



San Jacinto Star

President's message

Hi everyone,

We're in the home stretch of getting ready for our All Texas Chapters Regional in August. If you have not yet registered, please do so quickly. If you plan to stay at the Marriott Westchase, be sure to let them know to give you the \$99 rate for this event.

This Regional will be much like those of the past, but this year it will include some clock work related demonstrations. They will focus on restoration and fabrication techniques that'll supplement our usual great line-up of presentations. Of course, we have some really good presentations planned. Carroll Wolfe will be our Representative from the National organization, speaking at the Saturday morning breakfast. Please show your support by attending.

The exhibit this year is "American Horology – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly." We want to show the wide variety of horological items made in the United States including watches, clocks and tools. Ugly clocks and watches, homemade pieces, masterpieces, unusual items, common items, all would be welcomed. Items don't need to be pristine. In fact we want some ugly stuff (seashells cast in clear acrylic to make a clock case), some bad stuff (Ingraham steel plate movement that wore through pivots like butter), advertising clocks, novelty items ... all are good for this exhibit. I have a few ugly and bad items that'll be on display. If you'd be willing to display your ugly item, your bad item, or a good item, please send info and possibly a photo to alltexaschapterregional139@gmail.com and we'll get back with you about making sure it is on display. Rumor has it that there will be some voting for the good, the bad and the ugly, and prizes given to those who win.

At the time of the Regional, we always depend on volunteers to make it a success, from the set up on Thursday morning to the tear down on Saturday afternoon. If you can help, and are willing, please show up and let someone know that you can help.

Lastly, thanks to all who continue to make our Chapter successful. We've had some really good presentations, demonstrations, and workshops our One-Day shows and our monthly technical sessions. We've also had some good classes on repairs and refinishing. These take time that the presenters and teachers will never get back. In addition we have some business work that is taking place behind the scenes on things such as negotiation on the contract for the venue for future Regionals. All of you Officers, Directors, and other volunteers have my heartfelt thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Drew



A newsletter for and about members of San Jacinto Chapter 139 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

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Thanks to everyone who supports the Chapter's many educational offerings with your attendance and willingness to share. Although there are several photos included below, there are many more posted on the Chapter website. **Many thanks to our photographers and to Darrah Artzner who creates the write-ups and posts them for everyone to enjoy!**

April Tech Session



Chapter President Drew Lundgren kicked off the meeting with a welcome to the attendees. His greeting follows: Attendance at our last two technical session has been exceptional. Fortunately we all gain from this as we make new friends and somewhere in the room there will be a conversations of interest to anyone. Most conversations relate to clocks and watches, some not. If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting in a while, I recommend that you drop in and share your experiences with others, perhaps learn a few things, or at least eat a doughnut and drink some of Tim's coffee.

The April Tech Session was well attended, and the participants were not disappointed as Shaun Clarke (VP) gave an excellent presentation on "Assessing Pocket Watch Problems". His points were well taken especially since the value of a pocket watch is clearly dependent on the state of its condition. In case you missed the session, or if you'd like a little refresher, a pdf of his presentation can be found in the EdCtr section of the Chapter website.

In addition to Shaun's presentation, several members received assistance with watch repair questions, including finding a replacement crystal for an early pocket watch.

May Tech Session

Chapter President, Drew Lundgren, opened the Session with a few comments about Regional planning and preparations. Then it was off to the races for Show And Tell. Several members brought in items to share, including a very old wooden cuckoo clock movement.



Shaun Clarke brought in a BW Raymond pocket watch that he has serviced for sale at the Silent Auction. Watches are hard to 'wow' about unless they are shown on a wall since some beauty just gets lost in the minutiae. Many attendees did a close up and personal with this great watch. Be sure to check out this great – working!! – watch in the Silent Auction at next month's Regional!



Ben brought in a Stadimeter (optical device for estimating the range to an object of known height by measuring the angle between the top and bottom of the object). It doesn't record time but just the same is very neat. If Darrah had brought in the surveyor's transit that he restored, the session could have been called a measurement day.

