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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to All



I hope everybody is well. This will be my last President's message. It has been a pleasure serving you as President of Chapter 124. It is time to pass the position to my successor, Phil Ball. I am blessed to have had an excellent Board of Directors working with me the past year. The Board worked hard for you and Chapter 124. This past year we have accomplished many things. We moved our One Day Shows and Educational Classes to the City of Grapevine. The Grapevine Founders Building is an excellent facility. We moved all Chapter 124 educational tool assets to the new facility. We also purchased three new secure cabinets and additional lighting for the building. The board spent money to improve our educational classes for our members. Also, the board reviewed the tools and supplies for our Educational Classes and purchased miscellaneous clock tools, micro-lathes, lathe collets, pocket watch supplies and a laptop computer. In addition, we received some donated clock and watch material such as a jeweler's lathe, a watch escapement model, videotapes and some pocket watch parts. Some of our instructors are taking additional classes through the NAWCC to be able to share additional knowledge with our membership who are taking classes. This year we began offering many Clock and Watch NAWCC Field Suitcase Classes for our membership with the help from Fred and Pam Tischler. We are also offering Pocket watch classes from NAWCC Suitcase class and Pocket Watch Workshops for those members who want to learn to repair their own pocket watches.

My only regret is that I wished the Regional had more attendance this year. We had some late cancellations, and we hoped that more people would come on Saturday. The board will discuss some new ideas from the National to increase attendance for the second day in the future.

Our June 16th One Day Show and Annual Meeting are coming up. This is an important meeting and we need your attendance to properly conduct the Annual Business Meeting. We will also be celebrating our 25th anniversary with a Barbecue lunch. Please make plans to attend. Our nominating committee will present two candidates for your consideration to serve on the board.

I would like give a big thank you to the Board of Directors, Instructors, Staff and all volunteers for all their help in making Chapter 124 and the Regional a continuing success. It has been a great and rewarding experience and an honor to have served you. Thank you all.....  
 See you on June 16th!

Bill Andrle  
 President Chapter 124

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**Upcoming Events:**

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| June 16th  | Chapter 124<br>Annual Business Meeting<br>and One Day Mart |
| Aug 18th   | Chapter 124<br>One Day Show & Mart                         |
| Aug 24-26  | Chapter 139<br>All Texas Chapters Regional<br>Houston, TX  |
| Sept 15th  | Chap 124 Picnic  |
| Sept 28-29 | Chap 63<br>MKOA Regional<br>Wichita, KS                    |
| October 20 | Tri-Chapter One<br>Day in Waco, TX                         |

**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 S. Main and the place is the Founders' Building.

## Be Sure to Attend the Chapter 124 Annual Business Meeting and Mart on Saturday, June 16th, 2007

Come support your Board at the Annual Business Meeting and Mart on June 16th. These guys have worked really hard for you and your approval, so please consider spending your Saturday morning in Grapevine. You will learn how much money the chapter earned last year and how it was spent. You will also get to meet the new board members which are chosen by the past three presidents.

There will be, of course, a regular mart, and Barbecue, no less, for lunch! The special lunch is in celebration and commemoration of twenty-five years of Chapter 124's time in existence.

This chapter has been one of the most successful chapters in the NAWCC, and this is worth celebrating. Membership is at 525 which is awesome!

## Picnic Anyone?

Pam Tischler, as well as Chuck and Marion Edwards, have a picnic in mind for Saturday, September 15th. It's never too early to start planning, so the word is officially getting out now.

Chuck and Marion have a fabulous party house. They have already had one Chapter 124 party which was a success, and now they are ready to brave another one.

The Chapter will pay for the main course and drinks, and members will be encouraged to bring a side dish if they can. It is certainly not required. However, it is a chance for great cooks to show off their best recipes.

One suggestion is that if your last name begins with A-M, perhaps you could bring an appetizer, vegetable or salad. Those with last names beginning with N-Z could possibly bring more vegetables, dessert and bread. If your specialty is dessert and your last name begins with an A-N, please feel free to bring it.

Friends and family members will all be welcome. So, it should be fun!

