

# San Jacinto TIMES



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

# Our Home on the Web

The San Jacinto Chapter 139 Web Site is your source for Chapter information, scheduled events, pictures of chapter activities, and so forth. The site is updated regularly by Darrah Artzner - webmaster and the wizard behind the curtain. It can be found by entering the following web address in to your internet browser: http://sanjacinto139. homestead.com

If you don't have the address handy, just Google san jacinto 139 or locate the link on the NAWCC web site under Community > Chapters.

However you get there, the site is an important means of broadcasting Chapter information. Help us to keep it current by sending your contributions - stories, pictures of clocks and watches, special events, member news, etc - everything will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Darrah at darrahg@ aol.com with submissions, questions, or comments regarding the site.

### **Upcoming One-Day Clock Mart**

Join your fellow members on Saturday, November 20, for a one-day mart. As always, this will be a good opportunity to catch up with other members, learn something knew, and who knows, maybe find that special clock.

What clock was not considered a clock, but a novelty? What inventor knew nothing about clocks, but had a clock patent? Interested in finding out? Well, Darrah Artzner will give a presentation on the 'Time Indicator' clock or, more commonly known as Plato or Ticket clock. These clocks were made only during the period 1904 to1906, and were sold by a company that now sells batteries. Presentation should begin about 9:30a.

The mart will run from 8am to 12n, with table setup beginning at 7:30a. Tables on a first-come, first served basis.

Grace Community Church 1021 Campell Road / Houston, Texas 77055 Contact Tim Glanzman for more information

Be prepared to present your NAWCC membership card.



Plato Clock

#### Laissez les bons temps rouler!

## Great Southern Regional: New Orleans

Mark the second weekend in November on your calendars now for some cool jazz, warm Southern hospitality, and of course, smoking-hot clock deals! The Great Southern Regional, hosted by Creole #43, will open it's doors at 9am, Saturday, November 13, at the

Best Western Landmark Hotel in Metairie, LA.



Exhibits, special instructional programs by recognized experts and silent auctions are will be offered throughout the weekend. And you won't want to miss the famous Cajun Banquet with Jazz entertainment Saturday night.

You'll find the registration form, hotel information and schedule of events online here.

The members of Creole #43, along with Magnolia #41, Queen City Timekeepers #167 and Big Bend Timekeepers #176 (Florida), have been long-time supporters of our All Texas Chapters regional in August and we'd like to return the favor. Head on over to New Orleans and have some fun at one of the friendlist and most entertaining Regional of them all. *Laisser les bons temps rouler!* 

#### Saturday Tech Session

When: Saturday, November 13, 2010.

**Location:** Turn-Key Coatings, 8411 Rannie Road, Houston, Texas 77080 (just off of Hempstead Highway / near Bingle). The space is donated by fellow member, and company owner, Tim Glanzman.

Setup in an informal, open-bench format, the Saturday Tech sessions are designed as a place for members to bring any clock, watch or horologically-related item that they have questions about; or need help in getting running. Volunteer members offering many years of experience in clock and watch making are on hand to offer suggestions, advice and technical help as needed.

In recent sessions, members Del Robinson, Ben Fulbright, Darrah Artzner, Mike Helfrich, Marcus Bush, Tim Glanzman, and a host of other volunteers have helped other members with chime train adjustments, pocketwatch repair, beat setting, battery-powered 400-day clock adjustment, and clock bushing.

Most sessions also offer a Mini Learning program on various aspects of clockmaking. The programs are presented at random times so they will not interfere with the work being done on individual projects.

Bring whatever tools you think you might need. Host members usually have some tools to assist or investigate projects, but not to give out long-term. At present, all work must be taken home at the end of each session; however, plans are being made to allow long term projects to stay at the facility until the work has been completed.

No project? Just come by, visit and consider it a mental session.



Member Del Robinson demonstrates proper barrel and loop mainspring maintenance at a recent tech session. Del has been a great supporter of the Saturday Tech Sessions and currently heads up the chapter skeleton clock class

**Volunteers:** Members that have technological knowledge are encouraged to attend and assist others. Member Advisors do not have to commit to attending every month. Just contact Darrah Artzner at darrahg@aol.com and let him know when you would like to attend. Do you have a mini presentation of something technical you can present? Let us know!

Future Mini Learning Sessions:

- 1. Removing, cleaning and installing clock springs
- 2. Clock bushing.
- 3. Lathe work and maintenance.
- 4. Wood Lathe box construction (similar one used by Field Workshop instructor)

**Donations**: Anyone wishing to donate tools, clock parts, topical books, cleaning solutions etc. will be greeted with open arms.

#### In Memoriam

**Pam Burgess**, Chapter 139 Board Member and key chapter volunteer, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2010. Pam will be dearly missed as she was a dear friend and faithful supporter of our Chapter.

Long time Chapter member and volunteer, **Helen Hooks**, passed away Sunday, October 10, 2010. In addition to being an outstanding friend, Helen was a dependable and valuable volunteer at our Regional and One-Day shows. She is survived by her husband, P.J. Hooks, who has also been a key supporter and friend of Chapter 139.

#### NAWCC San Jacinto Chapter 139

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