June Tech Session



Although the advertised theme for this session was "Some Interesting and Special Show & Tell, Discussion of Some Techniques, and Help with Clock and Watch Repair Challenges", it could have been statue clock restoration. Drew Lundgren brought in Ben Fulbright's figurine clock for which he restored the base and statue. The clock has yet to be serviced. The amazing before and after pictures are shown here. Drew explained the process and highly recommended the class that Patricia and Jay Holloway conducted several months ago for Chapter members.

Shaun Clarke donated the A&E adaption of Longitude (taken from Dava Sobel's book on John Harrison's quest to build the perfect time keeper) to the Chapter library. Many very interesting Show and Tell items were presented; take a few minutes to check out the pictures in the Tech Sessions section of the Chapter website.

2015 Ward Francillon Time Symposium

This year's Ward Francillon Time Symposium will be held in Houston on October 22-24. The topic is "Mechanical Music & Marvels." Presentations will cover the history and development of clockwork operated devices. The many topics discussed will include historical information, musical clocks, automatons, disc and cylinder music boxes, bird boxes and whistlers, Black Forest clocks, musical clock movements played on bells, early spring operated phonographs and gramophones, and music composed for these devices.

In addition, there will be a panel discussion concerning what to look for or avoid when purchasing a musical mechanism. And as an added bonus, on Saturday there will be tours of two large private collections!

Be sure to register before September 19th for a \$25 discount. The \$200 pre-registration fee (\$225 after September 19th) includes the Friday evening banquet and Saturday box lunch at one of the homes on the tour, as well as transportation for the tours. You may register online at www.NAWCC.org or by printing and completing the form on page 6 of this newsletter. You may also register at the Houston Regional – please see Pat Holloway.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend these upcoming events.

➤ July 11	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ July 12	6 – 7 p.m.	NAWCC Webinar – Register at NAWCC.org ON THE CLOCK: Changing the Industrialized World
➤ August 8	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ August 20-22	Varies	All Texas Chapters Regional Houston Marriott Westchase 2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston TX
➤ August 23	6 – 7 p.m.	NAWCC Webinar – Register at NAWCC.org The 7 Clock Companies of Joseph Henry Eastman
➤ September 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ September 27	6 – 7 p.m.	NAWCC Webinar – Register at NAWCC.org Starting a Vintage Wristwatch Collection Without the Tears

Upcoming Events – continued

➤ October 9 - 10	Hrs vary by day	MKOA Regional – Wichita, KS
➤ October 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ October 18	6 – 7 p.m.	NAWCC Webinar – Register at NAWCC.org The History of Cartoon & Comic Character Watches
➤ October 22-24	Varies	Ward Francillon Time Symposium Mechanical Music and Marvels Houston Marriott Westchase 2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston TX
➤ November 7	8 a.m.	Chapter 139 One Day Show Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ November 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ November 15	6 – 7 p.m.	NAWCC Webinar – Register at NAWCC.org 19 th Century Clockmaking

*Location: All Tech Sessions and classes are held at Turn-Key Coatings, 8411 Rannie Road, Houston, Texas 77080 (just off of Hempstead Highway / near Bingle). Fellow member and company owner, Tim Glanzman, donates the space

San Jacinto Chapter 139 – Renewal/Membership application

If you are a member of NAWCC and would like to join with other collectors and your friends as a member of San Jacinto Chapter #139, please complete the form below and return along with \$10.00 dues to Avin Brownlee, Chapter 139 Treasurer, 426 Overlook Drive, Friendswood TX 77546. Please make checks payable to San Jacinto Chapter 139. A spouse/significant other who is also an NAWCC member can join for an additional \$5.00 per year. If registering your spouse/significant other, please include their full name as well.

Membership is concurrent with the calendar year, and renewals are due each January.

Name: _____

Spouse/significant other name (if also registering): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address*: _____

Phone Number: _____ NAWCC membership number: _____

New membership / Renewal (Please circle appropriate choice) Number of Years? _____

*To reduce time and expenses, all newsletters and Chapter 139 correspondence will be distributed electronically to members with email addresses.