## Open Bench Work Shop

What is an Open Bench Work Shop? Well, it is just about one of the greatest new offerings at Chapter 124. Unfortunately, not many seem to know what it is, what it costs, who can come, etc.

What it is - is a chance to bring whatever horological project you are working on to Grapevine and work alongside others who have their own projects. Sometimes it helps to have a supportive atmosphere in which to work on a difficult project, and having mentors there to help really can make a difference.

At the last open bench work shop, only one person showed up to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is even FREE! Instructors and Board Members Mark Vozar, Phil Ball, Bruce Wooldridge, Bill Andrie and also Russ Aikins came to give personal assistance to anyone who needed it. They are truly nice to do this. So next time an Open Bench Work Shop is available, sign on for a fun, relaxing day. Mark either gets a pizza for lunch or everyone goes out to eat.

## Phil Gregory, NAWCC National Vice Chairman, Needs Your Support for the NAWCC Horology School in Columbia, PA

"After years of mismanagement and decline in finances, the national board has invested \$40,000 in 2006 and is looking for an additional \$60,000 in 2007. They have hired a new director, watch instructor and clock instructor.

The School of Horology has taken on a whole new look, there is a new excitement among those that work there as well as the students. The school has been cleaned, painted and is being refitted. The clock program is now in the new location in the former watch and break room. They are now showcasing the clock program. Being the oldest program and the only one in the country that is accredited it has taken its proper place at the school..

There is renewed interest in the programs, they are experiencing full enrollment for the first time in a long while, and our latest clock course has 12 students. The watch program will be moving into the new lab on the second floor of the school with a full compliment of students (eight). They are raising the level of professionalism of our students by them wearing lab coats that identify them as students of the NAWCC School of Horology. The School has created nineteen new weekend workshops that cover everything from basic clock and watch repair to how to sell on Ebay, they are beginning to get inquiries about the programs and expect a good response.

They will be starting the (diploma) night programs for both clock and watch early next year. They are looking at setting up a series of 3 and 5 day workshops geared to the jewelry industry. Efforts are underway to arrange partnerships with jewelry companies to provide training for their Horological staff; They have arranged for Steven Conover to teach a six week class one night a week starting in May and more programs will be coming.

There is a new sprit at the school, this is only the beginning, when the updated web site is completed and new photos placed others interested will feel the excitement as well. It is safe to say that it's not the old School of Horology anymore. In the coming months/years they are creating the finest independent watch/clock training facility in the country and a school the NAWCC and its members can be proud of.

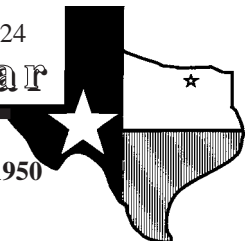
The 2006 investment is already paying off. In 2006 the NAWCC had lost \$72,000 at the school. As a result of the investment they are predicting a loss of only \$7,000 in 2007 and with the next investment a net gain of \$84,000 in 2008.

To help raise the next investment a donor has offered chapter 124 a challenge grant of \$5,000. Your board is asking you to contribute toward this grant. The board will add to your contribution to get the most we can for the school. A financially sound school will become an asset rather than a liability. Send your checks to Mark Vozar (address)

Thank you for hour help." Phil Gregory







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### Chapter 124 Class Snap Shots



Photo Left: Clock Repair 200 held February, 2007 in Grapevine: Mike Manual, John Acker, James Sanford, Kris Gallagher, John Erickson, Mark Vozar (Instructor), Lanell Stover, Phil Ball (Helper), Richard Prusha, John Lewandowski, Mike Coker (Helper), and Bruce Wooldridge (Helper).

Photos Below leftt: Class Photo of Chime Clock Repair 300 held April 28,29 & May 5 & 6, 2007 in Grapevine: John Erickson, John Ackers, John Lewandowski, Richard Prusha, Dennis Sanford, Chris Gallagher ( Not shown ) LaNell Stover & Insructors Phil Ball, Mark Vozar and Bruce Wooldridge.

Photo Below right: Chris Gallagher with his Chime clock movemnt



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Natchitoches, LA

Midlothian, TX

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