



THE MAIN SPRING

A Monthly Publication from
Southwestern Chapter 15 of the
National Association of
Watch and Clock Collectors

Great Southwestern Regional Update

We are only THREE MONTHS AWAY from the 2008 Great Southwestern Regional, to be held at the New Braunfels Civic Center this year. A small group of volunteers have responded to my plea for help, and I'm very grateful. I am planning to hold a short (no more than one hour) planning meeting after the one-day mart this month, so if you'd like to provide input, please plan to attend. If you can't make it, haven't contacted me yet, and still want to volunteer, please contact me by email at VicePresident@nawcc-chapter15.org, phone at (512) 788-5125, or mail at

124 Silk Tree Lane,
Round Rock TX 78664.

Hope to hear from you soon!
Mike Williams, Vice President,
NAWCC Southwestern Chapter 15
General Chairman,
2008 Great Southwestern Regional

Treasurer's Report

Neill Day, Chapter 15 Treasurer reports that the account balances on the last statements are:

Chapter 15	\$7,805.66
Regional account	\$1,696.93

CHAPTER 15 ONE DAY MART

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

9 AM-12 PM

WESTOVER HILLS CHURCH OF
CHRIST

8332 MESA DRIVE

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Admission: 5.00 each

Tables: \$5.00 each

*Have a horological item that you want
to show off?*

*Bring it to our "Show and Tell"
session.*

The Church is located at the corner of Steck and Mesa Drive directly across from Anderson High School.

Coming from the South (San Antonio), take the Steck exit off Loop1 (Mopac) Then go left on Steck up the hill to Mesa. Turn right on Mesa and then take an immediate left into the Church parking lot.

A map is available at:

www.westover.org.

The Mart will held in the Gym.

Visit Your NAWCC Chapter 15 Website at www.nawcc-chapter15.org/ - new information updates!!
Note that you can have your website listed on our website - it's free! You can have a small advertisement or horological link there for free! Free Web exposure; contact the Webmaster for this great benefit.

News from the Program Director Jerry Brazil

A couple months back I asked for individuals that would be interested in either a class in dial and glass painting, or in a course on the restoration of electrical Self Wind clocks to contact me. I assume the extremely low response, 2 individuals, may have been from the number of class days or the cost of these proposed classes. Unfortunately the chapter can not fund the expenses of these courses for a few individuals.

However, we do have an electrical clock expert in our chapter who is also local in Ken Reindel. Ken has agreed to facilitate a 3 hour hands on restoration class for Self Wind clocks. There will be no charge for this class. It will be Saturday March 15 in Austin during our scheduled chapter meeting, 9AM to 12. This is planned on being a "hands on" class, so bring your questions or your own movement and we'll see how far we can get in the time we have. More details to follow. Questions can be directed to me at eggman@satx.rr.com or (210) 698-6665.

Sad News

It is with heavy heart I report the loss of another long time Chapter 15 member. Ed Fear passed Saturday, December 29, 2007. Many will remember Ed's wit, smile and horological knowledge, and many others will remember his award winning case carving and the depth of his repair skills. Vaya con Dios our friend.

We also remember another long time member Carl Schmieg who passed Sunday, December 9, 2007 in Houston. Carl had been ill for quite awhile. He was a good friend and loyal member

French Clock Plate Markings

On some clocks there are mysterious markings on the back plate. But on some later French clocks the markings offer good information. Often there are two numbers on either side of the bottom pillar hole, and sometimes a serial number is on one side of the pillar hole and then another number is on the other side. Often, it is the length of the pendulum to one decimal place, in French inches, or pouces. One pouce equals 27 mm or 1.063 inches. Handy information for those French clocks that show up without a pendulum.

The French abandoned their traditional measurements for the metric system after the French revolution (a pouce was the length of the King's thumb), in 1789. But the clock industry kept using the pouce as late as World War I.

President's Message Gene Galbraith

Cheers and best wishes for the New Year to all! May 2008 bring happiness and prosperity to each of you and your families.

Casting a glance back at 2007 should encourage everyone and remind us of the great successes and achievements of Southwestern Chapter 15 over the past year. Reviewing the newsletters of 2007 points up the great times we had together at workshops, marts, programs, and the Regional. The officers and directors have worked diligently to bring the Chapter to the close of a successful year.

The Great Southwestern Regional for 2008 is only four months away. Vice President Mike Williams is the General Chairman. He is putting together the various committees that are necessary to run a successful Regional. Your help is urgently needed to work as Chairpersons and committee members. Contact Mike now, and volunteer your services on the committee of your choice. It takes a lot of people working together to make the Regional happen. Let's make this Regional a great one!

Save The Date

- **NAWCC Chapter 15 One-Day Mart**
January 19th, 9:00 am – 12:00
Austin, Westover Hills Church of Christ
- **NAWCC Chapter 15 Meeting**
February 15th, 9:00 am – 12:00
Austin, Westover Hills Church of Christ
- **NAWCC Chapter 15 Workshop**
Self Winding Clock Restoration
March 16th, 9:00 am – 12:00
Austin, Westover Hills Church of Christ
- **Lone Star Regional**
March 7th & 8th
Mesquite, Mesquite Convention Center
- **Great Southwestern Regional**
April 18th & 19th
New Braunfels, Texas
New Braunfels Civic Center
- **NAWCC National Convention**
June 11th – 14th
Springfield, MO

It's Dues time again.....

Several members have already renewed their 2008 Chapter dues. **Thank You** for your timely responses. If you're unsure if you've paid, the year through which your dues are paid can be found in the upper right hand corner in the mailing label of this newsletter, or if you receive the newsletter via e-mail, you can contact me at pwholloway@suddenlink.net to check the status. "2007" on your mailing label means you have paid through December 2007 and need to pay for 2008.

Dues are \$10 per year and run concurrent with the calendar year. Please complete the Membership Application found in this newsletter so we can check our records for addresses and other details. Additionally, if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please indicate this on the application. E-mail distribution helps save postage and production expenses, thus allowing us to utilize the available funds for outreach and educational programs. Thank you for your support of our chapter.

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Chapter 15 Membership Application
New Application / Renewal (circle one)
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You may be a member of more than one chapter.
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Make Check Payable To: Chapter 15, NAWCC
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Pat Holloway
1105 Lafayette Lane
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Safe House Calls or Moving

Well we all know to remove the pendulum from a grandfather clock when moving it, but what do you do with it? Those with wooden sticks don't like to be bent and the shiny metal ones can scratch easily. One solution is a long gun carrier. Your local discount store's gun department should have some reasonably priced hard sided rifle/shotgun carriers. Good protection and usually comes lined with the foam padding so it's ready to use.

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