ALL TEXAS CHAPTERS REGIONAL

Sponsored by San Jacinto Chapter 139 and co-hosts 15, 80, 117, and 124

August 20-22, 2015
Houston, Texas

Location at Houston Marriott Westchase

2900 Briarpark Dr, Houston, TX 77042
1-877-852-4468 (toll free) or 877 849-7468



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Only registered members and immediate family (i.e. spouse and children 17 and under ID required) are permitted in the MART room. Children 18 and over must have their own NAWCC ID card.

Name _____ NAWCC ID _____
(Your name as you want it to appear on your badge)

Please Print Clearly

Street Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Spouse/Children's Names (if applicable) _____

I am a: NAWCC Old Timer _____ Fellow _____ Star Fellow _____ National Officer _____
(office held)

Check Specialty Clocks _____ Watches _____ Supplies _____ Other Items _____

<<< Please honor NAWCC rules by ONLY selling horologically related items. >>>

Early Bird Registration	Quantity	Amount	Total
NAWCC Member (adult)		\$30/\$40	
Registration (17 and Under)		Free	
Breakfast Banquet (Sat.)		\$15/\$20	
Tables (6 foot-No 1/2 tables)		\$35/\$40	
* Registration received before July 31 2015			Grand Total

On-site watch display case rental available. Deposit \$20; cases \$20 each. (With NAWCC ID No. Limited quantity)

Please make checks payable to: San Jacinto Chapter 139

Send completed form to: All Texas Chapters Regional, Avin Brownlee, Treasurer, 426 Overlook Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Questions? Contact Mart Chair, Shaun Clarke (alltexaschapterregional139@gmail.com or 281 676-8127) or Chapter 139 President, Drew Lundgren (drew@txdocks.com or 832-470-4521). Additional addresses and phone numbers can be found at Chapter 139's website (Google San Jacinto 139 or use this address = <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/Officers.html>) Only two (2) badges will be issued per exhibitor. The officers and members of NAWCC and the All Texas Chapters Regional are not responsible for any loss, injury, damage, or tort during the entire meeting. NAWCC rules are in effect.

Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015
2pm-4pm Unload Vendors - 4 or more tables (colored badges only)
4pm-6pm Unloading / Mart Open / Social - cookies & coffee

Friday, Aug. 21, 2015
7am- 8am Unload Vendors, Mart Opens
5pm Mart Closes
5pm - 6pm Social in foyer-hot finger food

Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015
7:30am-8:30 Breakfast Banquet (cash drawing)
9am Mart Opens
1pm Mart Money Give Away
2pm Mart closes - Security Ends
(Speakers/Demonstrations To Be Announced)

Silent Auction Sneak Peek





The 2015 NAWCC WARD FRANCILLON TIME SYMPOSIUM

Mechanical Music & Marvels

October 22-24, 2015 in Houston, Texas

Covering the history and development of clockwork operated devices. Topics will include historical information, musical clocks, automatons, disc & cylinder music boxes, bird boxes & whistlers, Black Forest clocks, musical clock movements played on bells, early spring operated phonographs & gramophones, and music composed for these devices. Additionally, a panel discussion concerning what to look for and avoid when purchasing a musical mechanism will be held. As a bonus, the

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Hotel information: Houston Marriot Westchase, 2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, Texas 77042 (713) 978-7400. Special NAWCC rate of \$99 plus applicable taxes. Call hotel directly for NAWCC rate.

Registration Form

Name: _____
Guest Name: _____
Address: _____
City: State Zip code _____ Telephone number: e-mail: _____

Full Symposium Registration: Includes all lectures, banquet, bus tours, and lunch on Saturday

Before September 19, 2015: \$200 x _____ = _____
After September 19, 2015: \$225 x _____ = _____

Friday Only (includes banquet) _____ x \$150 per person = _____

Saturday Only (includes bus & lunch) _____ x \$150 per person = _____ Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Are you a member of: NAWCC _____ MBSI _____
Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____
Do you have a disability that requires special attention? _____

Cutoff date for advanced registration is September 19, 2015. Confirmations will be sent to all attendees.

Please make checks payable to: NAWCC and mail together with this form to:

Pat Holloway, 1105 Lafayette Lane, Pflugerville, TX 78660

General Questions: Sandy Cranfill, Chair (504) 888-9909 * swcranfill@yahoo.com
Please visit www.nawcc.org for further information or to register online.