



# San Jacinto Star



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

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## President's message

The All Texas Chapters Regional has concluded successfully and now it is time to celebrate its success. I want to thank all Board members, volunteers, guest speakers and all other support staff that contributed to its success. One person cannot pull off a successful event of this size. It was a group effort and I thank you very much.

There were approximately 400 paid members attending the Regional over the three day period and 200 tables filled with watches, clocks and horological merchandise.

This year's Mart was an exception in that there were a large number of grandfather clocks, approximately two dozen, for sale and watches covered nearly 60% of the tables. I should have brought more money!



The San Jacinto Chapter 139 celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year throughout the weekend. Past presidents were honored and specially printed coffee cups



were provided to the first 300 attending members. Our National representative, Ruth Overton, provided breakfast attendees with an update of the NAWCC and its planned goals for growth and change of the National. She handed out several Certificates of Appreciation to the All Texas Chapters Regional partners and many volunteers who worked throughout the weekend.

This year's Regional was special in that there were two exhibits. Vice President Marcus Bush assembled an impressive and complete collection of Fashion clocks that was displayed in the Mart room. And, John Hubby provided an impressive selection of rare Anniversary (torsion) clocks in the foyer that also enhanced his Saturday evening presentation. A grand prize of a beautiful wrist watch was donated by Bullock Jewelers and won by Beth Hubby.

This is the beginning of the second 25 years of the San Jacinto Chapter 139 and, to kick it off, we are moving Regional hotel locations a few miles west to the Westchase Marriott. The J.W. Marriott has served us well over the years and I thank them. Change can be difficult to handle, but I am sure everyone will be at ease once they see the complex and enjoy the perks they will provide at next year's Regional.

The monthly Technical Sessions continue to be popular with members and will continue. Visit our web page for details (just click here or Google [san jacinto 139](http://sanjacinto139.com) to locate the site, or find us on the NAWCC main web

page by clicking *Community* and then *Chapters*). And, local ‘home grown’ clock classes will soon be putting a sweet scent in the air. Our first local two day class will occur later this year, conducted by a master woodworker on clock case restoration. Class dates will be posted as soon as the student kits are completed. We currently have enough students for two classes.

When you get a dues notice please consider contributing toward a multi-year subscription. Dues time is always a hassle for both parties so why not ease that problem by sending in dues for up to five years?

Respectfully,

Darrah Artzner,

President San Jacinto Chapter 139

## All Texas Chapters Regional

From the hard-working registration and unloading crews to the ever popular hospitality room complete with cookies, to two, that’s right, two fantastic exhibits and four outstanding programs, silent auctions and fast-paced “It’s for free!” events, the 2011 All Texas Chapters Regional was a resounding success.

Attendees who came in through the lobby were greeted by the hard working registration crew. Marshall and Candy Jard took care of those who were preregistered while Darrah Artzner, John Trego, Cheryl Davis, Hilda Norris, Becky Bush and Pat Holloway helped those who weren’t. Attendees who entered via the loading dock were quickly assisted by the helpful unloading crew of Andy Staton, Val Link, Dennis Bell, Kerry Despeaux, Tommy Norris, Sammy Johnson, Ken Arnold, Dan Riley, Gary Briggs, Joe Mixon and Marcus Bush along with others who pitched in to keep things moving.

John Hubby was the keynote speaker, and in addition to his “Collecting Anniversaries” program on Saturday evening, throughout the week-end, a wide variety of torsion pendulum clocks – commonly known to most of us as anniversary clocks – could be found just outside the Mart room.



Rarely are we able to see a finer display of Fashion clocks than was presented in the Mart Room of this year’s Regional. Those who generously provided clocks include NAWCC members James Spivey, Randy Klander, Bo Chisholm, Ben Fulbright, Tal Haley, Ben Gravolet, Doug Fournet, Dennis Bell and Marcus Bush, and non-members Bas DeHaas and the family of Chester Rogers. Our thanks to Marcus and all of these individuals for providing this **complete** display of Fashion clocks from Seth Thomas, Gilbert (Southern Calendar Clock Co.), Ithaca, New Haven, and National Clock Company along with Fashion-related ephemera.



In the Mart room, everyone was kept up-to-date by announcements from Tim Glanzman. PJ Hooks kept the Silent auctions going and Marcus Bush made sure there was no peeking during “It’s for Free!”

In addition to the keynote presentation on Saturday evening, there were a variety of presentations during the day. Pat Holloway talked about “R H Ingersoll, The marketing behind the watch that made the dollar famous” and “It’s for free, Horological prizes and premiums through the years”. John Schmiege gave a program and demonstration of “Wood Working Technology” that gave attendees a brief look at some topics the 2 day clock restoration class will include.



## Upcoming events

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend these upcoming events. Additional details will be provided in the newsletter as well as on the [website](#).

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| ➤ October 8               | 8 a.m. – noon                            | Tech Session*   |
| ➤ November 5              | 8 a.m.                                   | Chapter 139 One Day Show<br>Grace Community Church<br>1201 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055<br>Entry \$3; Table \$5   |
| ➤ October or November TBD | Dates to be determined                   | Clock Case Restoration Class (2-day)<br>First class (8 students) in October or November<br>Second (8 students) after first of the year<br>\$160 (includes complete restoration kit)<br>Contact Tim Glanzman for additional information. |
| ➤ November 12             | 8 a.m. – noon                            | Tech Session*   |
| ➤ December 10             | 8 a.m. – noon                            | Tech Session*   |
| ➤ December TBD            | Date, time and location to be determined | Chapter 139 Holiday party is in the planning stages. Watch for more info to come.   |

\*Location: All Tech Sessions are held at 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.

## Calling all newsletter content

Do you have bench tips to share with other Chapter members? Have you come across an interesting clock you’d like to ask questions about, or tell us about? Do you have suggestions about topics or items you’d like to see included in a future issue?

Although I’m your new newsletter editor, this is YOUR newsletter, and we want to hear from you! Please feel free to click here to [email me](#) or email [pwholloway@suddenlink.net](mailto:pwholloway@suddenlink.net) or give me a call at 512-252-3881. I’m looking forward to hearing from you and including items that you’re interested in.

## Upcoming One Day Show

Make plans now to attend the November One Day Show! