



THE MAIN SPRING

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

Great Southwestern Regional April 18-19, 2008

SCHEDULE

Friday - April 18

10:00 a.m. Registration/Unloading
1:00 pm – 5:00 p.m. Mart Hours
5:30 p.m. Business Meeting
7:30 p.m. Educational Program
(Dating Gustav Becker Clocks, by John Hubby)

Saturday - April 19

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Banquet
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mart Hours
11:00 Mart Shopping Spree Drawing
Other activities with times to be announced

* Door Prizes * Silent Auction * Exhibits*

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**** Deadline for all pre-registration is April 4, 2008 ****

Registrations received on or before March 21, 2008 will be eligible for a drawing for one night FREE Hotel accommodations. Drawing to be held at Breakfast Banquet. ** Deadline for all pre-registration is April 4, 2008 **

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON BADGES

Name _____ NAWCC# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse's Name/Children's Name(s) _____

Please check if you are a National Officer__ Director__ Chapter President __ Fellow__ Star Fellow__ Old Timer__

Registration Fee (member/family members).... ____ @ \$20.00 = _____ (Registration at the door is \$25.00)

Children under 18 admitted free

Registration Saturday Only..... ____ @ \$10.00 = _____ (Sat registration at the door \$15.00)

Breakfast Banquet..... ____ @ \$15.00 = _____

Mart Table (Maximum 2 people per table)..... ____ @ \$30.00 = _____ Tables **DO NOT** include Registration Fee

½ Mart Table (Maximum 1 person)..... ____ @ \$20.00 = _____ Tables **DO NOT** include Registration Fee

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Southwestern Chapter 15 Regional	Mail To: Pat Holloway, 1105 Lafayette Ln. Pflugerville, TX 78660	For information contact: Regional Chairman Mike Williams – 512-788-5125 Mike@simplertimeclocks.com
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President's Message

Excitement is building over the upcoming Regional in April. **Mike Williams**, General Chairman is getting his team together and making big plans for what should be a great time for clock and watch enthusiasts. Registration forms will be available soon—that reminds me. I need to renew my National and Chapter memberships right away so I can register.

One of the exciting things to enjoy at the Regional is the exhibit. This year's exhibit theme is, "Parade of Time." Great examples of Horological pieces representing three centuries of timekeeping will be on display. Clocks, watches, tools, and literary items will be collected from donors throughout the Chapter. If you have an unusual item that you think would be worthy of inclusion in the exhibit, contact **Gene Galbraith** as early as possible so we can start selecting the pieces for the exhibit.

Remember to recruit new members to Southwestern Chapter 15 and NAWCC for the drawing to be held at the Breakfast Banquet. The recruiter with the highest number of new members will win a very nice prize. Renewals do not qualify, so get out there and get involved in bringing new members into the Chapter. Go for the young people. They are the future of NAWCC and Chapter 15.

Big Sale – Bill Walker's Collection

Can you believe that it has been almost ten years since Big Daddy Bill Walker passed? Maxine and the rest of the family have decided that it is time to move on. To that end they have decided to dispose of his personal clock collection and to do that to the collector community only. The only promotion of this sale will be to Chapters 15, 124, and 139 e-mail lists and if we are lucky enough in the newsletter of each Chapter. The sale will consist of all (but about four) of the personal clocks which Bill and Maxine enjoyed for many years. There are about 125 clocks:

Large Number (maybe twenty to twenty-five) of Double Dial Calendars; Mirror Sides; Howard (and other) Banjos; China Cased; Two Weight Vienna Regulator; Several Grandfathers including Nine Tube Chimer, Bell Strike, American, and others; Eclipse Regulator; Crystal Regulator; and lots of other exciting Clocks not seen in the market for a long time. The sale will be conducted at the Walker residence, 7623 Fairdale in Houston.

This is located in the southwest area, one block west of Hillcroft and one block north of Richmond. The routing to get there is out the Southwest Freeway 59 to Hillcroft. Go north on Hillcroft about one mile to Richmond and turn left (west). The first right turn will be Fresh Meadows and the first left turn then will be Fairdale. The house is in the middle of the first block and on the left side of the street. The back door of the house will open at 8:00, Saturday, February 23. There will be no access available through the front door. If it is necessary to give order-of-admission numbers to attendees, it will be done at 7:30, and not before. Absolutely no-one will be admitted before 8:00. There will be no tools in this sale as Bill's tools have been eliminated earlier. For further information, you can contact Mark Bush at 713-455-1988 or Ben Fulbright at 713-408-9840.

