

The MAIN SPRING

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Southwestern Chapter 15 of the
National Association of
Watch and Clock Collectors*

Regional Update

The good news is that registrations and table rentals are still well ahead of last year's pace, with table rentals now nearly equal to the total number rented last year-and at this writing we have 17 days to go before the regional begins. We had a great response to our "Early Bird" registration, with many members saving money by registering by January 31. Online registration has been very popular, accounting for about one out of every four registrations. One out of five registrations included a chapter membership renewal, and almost half of these were online. If the current registration pace continues, our current plan for 100 tables may have to be revised!

Now for the rest of the story. The officers and directors have approached a number of capable individuals to ask if they would be willing to serve as chapter Vice President for the next two years. The most visible job of the Vice President is to plan for and conduct the Great Southwestern Regional, as the general chairman. So far, we do not have a candidate to present to the membership at the general membership meeting in two weeks. In order to conduct a regional next year, we must have a capable individual filling this position, because we already need to be negotiating for a site for next year. The costs associated with the New Braunfels Civic Center are going up, and we may not qualify for the discounted price that we've received the past two years. I've secured a "hold" on the Bell County Expo Center in Belton (South of Temple), which has a nice La Quinta Inn next door. We may also be able to push the date for the regional out a little, if national approves. That would put more distance between our regional and the Lone Star in Mesquite, while still allowing plenty of time prior to the National Convention in mid-June.

But we need input from membership and a final decision needs to be made by the incoming general chairman of the Great Southwestern Regional-a position that may be vacant very soon!

I will be polling Chapter 15 members soon regarding preferences on the future direction of the Great Southwestern Regional. In the meantime, please contact any of the officers to provide feedback or to volunteer for any position, including Vice President.

I look forward to meeting and greeting everybody at the regional and general membership meeting--the best time of the year!

Mike Williams, Vice President
General Chairman, Great Southwestern Regional

Reverse Glass Painting Class

Ever wonder how the wonderful pictures were applied to clock tablets? Have a desire to do something artistic – even though you may not feel particularly artistic? Want to spend some time with others who are interested in the same things? The opportunity may be closer than you think!

We're very pleased to announce that **Phil Gregory** has agreed to teach a two-day reverse glass painting class in our area. The class will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 30th – 31st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches in Lockhart. The focus of this class will be the use of transfers and paints to apply a picture to a clock tablet. You'll be amazed what you can do and what you will have learned about clock tablets when this class is finished!

All supplies are included in the cost of the class. Cost for the two-day class will be \$60 and the size is limited to 12 participants. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis, so if you have questions or are interested in attending, please let me know as soon as possible. Checks for the class should be made out to Chapter 15, NAWCC and sent to:

Pat Holloway
1105 Lafayette Lane,
Pflugerville, TX 78660

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

President's Message

~Gene Galbraith

As of this writing, tomorrow is April 1st, "April Fools' Day." I remember when I was a kid how important this date was for me and my friends. "Your shoe is untied." Or, "Your mother is calling you." Ha, Ha, Ha, "April Fools!" All this seems so trite and juvenile now and we laugh at ourselves for getting caught up in the joking fun.

However, as I am quite a bit older, it's no laughing matter that my shoe is in fact untied. Some days I can't reach my shoe to tie the strings because my back is stove up. My mother might indeed be calling, bless her memory, but I can't hear as well as I once did. Somehow, my youthful mind and emotions stayed young while my old frame and digits became less nimble.

Through all of the maturing and aging process, time became my best friend. As long as I had time, I knew that I was still trudging along life's path rather than pushing up Daisies from a deep rut called a grave. So, in the present time, time may be my most valuable asset. For without it, all endeavor is meaningless, indeed, impossible.

It is, with this bit of reflection, that I realize how sobering is the motto, "Tempus Fugit", "Time Flies." What a whirl wind of events have come and gone since I first joined Southwestern Chapter 15 a few times ago. Now it is time to pass on to other pursuits as a new President checks in and punches the time clock to take up the duties as leader of Fifteen. While I maybe "punching out" on the Chapter time clock, I am not disappearing from the scene. I expect to lend my support to the new President, **Mike Williams**, as he brings Chapter 15 into ever more timely successes. I, and all of the membership, wish him well as he winds the clock to keep Fifteen ticking. For me, I think I will not wind the clocks, but rather simply watch the Sun Dial. Hopefully, some days will have sunshine.

