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Upcoming Events

- October 17, 2009**
Chapter 124 One Day Mart & Meeting
Grapevine, TX
- November 14-15**
Southern Regional
Metairie, LA
- January 9, 2010**
Chapter 124 One Day Mart & Meeting
Grapevine, TX
- March 5-6, 2010**
Lone Star Regional
Mesquite, TX
- June 16-20, 2010**
NAWCC National Convention
York, PA

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

One of the highlights of our One Day on August 8th was a presentation on "Managing Your Collection" by **John Acker**. Several members told me how much they enjoyed John's presentation, as it made them realize what needed to be done with their own collection. Others said they needed to quit procrastinating and not say "I'll get around to it later." We continue to be amazed at the vast amount of knowledge we have in our Chapter and John is just one example.

Street Clock Project Update: Bill Edwards, Chair of the Street Clock Project, brought in the master clock, two slave clocks, and numerous pictures for members to see at our August One Day. There was always someone looking at the master clock throughout the meeting! We have a lot of excitement about restoring this McClintock Clock for the City of Grapevine, and some of the restoration has already begun by several of our members. Those who will actually be doing the work will be taking pictures as they go, as well as documenting the restoration. At least, I hope they will remember to do this! We are anticipating, with the help of our members and outside sources, completion will take somewhere around 12 to 18 months. A big "Thank You" goes to **Bill Edwards, Byron and Annette White** for continuing to work with the City of Grapevine on the actual placement of this clock. The "proposed location" of the Master Clock will be in the Train Station, and the actual Street Clock will be street side in front of the Station.

For those of you who are not aware, this McClintock Clock has been donated to Lone Star Chapter 124 by **Byron and Annette White** with the understanding that we will restore and reinstall it for the public and the Chapter's benefit. The clock has an interesting and lengthy history which Byron and Annette will be providing in future newsletters. *As updates become available, Gene Meysenburg* will chronicle "before and after" pictures, restoration and status so remember to check the Chapter's website.

According to Bill Edwards, the skirt and bonnet will need to be shipped to Michigan to ensure a proper fit for new copper ones to be duplicated. We are asking if anyone plans to go to Michigan in the near future that may be able to assist in getting them to the proper person. One would need a SUV or a Van to do this; however, if someone has a friend with a trucking business that can assist, that would be great too. Please contact **Bill Edwards** by emailing thistle-dome2@gmail.com or phone 817-980-7105 if you can assist with this.

Hugh and Evelyn Slough agreed to **Chair the Library Display Committee**. You are probably wondering what this is! We are going to have a Library Exhibit that is informative and will have components aimed for both children and adults. The exhibit will include some if not all of the following: a sun dial, a pocket watch, both men's and ladies' wrist watches, a miniature Morbier, a working Kitchen clock movement with big wheels on a stand, a doll that has a clock face for the head, books as well as other promotional information about Lone Star Chapter 124 and the NAWCC. This will be a flexible exhibit, as each Library will most likely

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Chapter 124 Mentor Program

Introduction to Mentoring

Have you helped, assisted, taught or introduced anyone to the wonders of clock and watch repair and collecting? Do you regularly go to chapter meetings with others and introduce them to your friends? Do you help and teach others about clock repair or collecting? Do you go to regional meets, one day events, chapter educationals or national events with friends? Are you interested in the survival of your cherished institution?

If you do not do any of the above or have any interest in doing any of the above, then you may skip the rest of this article. For those of us who are really interested in Lone Star Chapter 124 and its activities and do any or all of the above, WELCOME to the world of mentoring.

The Ham Radio operators have a mentor program called ELMER. To ELMER is to be a friend, to teach, to help and encourage others. To mentor someone is to be an ELMER. Beginning Ham operators or NOVICES are encouraged to contact a local Ham organization and request someone to ELMER them. Usually, anyone who introduces a newcomer to Ham Radio continues on as that person's ELMER for life. This is how HAM radio has survived for so long.

