

Lone Star Times

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors~Chapter 124~Grapevine, Texas
"an educational group dedicated to preserving & understanding horology."

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President's Message

Chapter 124 Members,

Chapter 124 had another successful One Day Meeting and Mart on August 3rd, thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers. **Clint Kleen** gave a very informative program on the development of early electric watches that preceded the more common quartz watches that we know today. He also updated us on his continuing project of developing a database of parts for Elgin watches (www.elginwatchparts.com). And, as a bonus, everyone received a pocket guide compiled by Clint entitled "A Brief Historical Glimpse of the American Watch Industry." This will be handy to have at Marts and Regionals for quick identification of production dates based on serial numbers.



Immediate Past President **Evelyn Slough** presented the **2013 NAWCC Chapter of the Year Award** that she accepted on behalf of the Chapter at the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio. She explained that NAWCC has expanded the award to include one for large chapters and one for small chapters. We received the award for a large chapter.

A drawing for a door prize was held, and the winner was **Barbara Koch**. She received a book entitled "Timepieces." Those present, briefly adjourned for a catered lunch arranged by Mart Director **Dee Koch**.

Bruce Wooldridge, and his Auction Team of **Mike Granderson** and **Joe Richards** brought a trailer full of clocks, tools and clock parts for a lively auction after lunch. If you didn't already have a 400-day clock, this was a great opportunity to buy one! A wide variety of mantle clocks, wall clocks, cuckoo clocks, tools and parts rounded out the auction. Also, a set of horological books was donated by **Jim Summerville**, with all of the proceeds going to the Chapter.

We had good representation at the **All Texas Chapters Regional** in Houston this year. Our Chapter 139 friends put on a great show with excellent educationals, a beautiful exhibit of Regulator Clocks, and a very successful Silent Auction.

President's Message (continued)

Thank you to **Marion and Chuck Edwards** for hosting another wonderful picnic at their place in Oak Leaf, TX. The crowd was small, but we had a great time. Chuck had an interesting demonstration on slave clocks set up in his shop. And **Bill Andrie** brought a unique motor-wound, weight-driven International clock movement (in pretty rough shape...) I hope Bill will bring it back when he gets it restored, so we can all see how it is supposed to operate! Also, special thanks to **Gerald McDaniel** for barbecuing the delicious brisket.

Congratulations to **Bill Edwards** for his recently published article in the NAWCC Bulletin. The article traces the history of the Grapevine Street Clock from its origins in Olney, TX through a brief stay in Smithville, and through its restoration by Chapter 124 members so that it could take its current stand in Grapevine. Bill did a magnificent job covering all of the twists and turns along the clock's journey.

Please make plans to attend our next **One Day Meeting and Mart on Saturday, October 5th** at the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Center (located across the street from the Founders Building). Our meeting is held on the second floor – and there are elevators! I am asking everyone to bring at least one item to the Mart. This is one area that has seen a decline in activity. If everyone brings something they can part with, maybe we can get things going again in this area. Also, if you have an interesting item of horologia, bring it for show and tell. We can all learn from each other.

We are working on the schedule for class offerings in 2014. As soon as we are able to secure the dates from Grapevine for the Founders Building, the schedule will be added to the website. Please check regularly to see if a class you have been waiting for has been added. They fill up quickly!

John Acker

President



2014
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June 17 to 21, 2014

Check us out!
www.facebook.com/nawcc2014
See you there!

Save the Date!

Carriage Clock Chapter Formed

A new special interest chapter has been chartered by the NAWCC. Chapter 195 is the International Carriage Clock Chapter, and is the first to exist entirely on the internet. The online newsletter, which will be produced four times a year, will have articles dealing with the history, repair and restoration of these small horological gems. If you are interested in joining, just send an e-mail with your request to carriageclock195@hotmail.com and you will be added to the membership list.

2014 Lone Star Regional

The Lone Star Regional is scheduled for March 7-8, 2014, and the theme for the exhibit is **Twist & Turn: The Evolution of Torsion Pendulum Clocks**. John Hubby of The Woodlands, TX is assisting us in designing the exhibit, which will include a broad variety of clocks that utilize torsion pendulums. Most of us know these as the ubiquitous 400-day clock with four balls that spin from a thin suspension spring. But the earliest of these go all the way back to the 1840s. And they are still being made today in the form of the highly coveted Atmos clock. At their height of popularity in the 1950s, more than 100 companies were manufacturing untold varieties of the same basic design. With John's help, we will attempt to show the variety and inventiveness that these clocks brought to the market. We will also be asking our members to participate by helping us fill the gaps in our exhibition story. Watch for an e-mail listing of the clocks that we need.



Calendar of Events

2013

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| October 5 | Chapter 124 One Day Meeting and Mart | Grapevine, TX |
| October 24-26 | MKOA Regional | Carthage, MO |
| November 3 thru November 30 th | Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back!!! Bella Library Exhibit-Bedford Public Library | Bedford, TX |

2014

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| March 7-8 | Lone Star Regional | Mesquite, TX |
| June 17-21 | NAWCC National Convention | Milwaukee, WI |

Welcome New Members!

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| James Barren | Fort Worth, TX |
| Justin Barren | Fort Worth, TX |
| Lorraine Belliveau | Mansfield, TX |
| Jeffrey Erb | Allen, TX |
| Case Fischer | Fredericksburg, TX |
| Robert Slobins | Glen Allen, VA |



Auction Items Needed

We are currently collecting items to be offered in Chapter auctions. We try to save the best items for our Regional in March, but many items are offered for auction at our One Days throughout the year. If you have a few things you would like to part with, or if you are looking at downsizing your collection, this may be an option for you to consider. Contact our Auction Chairman, Bruce Wooldridge, for details on how the auction process works. He can be reached at: bawool@suddenlinkmail.com or 903-839-3386.

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“A man who stops advertising to save money is like a man who stops a clock to save time” – Henry Ford

Chapter Picnic 2013



Peter Crum Receives New Heart!

As many of you may know, Peter Crum, our Newsletter Editor, has been on the list to receive a new heart. On Friday, September 20th, the call came, and Peter underwent a heart transplant early on Saturday morning. At this writing, all is going well, and he is recovering nicely.

We wish him a speedy recovery, and look forward to him once again sharing his graphic talents which give our publications that professional look!

APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR LONE STAR CHAPTER 124, NAWCC

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-mail: _____

I'm most interested in _____

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.)

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