

The Mainspring

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of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

S.W. Chapter 15

February 2007

President's Message

WOW! What a turnout we had for the January meeting. I was very impressed. There was a lot of good fellowship, an excellent program and good food (although too expensive in my book, oh well live and learn.) I urge all of you that can make it to the Austin meeting in February to do so. Come on people from San Antonio, the Austin bunch came to San Antonio, so I think we should extend the courtesy to attend the Austin meeting. Gene always sets up a class act program and the food is good and you will get to talk clocks and watches so what else can you ask for. Now I am going to do some begging. Please, please, anyone interested in running for office for the up coming term please let one of your officers know. We need to fill some spots and as you can see all the previous officers have survived so it isn't that difficult. We need a lot of names to put in the March newsletter so they can be voted on at the Regional. Enough of my begging. Have a good day and we'll look forward to seeing you in Austin.

Jeff

Vice President's Message

We are one chairmanship away from having a completed slate for the Southwest Regional in April. We still need a Chairman for the Hospitality Committee. If you would like an opportunity to feel really important, this is the job for you. It would be great to have a couple doing this together. Let me know right away, or I'll have to take the job on myself.

Look for our ad in *The Mart* this month and be sure to get registered. Don't forget to update your membership in NAWCC and Chapter 15. Really, this would be a great time to recruit new members

to the Chapter and get them acquainted with some of the greatest people - clock and watch enthusiasts.

Look for the Advertisers' form in this issue and showcase

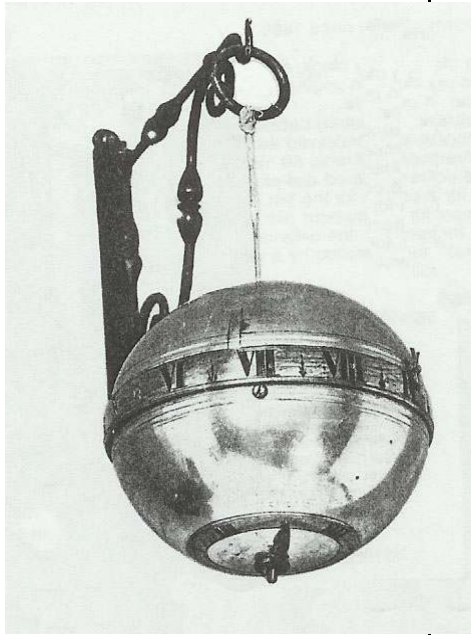
yourself, your business, or your services in the Regional Convention Program.

Gene Galbraith

FALLING BALL CLOCK. A spherical clock, the weight of which provides the motive power as it descends. The ball is suspended by a cord or tape. The time is indicated by a pointer on a rotating band around the center of the ball. The clock is wound manually raising the ball until the cord or tape disappears into the ball.
courtesy *Watch & Clock Encyclopedia*, Donald de Carle,

Director of Programs

The February 10 program will be presented at Tien Hong Chinese restaurant in Austin at 11:00 AM. Come to eat lunch and enjoy a program on *The Falling Ball Clock*. The unique design of this clock is most interesting, so come and learn what makes this clock "tic"! Directions to the restaurant may be found in this newsletter.



On March 24, 2007 there will be a special field trip program to Lockhart, Texas, to visit the Caldwell County Courthouse Tower Clock. This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. Registration at the courthouse will begin at 10:30. Meet at the north side of the building. The courthouse is located at 110 S. San Antonio Street, but can't be missed as it dominates the skyline in the community. Only registered members of NAWCC, members of Chapter 15, family members, and invited Official Guests may enter the courthouse. A special presentation on the history of the tower clock will be given in the Courthouse Court Room on the second floor. This will be followed by a lunch break at any one of several barbeque restaurants in Lockhart. After lunch, tours begin to climb the tower and view the clock. Bring your camera.

Gene Galbraith

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **February 10th, 2007,**
Saturday 11 AM
Monthly meeting of Chapter 15
Tien Hong Restaurant
8301 Burnet Road, Austin

● **March 2 - 3, 2007**
Lone Star Regional, Mesquite Texas
sponsored by Chapter 124

● **March 24, 2007**
Field trip to view Caldwell County
Courthouse Tower Clock
sponsored by Chapter 15
see additional details above

● **April 20 - 21, 2007**
Great Southwestern Regional
Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas
sponsored by Chapter 15

● **June 6 - 9, 2007**
NAWCC National Convention
Chattanooga, Tenn

Chapter Financial Report

submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer

(General Fund)	
Balance 01/01/2007	\$ 8,599.62
Income	\$715.51
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$154.85
Balance 02/01/2007	\$ 9,160.28
Regional Account Balance:	\$4,189.81

Chapter 15 Membership Application

(circle one) NEW // RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$10 per year. Dues are payable by December 31 each year. If joining initially after July 1st dues are \$5 for the first year. You must be a current and paid up member of the NAWCC to join a chapter. You may belong to more than one chapter at a time.

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NAWCC Member# _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 15 NAWCC

Enclose this form with remittance and send to:

Jerry Brazil, Secretary Chapter 15

26766 Fawn Mountain Road

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Last Call for Chapter Dues

This is the last call and notice to 41 members who have not paid your 2007 chapter dues. Due date was December 31, 2006. Your mailing label has a red mark in the upper red corner if this applies to you. Cyber members check the list within the body of the e-mail that comes along with the newsletter PDF. THANK YOU for your support.☺

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page 90 by Tran Duy Ly

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Member News

Members are urged to pass along member news to the Editor for publication in this space.☺

NAWCC Crafts Contest

submitted by Jerry Thornsberry, Chairman

The NAWCC Crafts Contest will be held again this year at the National Convention in Chattanooga, TN during June 6-9, 2007. You can find complete information about the contest as well as the 25 separate classes involved and application forms on pages 59 - 62 of the December 2006 edition of the **MART**.

Editors note: Chapter 15 has had several entrants and winners in this contest in past years. I know of one entry planned for this year ...you will not want to miss it! All others are encouraged.

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