

The MAIN SPRING

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

Southwest Chapter 15 Monthly Meeting January 16, 2008 - Lockhart, Texas

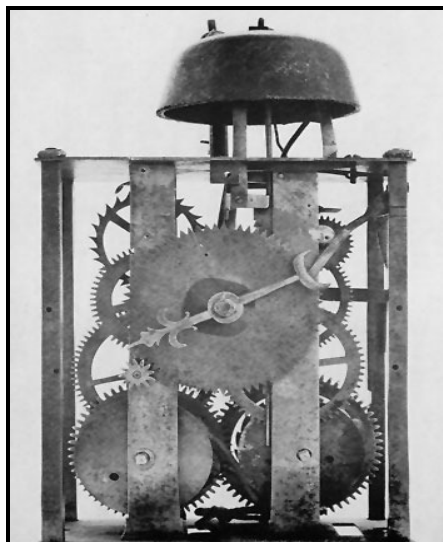
The Southwestern Chapter 15 monthly meeting will be on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the SW Museum of Clocks & Watches in Lockhart, Texas.

Gene Galbraith will present a program on Comtoise clocks of Morbier and Morez in the Franche-Comte` Province of France. Members who have one of these most interesting clocks may bring it and learn how to disassemble it.

Bring basic tools, i.e., pliers and straight #2 screw driver. If your clock has some replacement Phillips screws, bring a #2 Phillips screw driver. Also, bring a suitable cloth to rest the clock on. Everything else will be furnished.

Complete clocks will be available to observe for correct reassembly if there is time. Otherwise, we can put the parts in a tray and plan on a continuation of the program in February. Participants are invited to meet for lunch at Black's Barbeque.

If you are saying "com-what clock?" - see below.



Great Southwestern Regional Update

As of this writing, the Great Southwestern Regional is only three and a half months away. Online registration is available through our own website or through the national organization, and for the first time (online only), credit cards and debit cards can be used (PayPal or NAWCC's payment process). "Early Bird" registrations are already trickling in - I believe we've already rented 20% of the total number of tables rented last year, and we've barely gotten started. As a reminder, we are offering a discount this year for "Early Bird" registrations: Mart admission and tables are discounted by \$5 each through January 31, 2009. For somebody who is planning to attend with a spouse and rent two tables, that's a \$20 savings!

Now comes the pitch: The Regional can't happen without volunteers, and it's neither fair nor realistic to depend on the same people to fill the same roles every year without having at least one person for each position backing them up. Every year, we hear news of longtime members moving to another state, dropping out, or passing away. When this happens to members in positions of leadership or special responsibility and nobody is trained to take their place, "corporate knowledge" is lost. People are also more willing to volunteer or continue working when they know they are not alone-if somebody "has their back". Please contact me as soon as possible if you want to help with the Great Southwestern Regional in any way.

Mike Williams
General Chairman, Great Southwestern Regional

Visit Your NAWCC Chapter 15 Website at www.nawcc-chapter15.org/ - new information updates!!

President's Message

~ Gene Galbraith

The Associated Press recently published an article in the newspaper entitled, **“Wait a sec: Timekeepers decide to extend 2008”**. It pointed out that the Earth's rotation is slowing down, requiring timekeepers to add an extra second to their atomic clocks at the end of 2008. One would think that the extra second would be added at 11:59:59 as we prepared for the 12:00 midnight striking of the hour ushering in 2009. But no, the time brokers will add the extra second after 5:59:59 p.m. just before 6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. That extra second will make 2008—already long with an extra day on February 29—the longest year since 1992.

Who are these wizards of timekeeping? Actually, they are an international consortium of timekeepers. In the United States it is the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington where one third of the world's atomic clocks are controlled. I always thought time was controlled in Boulder, Colorado. Would someone please straighten me out about the origins of time?

Ironically, all of us, as purveyors of time, are members of this international brotherhood/sisterhood of timekeepers. Each of us must now reset all of our clocks and watches to allow for an extra second of time. For many of us this can be a daunting task because we have many timepieces. It is difficult enough to reset all these tickers to Daylight Savings Time, let alone go back and add a second. Honestly, who among us has the time to do all this work? In a few years we will all have to do it again as the Earth winds down ever slower. To me it seems like a waste of good time.

If the truth be known, 99.99% of my timepieces wouldn't know the difference between 60 seconds and 61 seconds. Time stands still for no man (or woman); but keeping track of time is the challenge.

