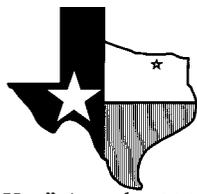


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April One Day Mart was almost exclusively devoted to the auction of the late Jack Clark's collection of clocks, tools, movements and pocket watches. There were a number of members who set up to sell, buy and trade, but they were overshadowed by the events leading up to the auction.



For those members who did not participate in the auction and were disappointed with the One Day, I must apologize. I do not believe the Board nor myself meant the One Day to be an auction. You may rest assured; this will be the last auction for some time to come. The One Day Marts were meant to be a place where members can buy, sell, trade, swap stories about clocks and watches and in general have a good social time as well as an educational program that may be helpful to the membership in the future.

The June One Day Mart will be a combined Mart and General Meeting. As you know, June is the end of our fiscal year and time once again to elect new Board Members. The Nomination Committee, consisting of Past Presidents for the last three years, have been working a slate of nominees and will present them to the general membership for affirmation. I urge all of you to attend this important meeting and get to know the incoming new Board members.

It is hard to believe my year as your President is coming to a close. We have had a number of exciting activities and events, excellent educational programs, and wonderful times together this year. I want to thank the membership for the countless hours of volunteer service to the Chapter, your encouraging words, suggestions, and constructive comments during the past year. I also want to thank the present Board of Directors for their support in the conduct of Chapter business.

I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to serve you as President of the Lone Star Chapter.

Claude Leis

Great Job, Claude!
Your Efforts Are
Appreciated!

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Directions to
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 I-30 East, take the "Lamar" exit & stay on service road.
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 Turn right on Gano; R on Park
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 Go to St. Paul, turn left
 Go past Ambassador Hotel to Gano
 Left on Gano; L on Park
From Downtown Dallas
 Get on St Paul, drive south past Ambassador Hotel; left on Gano, L on Park
 Park St. is closed to the public, so park your car in front of the Craft House anywhere along Park Street.

Hundreds of Items Sold During Auction at Last One Day Mart

What an example of team work and volunteerism! Ron Slama, Claude Leis, Garland and Jean Peters, Russ Aikins, and others worked hard to put together an auction at the last One Day. So many items were sold at great prices. It also helped someone to dispose of a collection quickly. Unfortunately it had to start early which did not leave a lot of time for the Mart. However, those who thrive on auctions really appreciated this fun opportunity.



Rob Quick Displays Nice German Box Clock

This auction was extremely well organized and much of it was due to all the volunteers. Mike Coker, Len Kaufman, Phil Ball, Rob Quick and others ran an assembly of clock items through quickly and efficiently. Marian Edwards, wife of Chuck Edwards, helped serve as treasurer.

DATE BOOK



JUNE 14TH, 1-DAY

LONE STAR CHAPTER 124
 Mart & Meeting, Knight's Inn
 Collins & 700 E. Lamar,
 Arlington. \$10 admis./lunch

AUGUST 9TH, 1-DAY

Membership in Chapter 124 is so large, that it is often hard to get to know everyone personally. Therefore, occasionally a member will find his/her life story appearing in the newsletter (with permission, of course). Here is the first:

Meet a Member: *Wally Napier*

In this day and time, Americans are particularly proud of their military, past and present. That is one reason a member is being singled out for recognition. The fact is over half of the membership in the N.A.W.C.C has a military background or career. Wally just happens to be one of many.

Wally was born and raised in Kentucky. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky State University and began a teaching career at a vocational school where he perfected his wood working skills. After that he joined the military and was brought to Texas in 1957 on a San Marcus flight.

He served as an Operations Officer with the Big Red One (First Infantry Division) in Vietnam. On his second tour, he commanded an Air Cavalry Unit of helicopters. He said they didn't have the technology they do now, but they did pretty well none the less.