"These clocks will be priced to sell!!!!"

February and March Programs

Don't forget the "hands-on" class we have scheduled for March 15, 9AM to noon. We'll look at repair and restoration of electro-mechanical clocks specifically Self Winds. We're very pleased to have our own Ken Reindel as instructor.

I've come to appreciate that our Austin members have a hard time driving to San Antonio early on a Saturday morning and that our San Antonio members seem to have a similar malady. In an effort to provide an opportunity to all our members there will be an encore presentation of the 6 foot Japanese Lantern Clock, ca 1850 for the February chapter meeting. Just to whet your interest this is a double foliot, 6 foot, pre-western time keeping, calendar and alarm, triple weight piece from the Japanese shogun era. We'll begin at 10AM sharp February 16 and run til approximately noon.

For both meetings we'll be at the Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa in Austin. That's on the corner of Steck and Mesa. We've been there before and will be there again hopefully. You can go to the website for a map or check back in last month's newsletter for more detailed directions. Questions can be directed to Jerry Brazil, 210 698-6665 or eggman@satx.rr.com Hope to see you there!

2008 NAWCC Crafts Competition

Are you currently working on a watch, clock or case restoration that you'd like to share? Have any great visions for a painted dial, reverse painting on glass, carving, gold leafing or other artistic ideas just waiting to be put to use? Ever consider building or creating a copy of a tool used for making and/or repairing horological items? If any of these projects strikes a note with you, maybe you should consider entering one of the 25 classes of competition in the 2008 NAWCC Crafts Competition that will take place at the National Convention in Springfield, MO, June 11 – 14, 2008.

Take a minute to look back in your December *NAWCC Bulletin* to see photographs of some of the wonderful entries in the 2007 Craft Contest, along with a listing of all the winners, including several of our Chapter 15 members! Having seen the amazing work that some of you have done spurs me to encourage our membership to consider entering this year's competition. A complete listing and description of the 25 classes for this year, along with rules and entry forms, are included in the December issue of *The Mart* pages 59 through 62. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than May 16, 2008, so start thinking now about what you might want to enter.

Not sure there is enough time to get your project completed in time for the Convention in June? Why not start planning for next year? Not sure you can get something done on your own, but would like to work on a project with other Chapter 15 members? Consider the Chapter Clock Restoration where a minimum of three Chapter members perform restoration activities on the entry. What an opportunity for learning, sharing and fellowship!

Think about it!

2008 Membership Renewal

There has been a wonderful response to the reminder in the January newsletter. Many of you have sent your 2008 Chapter dues. **Thank You** for responding so quickly. 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 determine your status by contacting me at pwholloway@suddenlink.net. "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.

Chapter 15 Membership Application
New Application / Renewal (circle one)
Membership Dues are \$10

You must be a current and paid member
of NAWCC to join a Chapter.

You may be a member of more than one chapter.

Please Print or Type

NAME: _____

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Make Check Payable To: Chapter 15, NAWCC
Enclose this application and check and send to:

Pat Holloway
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January Mart and "Show & Tell"

With a brisk and breezy start, Saturday January 19th found a small but enthusiastic group present for the January One-Day Mart at Westover Hills Church of Christ in Austin. Table holders and attendees came from as far away as Temple and Belton to the north and San Antonio to the south. In addition to some very unusual items for sale, and some lively interest in several of the clocks, the fellowship and knowledge sharing were enjoyed by all.

During the show and tell segment of the morning, Jerry Brazil shared two items from his table including a torque wrench used for watches and very small parts, and a German Boley watchmakers' lathe with an unusual and narrow European style bed which included a second bed which could be attached to the first for various supplemental equipment configurations. Gene Galbraith brought a cuckoo clock where the weights were connected to what appear to be original pulleys, thus doubling the run time of the clock. He also shared an estate sale find - a brass clock works with a wooden regulator. All of these items generated some spirited discussions.

We missed those of you who were unable to attend and hope that you will be able to join us for future programs and marts on the third Saturday of each month. Our thanks goes to those who planned the day's activities, Ron Davidson - Director of Marts, and Jerry Brazil - Director of Programs..

Save The Date

- **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

Treasurer's Report

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

Regional account	\$1,686.93
Chapter 15 account	\$7,843.66



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