

LONE STAR NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

Well another fun-filled regional has come and gone—and the first thing that comes to my mind is WHEW! Seriously, it was another huge success and hopefully fun for everyone who attended. Some of the highlights were the exhibit of tools for the clock and watch maker, the educational programs, the banquet and an auction of clocks and stuff. If you were not able to attend, you really missed one of the most impressive exhibits that I have ever seen. **Bill Andrle** collected a vast assortment of tools of the clock and watch maker and put them on display for all to see and finally understand the purpose of those strange tools. Huge thanks goes to Bill for putting the fabulous exhibit together. **Mike Dempsey** deserves a medal for being the sole presenter for our educationals this year. I didn't get to see them all, but the ones I did get to see were excellent. During our banquet we got an update from **Phil Gregory** on the current status of the National, and again this year we were blessed to have one of our members receive a Fellow award. Our nominating committee chose past-president **Chuck Edwards** for a National Fellow award and the national awards committee agreed that he deserved this honor. To say the least, Chuck was a bit overwhelmed by the award. Congratulations Chuck!



Again this year, our awards committee decided to grant the David Tips Volunteer of the Year award to a most deserved person, **Bill Andrle**. Bill has been very active in our chapter for a number of years and he has become known affectionately as the "Energizer." Spend some time with him and you will understand why we know him as the Energizer and why he deserves this award for super support of our chapter. Bill has touched many aspects of our chapter and richly deserves this award. Congratulations Bill!

To all the regional volunteers, I would like to offer my personal thanks for making our regional one of the best in the five state area. We certainly cannot hold a regional of this size without all of your help. I need to recognize the efforts of the board because they really are the backbone of the regional. Our convention director, **Mark Vozar**, made managing the regional look like a piece of cake. The supporting cast **Pam Tischler, Bruce Wooldridge, John Erickson and Mike Granderson** can't be beat for their enthusiasm and dedication to making the regional a success and fun for all. Thanks for your support!

Looking forward to the months ahead, please save the date of our Annual Meeting, June 20th. We expect to have another "everything goes" auction of clocks and bric-a-brac. As usual, we will have lunch catered in so your stomach will not be growling during the auction. Make plans to join us and get up to speed on the changes to the way our chapter leaders are decided.

All the best,

Phil Ball
President

By-Laws Amendments

The proposed amendments to the Chapter By-Laws are currently being reviewed by an attorney to make sure that they comply with state and federal non-profit laws. When complete, they will be posted on the Chapter website at www.chapter124.com.

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Upcoming Events

**April 17-18, 2009 Chapter 15
Great Southwestern
New Braunfels, TX**

**June 10-13, 2009 NAWCC
National Convention
Grand Rapids, MI**

**August 28-30, 2009
Chapter 139
All Texas Chapters
Houston, TX**

**September 19, 2009
Chapter 124 Member
Picnic at Marion &
Chuck Edwards'**

Directions to Grapevine One Day Show & Classes

Take HWY 114 to Grapevine. Exit on South Main heading North to Downtown Grapevine at the railroad tracks. Turn right into the parking lot with the historical railroad depot and museum. The address is 701 South Main and the place is the Founders' Building.

Managing Your Collection

By John Acker

Do you know what you have? I mean, really know what you have. If your house were burglarized, would you be able to tell the insurance adjuster what was taken? Or if that candlelit dinner turned into a blazing inferno, would you be able to prove that the pile of kindling in your entry hall was really an E. Howard regulator? Or, in the worst of all possible circumstances, your heart ticked its last tock, and your spouse/significant other decided to sell your 24-jewel, Illinois Bunn Special for \$5 at a yard sale!

Most of us keep all of this valuable information in our heads, scribbled on scraps of paper stuffed in a desk drawer, or (for the more organized) in a file folder labeled "Clock Stuff." "One of these days, I'll get it all written down," is a familiar mantra chanted by the most avid collector. Facing this problem myself, I thought I would share some thoughts with readers about how to address the issue.

The first step is to develop a form for gathering information. It can contain as much, or as little, detail as you want – I believe more is better. Think as if you were trying to describe the item to someone totally unfamiliar with clocks or watches. Let's assume we're dealing with a clock. Is it a wall clock, floor clock, shelf clock? What is the material of the case – wood, metal, stone, plastic? If wood, is it mahogany, walnut, maple, oak? Is it solid or veneered? Does it have inlay or applied decoration? Describe the dial – white, black, silver, handpainted, stenciled, engraved? What kind of numerals-Arabic or Roman? Hands – steel, brass, wood, bone – spade, fleur-de-lis, quatrefoil, moon, etc? Now, take measurements – height, width, depth (you may want to provide separate dimensions for the dial and hands). Describe the shape – square, rectangular, round, pedimented, stepped-base, pilasters, columns, etc.

Next, move on to the interior – the movement. Is it – brass, steel, wood – spring-driven, weight-driven – pendulum, balance wheel – anchor, pinwheel, verge, strip pallet – time only, time and strike, time + chime + strike? Are there any significant markings on the movement – signed, stamped, serial number, model number, country of origin, etc? How is it mounted – front mount, rear mount, cast iron bracket, seat board, etc? Is there a label? What is its condition? Is it original.

