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Next One Day Mart: January 14th

President Bill Edwards would like to remind everyone to attend the January 14th One Day in Bedford and note that the dates for the 2006 Regional have been changed to March 17-18th. Reservations should be made early!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! What an interesting fall we have had this year – for the Chapter, that is, rather than the weather!



GREAT ONE DAY - The auction of former NAWCC member Marx Richardson's clocks at our October one-day meeting was an unqualified success – the Chapter received a \$1,000.00 donation from Marx's family, and the family received very fair values for the clocks and related items which were auctioned. Ron Slama, our auctioneer, did a splendid job, and a big thank you to all the folks who assisted – you members put a great deal of work into making the entire event go without a hitch. Also a special thanks also to Past President Claude Leis who helped with the original appraisal and cataloging of the clocks, and who also begged, borrowed, and also constructed the stands for the Vienna clock displays.

The large numbers of Chapter members present were rewarded with a diverse selection of clocks – from your basic fixer-uppers to several rarely-seen clocks. Intense bidding made for an exciting auction, with most everyone attending going home with a few treasures... or at least something new to work on!

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR - The Chapter has received several very nice presentations and letters of congratulations from members of other Chapters and from National concerning our being named "Chapter of the year". Thanks to Chuck Edward's leadership; to our 2004-2005 Board of Directors; to our outstanding Educational Committee; and to all of our very active Chapter members - you make Chapter 124 stand out from the crowd!

PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH LIBRARY AND MUSEUM – Thanks to the hard work of Scott Stauffer, Chuck Edwards and Jimmy Busby, our Chapter now has an interesting and informative display of railroad-related clocks and watches, as well as related information, prominently displayed at the Bush Presidential Library and Museum exhibit in College Station. (See <http://chapter124.com> for pictures.) We also have NAWCC and Chapter brochures and information available in the exhibit, providing us with excellent publicity and hopefully new members with shared interests. We are planning to promote our exhibit and the Presidential library exhibit at the Dallas Old City Park Christmas Candlelight event as well.

The Trains exhibit at the Presidential library is packed with railroading history, and a fun day awaits kids of all ages – exhibits range from our jewel-like railroad watch display to incredibly-detailed operating model railroads, up to a life-size locomotive simulator. Plan a trip with your family to take in this very special event, which opened Nov. 7 and continues through June, 2006. Details online at: <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>.

CANDLELIGHT IN THE PARK – Speaking of trains, our display of railroad-related timekeeping will be featured in the Dallas Old City Park depot again this year at the Candlelight event, held Dec. 8-11. **IMPORTANT!** We need your help to make this a continuing success – clocks from the golden days of railroading are needed for display in the depot, and volunteers are needed to man the depot display during the event. Please call me at 817-980-7105 or call Larry Grubb at 817-921-0794 if you can assist. It is always wonderful to see the kids of all ages enjoy a walk back into history at this Christmas season event, and our help makes the event very special for many of them. The schedule for this function is:

Dec. 8: Senior Citizens Day, 10 am – 4pm

Dec. 9: School Day, 10 am-4 pm

Dec. 10 & 11: Grand Weekend Classic Candlelight, 3pm-9pm

More information is available at: <http://www.oldcitypark.org/candlelight.htm>.

It is now time to renew your chapter membership. See the information on page 3 of this Newsletter to determine if your membership has expired. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

All the best, Bill Edwards

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~ **BILL EDWARDS**
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Classes Will No Longer Be Held At Old City Park

Due to other needs for space by Old City Park, the classroom in which Chapter 124 Education Classes have been held will no longer be available as of the first of the year. Not to worry though - Education Director Larry Grubb, President Bill Edwards and Past President Chuck Edwards have been working with the City of Grapevine for a possible future site.



Auctioneer and former Past President, Ron Slama, did another terrific and entertaining auction to help a family and the chapter at the last One Day on October 15th.



2006 LONE STAR REGIONAL

Friday March 17th and Saturday March 18th

Mesquite Convention Center

1700 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, Texas

Hosted by Lone Star Chapter #124

Co-Hosted by:

Southwestern Chapter # 15

Five State Collectors Chapter #80

San Jacinto Chapter # 139

Regional Highlights: Biggest Mart in TEXAS (30K Sq Ft), guest speaker Tom Grimshaw presenting "Overview of the History of American Clocks & Watch Manufacture", Workshops, Full 8'x 2' Mart Tables, 24 Hour Professional Security, Free RV Parking, NO hookups. Same Fees as 2005! Lots of Silent Auctions and an Appraisal Fair!

Mesquite Hotel/Motels:

Mention NAWCC for Special Rates!