The 70's found Wally and his family in Ft. Worth where he served as the Army's Representative for the Federal Aviation Administration. He has lived all over the world including five years in Europe, three years in the Far East, and four years in Hawaii. However, most of his military career he lived in Ft. Hood.

The last 10 years of his career were spent in Research and Development of Air to Ground Missile Systems. He was Chief of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems in Honolulu. Not a bad place to retire which he did 18 years ago. The Napiers moved back to Texas in 1976 to Keller where they are currently living.

Everyone has a favorite type of clock they like to work with, and Wally's is mostly the European clock. He picked up this hobby about 30 years ago while in Europe and has been accumulating knowledge and skill ever since (not to mention a few clocks along the way). He did pick up interest in the American clock later. His greatest joy is finding a poor "reject" and restoring it to its original beauty and condition. He can really do it, too. Samples of his work abound.

One would be hard pressed to find a finer clock shop than Wally has. It just has to be every clock man's dream. It is even large enough to house an area where he can do all his wood work. It is hard to believe that he built this beautiful brick building almost entirely by himself.

Wally has a very lovely and hospitable wife named Faye. One of her extraordinary achievements is a sun room (which Wally built) filled with the healthiest, most luscious green house plants that have ever been assembled under one roof. She is also a fabulous cook. Wally is very proud of her, and she sounds like "one in a million."



Wally at home in his clock shop in Keller, TX

Faye said that Wally has drawer full of medals and awards, but he dismisses it all as just "pieces of paper" and says a lot of the guys in the club have awards. (He's not only a nice guy but modest, too.)

They have two sons, one in Maui and one in Ft. Worth. It is nice to have one close by and the other to go see on vacation. They love the Hawaiian islands and recommend everyone to go visit. They are devoted to their family and each other.

Thank you, Wally, for letting us write about you and for serving our country. Thanks to all the other military guys, too. You have made our country great!

AUTOMATIC WATCHES

When traveling around the country, or even out of the country, it never hurts to check out the local "Old Books" store. You never know what you might find. For instance a book on Automatic Watches written in 1952 by R.W. Pipe, F.B.H.I. showed up in an "Old Books" store in Canada. What was so interesting about this book was that it was written in a way that reflected the times.

In 1952 automatic watches were quite the phenomenon. Rolex had been around for about 20 years, and there were numerous others on the market. Anyone who is into watches, or knows someone who is, has heard of the **Longines Automatic**, the **Omega**, **Le Coultre**, **Movado**, **Breitling Automatic**, **Zenith Automatic**, etc.

To the novice, all watches would seem to be "automatic." However, they would soon be corrected because "automatic" has a specific meaning when it comes to watches. Oddly, "automatic" is a misnomer. There really is nothing "automatic" about these watches at all. Sitting on a table by themselves, all they do is just sit.

The idea of "automatic" came out of a desire for a watch to wind itself. So technically speaking, these watches are more appropriately called "self-winders." Surprisingly, this concept has been around since the second half of the 18th century.

The earliest automatics were large pocket watches with a pedometer type weight. The watch was kept wound by the swinging motion of the weight caused by carrying it in the

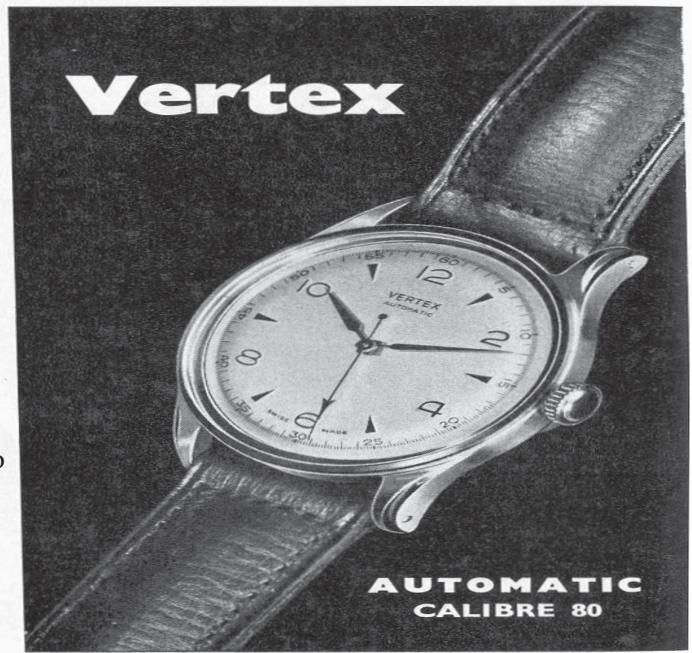
Automatic Watches (cont.)