Now that your description is complete, and cannot be confused with any other item in your collection, let's move on to some of the ownership details. When was it purchased? Where and from who was it purchased? How much did you pay? (Be honest! Now is not the time to hide things from your spouse or significant other!) Are there any historical facts that make the item unique or valuable? (i.e. Master clock that hung in the principal's office at Sunset High School, Dallas, TX 1947-1972.) Make sure you document how you know this information – do you have written documentation? Did the seller tell you this? Do you have photographs of it in its original location? Have you had the item appraised? What was the appraised value? Who was the appraiser? What was the date of the appraisal? Was it appraised for insurance, replacement or resale value? What is the item's condition? (Original, restored, mint, good, fair, poor.)

Finally, where is the item located? Hanging on North wall of living room, or in velvet bag in sock drawer in Master bedroom. Or, in the case of a sale, REMOVED – sold 12-23-2008 to John Q. Collector, \$10,000.

I recommend placing this info sheet in a plastic sheet protector sleeve, along with receipts, photos, and any other documents related to the item. This makes it easy to update, if you discover any new information related to the item. Place all of the completed sleeves in a three-ring binder and label the binder clearly. Ideally, you should keep two sets of these sheets – one on site and one in a safe deposit box or other offsite location. In the event of fire or theft, this will be helpful in filing an insurance claim.

When you finish with this, you can start putting all of those family vacation photos in albums, and label them!

David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award Goes to Bill Andrie

Phil Ball, Lone Star Chapter 124's President, presented **Bill Andrie** with the David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award (DTVY) for his outstanding services to the Chapter. The DTVY Award is a relatively new award that the Chapter began in 2008 to recognize those members who continue to serve the Chapter. Bill's enthusiasm is a model for all of us as he has served all positions on the Chapter Board and continues even today as an Advisor as well as serving on the Nominating and Education Committees.

Pam Tischler



Photo by Fred Tischler

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Chuck Edwards receives a pin designating him a Fellow of the NAWCC from National President Phil Gregory as Chapter 124 President Phil Ball looks on. (Photo by Mark Vozar.)

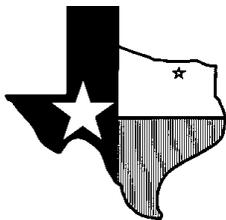


Some of the antique tools on display at the Educational Exhibit—2009 Lone Star Regional.

Upcoming Education Classes

Location for Classes: Founders' Building, 701 South Main, Grapevine, TX
 Check Chapter 124 Website @ www.chapter124.com for any changes or updates.
 (*Note: Time of classes is normally 9 am to 5 pm)

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Open Workbench Skills Workshop—TBD	May 16, 2009	FREE!	Mark Vozar
French Clock Repair	July 11-12, 2009	\$60	Fred Tischler John Erickson-Registrar 972-985-0855
Weight Driven Clock Repair 300	July 25-26, August 1-2, 2009	\$120	Phil Ball & Mark Vozar Phil Ball-Registrar 972-889-9338
Open Workbench Skills Workshop—TBD	August 15, 2009	FREE!	Mark Vozar
Repair and Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement FSW F501 (prerequisite FSW F101)	August 22-23, 2009	\$190	Fred Tischler Mark Vozar-Registrar 817-399-9894
Carriage Clock Repair (prerequisites Kitchen Clock 100 & Spring Barrel Clock 200)	October 3-4, 2009	\$60	Fred Tischler John Erickson-Registrar 972-985-0855



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Chuck Edwards Receives the Fellow Award

Phil Gregory, NAWCC Chair, presented our own **Chuck Edwards** with the NAWCC Fellow Award at the Regional Banquet on March 6th. Chuck is most deserving as he has served five years on the Chapter Board beginning as Mart Director in 2000-2001 and ending up as President in 2004-2005. He remains active by participating on the Chapter Nominating Committee and Awards Committee plus wherever he is needed to make our Chapter or Regional successful.

Under his leadership, Lone Star Chapter 124 accomplished several things like receiving the NAWCC's Chapter of the Year Award in 2005, publishing the Lone Star Chapter 124 Brochure as well as being instrumental in the development of the exhibit titled "Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse" at the

George Bush Presidential Library on the Campus of TAMU in College Station, volunteering for Candlelight Tours at Old City Park in Dallas and continuing educational courses for our members. Chuck was the Unloading Chair for the 2004 OKC National and managed to have about 30 Chapter volunteers to help him make sure the unloading went smoothly.

Chuck and his wife, **Marion**, are always very supportive of Chapter events and being the Hosts for the Chapter Picnics is another example. That alone is a chore preparing for approximately 75-80 people to attend!

Congratulations, Chuck, as we all are very proud of you!

Pam Tischler

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| Steven H. Clay | Dallas, TX |
| Leon Dickson | Lufkin, TX |
| Mike Dodson | Dallas, TX |
| Herschel Gentry | Monroe, LA |
| Julie Gorman | Fort Worth, TX |
| Michael J. Gorman | Fort Worth, TX |
| Koby Hamburg | Dallas, TX |
| Michael Klipp | Burkburnett, TX |
| Christopher Landry | Harahan, LA |
| John MacDonald | Sapulpa, OK |
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| Bob Rasmussen | Georgetown, TX |
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