- * Hampton Inn (on site) - 1-800-HAMPTON (special rate by Feb 20) \$75 single or double, & \$105 suite, **CALL BEFORE FEB 20!** (mention NAWCC for rate)
- * Holiday Inn Express-----1(972) 288-9900 (no special rate) 0.2 miles away
- * Super 8 Motel - - - - - 1(972) 289-5481 (no special rate) 0.4 miles away
- * Spanish Trails Inn - - - - - 1(972) 226-9800 (no special rate) 0.8 miles away
- * Marriott/Courtyard - - - - - 1(972) 681-3300 (no special rate) 4.0 miles away

Regional Agenda

Friday March 17, 2006

8:00...Unloading and Setup
Pre-Registration badge allows setup prior to registration

8:00...Registration

10:00...Mart and Exhibits Open

7:00...Mart and Exhibits Close

Saturday March 18, 2006

7:00...Breakfast – (Pre-registration Only)

8:00...Registration

8:30...Mart and Exhibits Opens

3:00...Mart and Exhibits Closes

3:30...SECURITY ENDS

NOTE: New extended Mart Hours!

For more information check our website www.chapter124.com

* * *PRE-REGISTER NOW AND SAVE! * * *

Registration \$25 at the door

For more information call Bill Edwards at 214-741-5533 or email at ph-ball@comcast.net

Tables Reserved by Groups must be received in one envelope. All Pre-Registration received by March 2nd, 2006 will be confirmed by mail and **Refunds will be granted up to March 16th!** Tables must be set-up and displayed in the Mart. Only Horological items may be Bought/Sold in Mart No Pets allowed in Mart except for guide dogs with visually impaired persons. Only Members of NAWCC, their spouse and their children under 18 will be admitted to the Mart. NAWCC Members and Officers are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury or tort during this Regional.

NAWCC Regional Convention Rules will govern.

(PLEASE BLOCK PRINT ALL ENTRIES. FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE USE SEPARATE SHEET)

NAME _____ NAWCC No. _____ PHONE (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

FIRST OR NICKNAME FOR BADGES (_____) (_____) Email: _____
(Include Member, Spouse and Children)

	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Mart Admission for NAWCC Members or Spouse for Pre-Registration - - - - -	_____	@ \$20.00 ea	_____
Mart Admission for Members Children under age 18 admitted free - - - - -	_____	- FREE -	00.00
Mart Table Registration (30 x 96) 8 foot long table - - - - -	_____	@ \$35.00 ea	_____
Mart Admission for Saturday only Members or Spouse - - - - -	_____	@ \$15.00 ea	_____
Saturday Breakfast (Pre-Registration Only) - - - - -	_____	@ \$15.00 ea	_____
Check No:	_____	Total =	_____

Payment in US Currency or Check Only

Make Checks Payable to **"LONE STAR CHAPTER 124"**; Mail to Phil Ball; 923 Berkeley Place, Richardson, TX 75081.

UPCOMING EDUCATION CLASSES

Check Chapter 124 Website @ www.chapter124.com for Any Changes or Updates

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Clock Repair 100	February 4 & 5th, 9:00-5:00	\$100.00	Mark Vozar @ 817/399-9894

The location will be at 1225 N. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX. The class will be held in Bill Edwards' "Found Antiques" Antique Mall in the Tea Room. It is 3 blocks South of Industrial and Oaklawn. For more information and directions, call 817/980-7105.

Pocket Watch Repair Work Shop
Bill Andrle is hoping to schedule a work shop for graduates of the Pocket Watch Repair FSW F 301 Suitcase Class sometime after the 2006 Regional. Those who have taken other pocket watch classes will also be welcome. If interested, Bill can be reached at 254/829-1559 or dandrle@texnet.net.

APPLICATION/RENEWAL for LONE STAR CHAPTER 124, NAWCC

An educational group dedicated to preserving and understanding horology.

Complete & send with applicable check made payable to **LONE STAR CHAPTER #124**
to GENE MEYSENBURG GM1000@PRODIGY.NET, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas TX 75218

<input type="checkbox"/> New #124 Member	<i>Dues are \$10 per year.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew my membership	yrs @ \$10 =
<i>Check appropriate box:</i>	
	Join/renew for 1 - 5 years

Please PRINT:

Mr__ Mrs__ Miss__ Ms__ (Please check appropriate blank.)