fob pocket. The earliest watch made still in existence with the pedometer-type winding was made by Louis Recordon in London in 1780. However, no one knows for sure who the actual first inventor was.

Variations on this principle “sprang” up as time went along. About 1930 the Rolex perpetual movement was designed with the weight (or rotor) to rotate in a complete circle. This is opposed to the other design which is an oscillating weight which is shuffled back and forth between buffer springs. It also had a hand winding mechanism which could operate independently of the automatic mechanism.

The British author wrote about the interest of the American market and how the Americans liked anything “automatic.” This of course is true and still is. He complained that the Brits were unable to get some of these watches from the Swiss because the Americans were scooping them all up.

The author goes on to say that another phenomenon, the electric watch (of all things), was being promoted in America by the Elgin Watch Co. He adds that if this electric watch turns out to be a success, it would be greatest thing in time-keeping since portable wrist watches. At the time the book was going to press, he said that it would probably be another



two years before the watches were produced in any great quantity (about 1954).

There were two considerable challenges that had to be addressed: design of a battery small enough of producing a steady current for twelve months and a motor that would run at a uniform speed. Mr. Pope was excited about the prospect of an electric watch but was content to stick with automatics for the time being.

Beginning Pocket Watch Repair Class

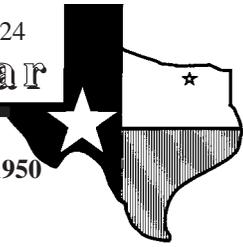
KENT DICKERSON has agreed to instruct a beginning watch repair class over the weekend of August 23-24, and it appears to be a clear weekend at Old City Park. The class description is as follows:

Designed for those with no watch repair experience. Over one weekend students will take a 10 to 18 size pocket watch in good condition (3/4 plate or bar type, please no full plate movements) and learn to disassemble, diagnose, clean and assemble. We will discuss escapements, setting problems, polishing, tightening and parts availability. A more advanced follow-up class will be scheduled after this class completes, based upon interest.

EDUCATION CLASSES

CHAPTER 124 — June - November 2003 AT OLD CITY PARK, DALLAS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Clock Repair 300	Jul 12-13, Jul 19-20	\$50	Fred Tischler @972-612-0712
Gold Leafing	July 26-27	\$25	Phil Gregory @972-717-4021
Clock Repair 400	Sep 13-14, Sep 20-21	\$50	FredTischler @972-612-0712
Clock Repair 100	Sept 27-28, Oct. 4-5	\$50	Phil Ball @972-889-9338
Transfer / Stenciling	* NOTE Change: Nov. 8-9 *	\$25	Phil Gregory @972-717-4021
Clock Case Restoration	Oct 25-26	\$25	Craig Burgess @817-427-4104
Self Winding Class	Nov 1-2, Nov 8-9 * (at a place to be determined) *	\$50	Marybess Grisham @214-351-5554
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Frank Van Zant	Irving	TX

*Welcome and come have fun with
a great bunch of people!*

Lost and Found

Found Parts: A French wall clock was purchased from table 202 during the Mesquite Regional. In all the excitement the new owner walked away leaving the side and back covers and the pendulum bob on the table. If these parts go to your clock, contact Richard Cox 972-986-7698.

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