Oh, no! My Sun Dial has stopped! "April Fools!"

Welcome New Members!

Great Southwestern welcomes our newest members, **Evelyn Slough** and **Rusty Horn**. Welcome to both of you!

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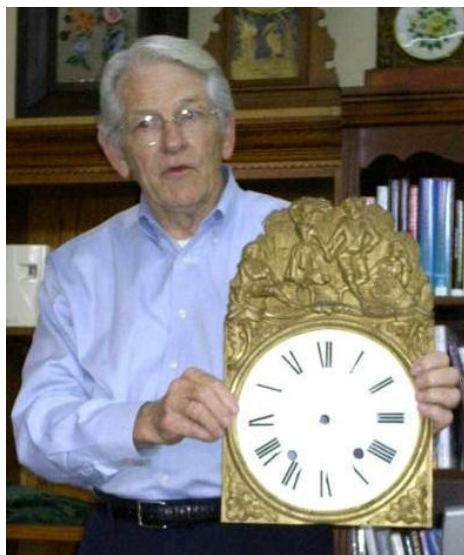
Chapter 15 March Meeting

Morbier Continued

If you weren't there on March 21st, you missed another interesting and informative program presented by **Gene Galbraith**. In addition to a review and update on the history of the Morbier and Morez clocks, we were able to observe a variety of these unusual clocks first hand.

All three of the "clock busters" returned to learn more about how to put their clocks back together properly as well as some troubleshooting tips. **Jim Robinson** brought in his reassembled clock, so we were able to see that it really is possible to turn that container of gears back into a working clock!

As promised, following the program, there was a drawing for a barbecue lunch at Black's. **Jay Holloway** was the lucky winner and Gene promptly paid up as we adjourned briefly to refuel on some Lockhart barbecue and fixings. Hmmm, wonder if we can convince Gene to pay every month??



Gene with
Fronton
And Dial



Unusual Morbier
Clock with one
hand that has an
alarm.

Winding arbor is
accessed by
rotating the
cartouche for the
number seven.

See www.nawcc-chapter15.org/SouthwesternRegional.htm for more info, updates, and online registration
Paypal accepted for online registration (including credit and debit cards)



Great Southwestern Regional

April 17-18, 2009

HOSTED BY SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER 15

Co-Hosts: Ark-La-Tex Chapter 45, Arkansas Razorbacks Chapter 62, Five State Collectors Chapter 80
 Lone Star Chapter 124, San Jacinto Chapter 139

SCHEDULE

Friday - April 17

8:30 a.m. Unloading (3 or more tables, pre-reg only)
 9:30 a.m. Unloading/Registration (All)
 10:30 pm – 5:00 p.m. Mart Hours
 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Educational Program (TBD)

Saturday - April 18

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Banquet
 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mart Hours
 1:00 p.m. Mart Shopping Spree Drawing
 Other activities with times to be announced

* Door Prizes * Silent Auction * Exhibits*
 * Educational Programs* Hospitality*

New Braunfels Civic Center

**** Exhibit Hall****

375 S. Castell Ave.,
 New Braunfels, Texas 78130

The Hotel Faust

Renovated, elegant, and historic 1929 hotel
 240 S. Seguin Ave.
 New Braunfels, Texas 78130

1-(830) 625-7791

Make reservations directly to host hotel and specify NAWCC membership and request special rates of \$79.00-\$109.00 +tax (double to King rooms or double-double) **special room rate not guaranteed after April 1, 2009**

Registrations received on or before March 21, 2009 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 11, 2009

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON BADGES

Name _____ NAWCC# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Email Address: _____

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

Registration (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 _____ \$30.00 = _____ Tables **DO NOT** include Registration Fee

(Max 2 people per table)