Does the NAWCC have an ELMER program? No, the NAWCC has a mentoring program. Does Lone Star Chapter 124 have an ELMER program? No, Chapter 124 has started a mentoring program and is currently defining its function and how it will carry out this program. But, really, any mentor program relies on the individual members of that organization to voluntarily

aid others. The NAWCC has a mentor program. Chapter 124 has a Mentor Program and needs individuals to bring that program to life.

We might honor those who mentor others by giving them an official name. Would we call them a FRED, a VOZAR, a CLINT or perhaps a HUGHGO? The name does not really matter. It is the action, the service each person gives to others and to the chapter that really matters. It takes many people to run an organization and make it work. An individual will quickly be overwhelmed. Even a mentor relies on others. Being a mentor is not something someone does alone. So, become an ANDRLE, a PHIL or a BRUCE and help others.

A Chapter 124 mentor does not have to do everything or be everything. Just be willing to help and make sure all new people are welcome, have a friend, are given help as needed and are taught as required. Most importantly, an individual should never feel left out. Whether you feel like it or not, everyone contributes when it comes to the Mentor Program.

There are people you meet in every day life who, with encouragement, learning, introduction to like-minded individuals and guidance, would become valued members of our organization. Becoming their friend retains them. Like-minded people gather in the same corners. I encourage you to make sure that it is LONE STAR chapter's corner in which they gather. Help grow and brighten our shining LONE STAR!

Evelyn Slough
Mentor Program Chairman
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued from page 1)*
have a different size display cabinet available for our use. When the exhibit is over, Chapter 124 will donate a child's book on Horology to each participating Library. We have a list of children's books, so the Library will be able to choose the book that they would like to have. Our first exhibit will be in the Duncanville Library in October; then it will move to Euless in November and Grapevine for the month of December. If you want to volunteer or donate something toward this on-going project, please contact Hugh and Evelyn. Also, if you think your local Library would have an interest in this exhibit, by all means let Hugh and Evelyn know. This is exciting and will give us some public exposure that we need, and what better way than a Library.

Thank you, **Marion and Chuck Edwards**, for being gracious enough to open your home once again for our annual Picnic on September 19th. This year we had approximately 75 people attend and everyone brought a dish to share along with the Barbeque from Bubba's. Thank goodness we did not have another Hurricane lurking in the Gulf to mess up our plans. Those of you that were unable to attend really missed out on some delicious food and camaraderie.

Our **2010 Regional** plans are under way with **Peter Crum** as our Convention Chair. Peter has some new and

exciting ideas so he and **Mark Vozar**, the Co-Chair for the Convention, will be working together to make this another special event. **John Erickson**, our Educational Director, has some interesting ideas as well for the Educationals, Demonstrations in the Mart and the Exhibit. This should be a fun time for all of us so; however, we definitely need volunteers to make this a successful Regional. Look for the Regional pre-registration form in the December Mart. Also, please remember we are looking for clocks, watches, tools/parts for the **Regional Auction**. This is the time to let something you have go to a new owner! Contact **Bruce Wooldridge** or **Mike Granderson** if you are interested in putting something in the auction. Our auctions are a no reserve, absolute auction, the highest bidder gets the item and the seller donates 10% of the sale to Chapter 124. The more we have, the better the auction will be! The Regional Auction brings people in from all over (not just the DFW area) so the attendance is always very good.

October 17th is our next **One Day** so mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be an Educational by Richard Cox as well as another Auction. Feel free to let **Mike Granderson** or **Bruce Wooldridge** know if you want to put something in the October Auction. Hope to see you then!

All the best,
PAM

APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR LONE STAR CHAPTER 124, NAWCC

An educational group dedicated to preserving and understanding horology.

Complete and send with applicable check made payable to: Lone Star Chapter #124
To Gene Meysenburg gm1000@prodigy.net, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas, TX 75218

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Check appropriate box: *Dues are \$10 per year.*
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To join Chapter #124, you must be an NAWCC member, or have applied for NAWCC membership. Have you applied for National membership, but haven't gotten a membership number? Check here _____. (Date of your application/check to National.)

