional a success. If you have served as Chairperson of one or more of the committees, please consider this message to be an invitation to get involved again. Do not hesitate to jump on the band wagon and let me know whether you would like to work in the upcoming Regional. Other Chapter 15 members who have not had the great experience of doing Regional assignments should likewise contact me. There will be many jobs to do. Everyone will be appreciated for his/her efforts. I will know you by name and will always welcome your input. Hello! Are you listening?

Gene Galbraith

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## Director of Programs

By now some of you may have a new appreciation for the lack luster ogee clock. At the September meeting, yours truly presented a program entitled: [“The Legacy of the Ogee Clock.”](#) The 90+ years longevity of the ogee clock was laid out in the context of early American history. My thanks to the many people who had favorable comments about the program and the ten examples of ogee clocks that were displayed. Perhaps the program can be repeated if there is enough interest.

Onward to the **October 10** program which will also be presented by yours truly. There

are many ways to bush a clock – some good, some bad, while others are, shall we say “creative.” The program is titled: “Playing the Bushing Game,” or more sophisticated “The Art of Bushing.” Another title could be “How Do I Avoid Bushing?” At any rate, come on out and tell me what I do that is questionable. Warning: AWCI’s *Standards and Practices* for professional results will be a primary focus of this presentation.

Wow! On **November 14** Dennis Warner, President of AWCI, will present a program related to the watchmaker’s interests. He is truly an outstanding Certified Watchmaker who always captivates his audiences with his extensive knowledge and teaching abilities. You watch hounds will not want to miss this!

“Christmas Is ‘a Comin’...” and we can all get into the spirit of Christmas at the **December 5** meeting. Note: this is not the second Tuesday, so pay attention. SW Chapter 15 has been invited to combine with CAWCG (Capital Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers Guild) for a wonderful party and fun at a Christmas banquet to be held at the UT Longhorn Club in Austin. Details will be announced at the October 10 meeting and in subsequent newsletters. The banquet will feature a gourmet meal and a fine Christmas program of professional quality. Gentlemen: coat and tie are required by the club. The nominal cost is in the range of \$40 - \$50 per head and will cover rental of the facility, a gourmet meal, Christmas entertainment and free covered parking. Please RSVP as soon as possible to [genegalbraith35@aol.com](mailto:genegalbraith35@aol.com). Members’ spouses and/or guests are welcome.

Gene Galbraith

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*It's Dues time again.....*

October marks the beginning of our dues drive for 2007. The year your dues are paid through can be found in the upper right hand corner in the mailing label of this newsletter. "2006" means you have paid through December 2006 and need to pay for 2007. Dues are \$10 per year. December 31, 2006 is the due date. Please complete the Membership Application from page three so we can check our records for addresses and other details. Thank you for your support of our chapter. ☺ Secretary/Editor

**Chapter Financial Report**  
*submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer*

Balance 6/5/2006	\$10,531.70 (General Fund)
Income:	\$ 455.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$340.99
Donation to Houston Regional	\$100.00
Balance 9/1/2006	\$10,545.71 (Frost National Bank)
Regional Account Balance	\$4,546.35 (Wachovia Bank)
Total Chapter 15 Funds:	\$15,092.06

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