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Chapter 15 Chapter Dues _____ \$10.00 = _____ Optional for new or renewing members

PLEASE PAY DUES WITH A SEPARATE CHECK

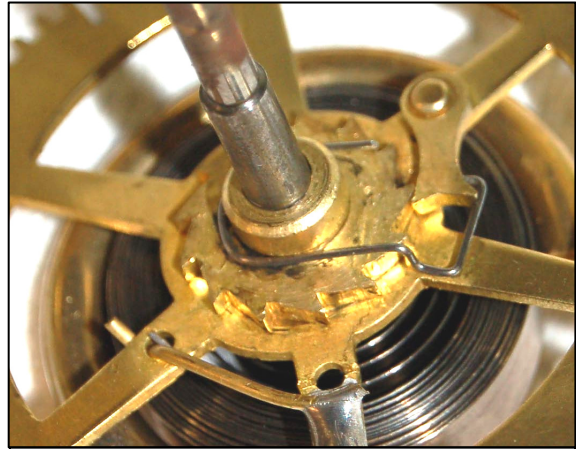
Make Checks Payable to: Southwestern Chapter 15 Regional	Mail To: Pat Holloway, 1105 Lafayette Ln. Pflugerville, TX 78660	For information contact: Regional Chairman Mike Williams – 512-788-5125 Mike@simplertimeclocks.com
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Participation in this Mart is completely voluntary. No refunds, guaranteed registrations or mail-in registrations accepted after April 11, 2009. No Tables reserved without Paid Reservation. Selling of items without purchase of a mart table is strictly prohibited. Only Horological items are permitted in the Mart Room. Mart Rules strictly enforced. Shopping spree drawing winner must be present to win and shopping spree purchases only good for Mart purchases from vendors present at the time of drawing. The NAWCC, its officers and members, and the Southwestern Chapter 15 Regional are not responsible for any loss, injury or tort during this meeting.

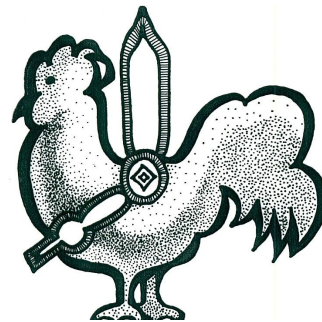
Save The Date

- **Great Southwestern Regional**
New Braunfels, Texas
April 17th & 18th
- **Reverse Painting Course**
Phil Gregory Instructor
Lockhart, Texas
May 30th & 31st
- **National NAWCC Convention**
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 10th - 13th
- **Five State Collectors Regional**
Lubbock, Texas
August 14th - 15th
- **All Texas Chapters**
Houston, Texas
August 28th - 30th
- **MKOA Regional**
Carthage, Missouri
September 24th - 26th

Scary Picture!



Click Spring repair on 30 hour Waterbury
Yep, that's a paper clip hooked around the arbor.
Courtesy of Gene Galbraith



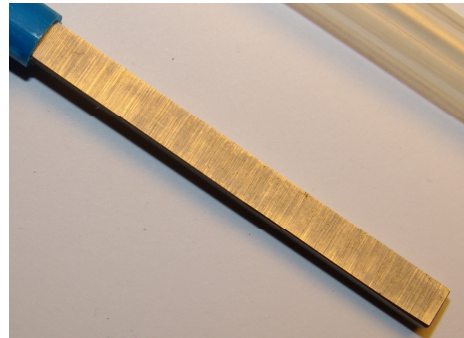
What well known clock company used this logo?

Answer to last month's quiz - These tools are pivot file/burnishers

Used to smooth and burnish pivots



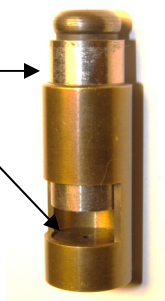
#1 Burnisher End



#2

Piston →

Anvil ↙



This is a watch size Wheel Flattener
There are holes to accommodate the arbors, the wheel is pressed between the anvil and piston.

#1 Pivot File

Be sure you get the right one, they are made right or left. One to work from the top, one to work from the bottom