Once upon a time someone observed, “Tempus Fugit,” meaning time flies. Now we hear that time is actually slowing down. Maybe this “ritardando” will help me to live longer and have more time on my hands.

“Pardon me, sir, but I notice your watch is one second too fast.”

Save The Date

- **Florida Mid-Winter
Daytona Beach, Florida
February 18th - 22nd**
- **Lone Star Regional
Mesquite, Texas
March 6th - 7th**
- **Great Southwestern Regional
New Braunfels, Texas
April 17th & 18th**
- **National NAWCC Convention
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 10th - 13th**
- **All Texas Chapters
Houston, Texas
August 28th - 30th**

Financial Statement

SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER 15 OF NAWCC

NOV 18 BEGINNING BALANCE	8,960.38
TOTAL DEPOSITS/CREDITS	145.00
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS	0.00
DEC 15 ENDING BALANCE	9,105.38

DEPOSITS AND CREDITS ----- POSTED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DETAIL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
DEC 15	DEPOSIT MADE IN A BRANCH	100.00
DEC 15	DEPOSIT	45.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY -----

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
NOV 18	8,960.38	DEC 15	9,105.38

All deposits made were membership renewals.

2009 Chapter 15 Membership Renewal

The Chapter 15 membership renewals have slowed to a trickle as we end 2008. Don't take the chance of missing a copy of the MainSpring or information on upcoming events. Check the year in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label. If you receive the newsletter via e-mail, you can contact me at pwholloway@suddenlink.net to check the status. "2008" on your mailing label means you have paid through December 2008 and will need to renew for 2009. Thanks to each of you who have sent in your Chapter 15 membership for 2009!

Thank you for your continued support of our Chapter!

Chapter Member News

Pat Holloway reports:

"Just after the last newsletter went to the printer, I spoke with Bob Phillips, one of our Chapter 15 members. He suffered a heart attack back on September 21, and after spending three weeks in the hospital, he was able to return home. He is continuing with some therapy, and hopes to get back with his clock friends soon. In the meantime, if you have a few minutes, he'd like to hear from you by phone (713-862-1232)."

Who Are Those People?

Sorry, last month's newsletter did not have a caption for the picture of members at the social. They were: From left to right (standing) – Ken Reindel, Jay Holloway, Luella Galbraith, Pat Holloway, Roger Spillers, Debbie and Roy Barnard, Mike and Carrie Williams, Mary Spurrell, Jerry and Linda Brazil, Luther Lucko, Michael Webb. Front row – Gene Galbraith, Carolyn Spillers, Susan Hansen, Dan Havlik. That's who!

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

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NAWCC Member # _____

HOROLOGICAL INTERESTS: _____

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

Pat Holloway
1105 Lafayette Lane
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Trademark "Silver" Names

The following are some of the names used by watch companies for their base metal alloys that mimicked silver:

SILVEROID trademark of the Keystone Watch Case Co.

SILVERINE " " " " " Dueber Watch Case Co.

SILVERODE " " " " " Philadelphia Watch Case Co.

SILVERORE " " " " " Joseph Fahys Watch Case Co.

ORESILVER " " " " " Joseph Fahys Watch Case Co.

ALASKA SILVER " " " " " Philadelphia Watch Case Co.

All are "base metal", composed of various proportions of copper, nickel, tin and other base metals. None of them contain any silver - unless a silver color counts.

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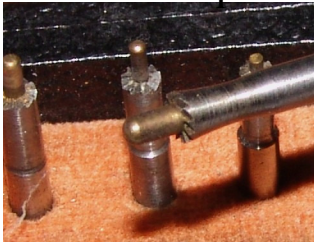


Howard C Vaughn Sr.

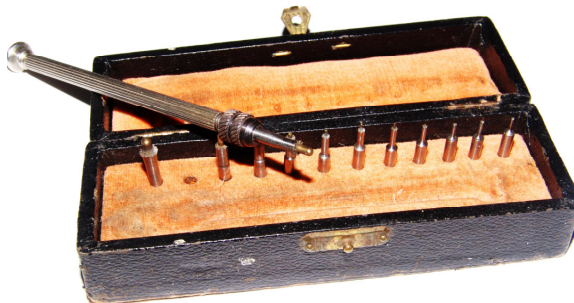
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What are these tools?

#1 Close Up



#1 The Set



#2



#3