NAME _____ NAWCC# _____

STREET _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail: _____

I'm most interested in _____

Who recommended you? NAME _____ NAWCC # _____

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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

* * * ***IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!!!*** * * *

The Chapter Membership Year is the same as the Calendar Year. Since we are approaching the end of 2005, it is time to check the status of your membership. To do that, check the top line on the mailing label on the opposite side of this page. If it says "Exp 12/2005" then your membership expires at the end of this month, and you need to renew. If it says anything else, your membership is current for 2006. The membership fee is \$10 per year for 1 to 5 years.

On the membership renewal form on page 3, we have printed a label summarizing the information we have on our Chapter Membership database regarding you. Even if you do not have to renew your membership, we would like you to verify the information on that label. If everything is correct, and your membership is current for 2006, you need do nothing. If anything on the label is incorrect, we would appreciate it if you would make the necessary changes and return the corrected renewal form to the membership renewal chairman.

An envelope is enclosed with the Newsletter for your convenience. Again this year, Gene Meysenburg is handling our membership renewals. If you have any questions about the renewals, or about your membership, you may call Gene at 214-328-1984, or email him at gm1000@prodigy.net.

Your prompt cooperation in this renewal process helps save the Chapter postage and mailing expenses. *Please do it now!*

Chapter 124 Sponsors its First NAWCC Field Suitcase Class

Chapter 124 is very proud of its education program, but sometimes it's necessary to call on outside help. Fortunately, Lehr Dircks, a specialized suitcase instructor from Ohio, was available through the efforts of Pam Tishcler, the NAWCC Suitcase Coordinator, to come to Dallas for a four day intensive Pocket Watch course held November 3-6th. Students came from Texas, Arkansas and California.

Past Education Director Bill Andrle had responded to the requests and needs of pocket watch enthusiasts who wanted to learn more about repairing pocket watches. He wants to see a revival in watch horology at Chapter 124. There are some possibilities for some local work shops and NAWCC Field Suitcase classes in the future.

Participants in the class had a fantastic time. Lehr Dircks, who has been working on pocket watches for forty years and who was also employed at one time by the Elgin Watch Factory, was an excellent instructor. He was also able to show the students some of the tricks of the trade.

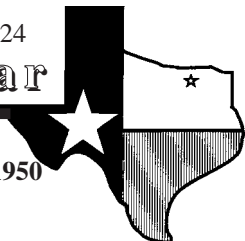
Students had such a good time that they are anxious for a more advanced class. Lehr said that this could be a possibility in the future. Meanwhile, a work shop for those who just want to work together and help each other may be a possibility after the 2006 Regional. Call Bill Andrle at 254/829-1559 for more details.



From left to right: Instructor Lehr Dircks, Pete Cronos, Jeff Waguespack, John Ackers, La Nell Stover, Dr. William Lockyer, and Clinton Kleen. Bill Andrle took the picture.



Pete Cronos, Instructor Lehr Dircks and Clinton Kleen during one of Lehr's demonstrations.



December 2005

Chapter 124's Railroad Exhibit in College Station

"As you may recall, in the last Chapter Newsletter there was information about an exhibit of railroad related clocks and watches planned by the Chapter at the Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M in College Station. The clocks and watches were part of the Museum's "Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse" exhibit scheduled for November 7, 2005 through July 30, 2006. That exhibit has now been set up and is open."

"Scott Stauffer deserves much of the credit for the Chapter's involvement in this exhibit. He did the initial contact and supplied the Railroad Watches. He worked with the shop that designed and built the watch display cases and also wrote the information for the posters that are on display."

"A week ago, Bill Edwards and I took the Self Winding Clocks to College Station for the exhibit (Scott had previously set up the watch displays). While there, we took a few photos which are posted on our Chapter web site at <http://www.chapter124.com/e05/e051108.htm>".

"I hope everyone in the Chapter can make a trip to see this tremendous exhibit. For information on the Library and Museum, you may go to their web site at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>"

"Thanks go out especially to Scott Stauffer, Bill Edwards, Jimmy Busby, James & Joseph Edwards and Bruce & Sallie Blalock for contributing mightily to this exhibit! Chapter 124's contribution includes 52 Railroad watches, 5 Self Winding Clock Company Clocks and many historical documents." **Past President Chuck Edwards**



Past President Chuck Edwards and President Bill Edwards

You're Invited To An Open House Party

John and Barbara Sparks invites you to their home at 8913 Thornway Dr., N. Richland Hills from 2-5 pm New Year's Day. For details, call 817-498-0215. Shop number is 817-282-1831.

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Lorne Kane
Ken Laye
Gary Miller
Robert Parker
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Richard Hobday

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Albany, TX
Fort Worth, TX
Arlington, TX
Colleyville, TX
Fort Worth, TX
McKinney, TX
Grand Prairie, TX
Trophy Club, TX

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