A Unique Self-Winding 30-Hour Grandfather Clock
by Fred Tischler, *FNAWCC

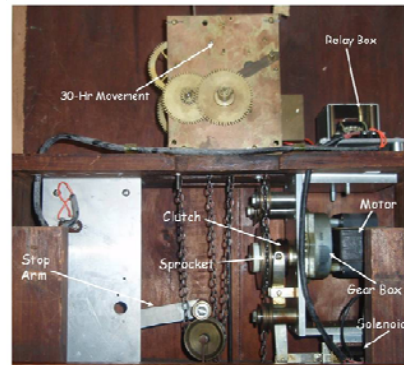
I was recently called by a young family member to Frisco, Texas to set up a 30-hour English Grandfather that had recently been received from their father who had lived in California. This typical 30-hour clock had a time and strike movement with one weight on an endless chain configured to provide power to both trains.

Now days a clock that must be wound daily is not very appealing to a lot of people; however, that's not true for this one because it has a self winding mechanism that can only be described as unique. The man's father made and installed the mechanism on the clock in 1975 and it has been running reliably ever since.

Since the owner's father had been gone several years and never explained the clock's operation to him, he had no knowledge of how it worked. It only took a few minutes to

set the clock up, oil, put in beat and to understand the self winding mechanism operation.

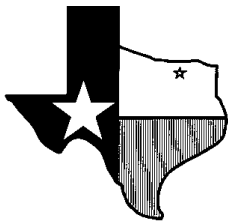
The picture below shows the front of the clock with the hood and dial off. There is a winding motor assembly attached under the right side of the seat-board that pulls the chain with a sprocket and two idler wheels. *(continued on page 4)*



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>
Carriage Clock Repair Prerequisites: Kitchen Clock 100 & Spring Barrel 200	October 3-4, 2009	\$60	Fred Tischler John Erickson-Registrar 972-985-0855
Chime Clock Repair FSW F103 Prerequisite: FSW F102	October 23-26, 2009	\$275	Fred Tischler & Mike Dempsey Mark Vozar-Registrar 817-399-9894
Open Bench Workshop	November 14, 2009	\$5 Incl. lunch	Mark Vozar 817-399-9894 No registration necessary
Jeweler's Lathe I	January 16, 2010	\$30	Russ Aikins and Bill Andrle, Instructors John Erickson, Registrar 972-985-0855
Troubleshooting Course	January 23, 2010	\$30	Fred Tischler, Instructor John Erickson, Registrar 972-985-0855



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A Unique Grandfather Clock *(continued from page 3)*

The motor assembly consists of a motor, an enclosed gear box, a clutch and solenoid. Not in the picture and on the back plate are a count-wheel and a micro-switch with an arm that drags on the count-wheel. Every 12-hour a small brass lug mounted on the count-wheel lifts the switch arm and closes a circuit to apply 120 volts to the motor assembly through a relay box mounted on top of the seat-board.

The solenoid activates the clutch and turns the motor on, and the sprocket begins to pull the chain and raise the weight. This winding process continues for about 20-seconds when a roller mounted on an arm makes contact with the pulley, and lifts the arm until another micro-switch that is mounted on the arm (not shown) opens the 120 volt circuit. This action releases the solenoid and stops the motor; the sprocket wheel can now free run and does not load the chain.

So at 12 O'clock noon and mid-night each day the movement is automatically wound, making this 30-hour clock one that is a joy to own and eliminates the daily winding routine.

Welcome New Members!

John Cook	Dallas, TX
Ann Hart	Rockwall, TX
John Hart	Rockwall, TX
David Schweitzer	Highland Village, TX

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!Auction Items Needed!

**Do you have an old clock, watch or tool
that you are ready to part with? Why not let
the Chapter auction these items for you at
our March 5th, 2010 Regional Auction?**

**Contact Bruce Wooldridge by e-mailing:
bawool@suddenlinkmail.com
or phoning 903-839-3386.**

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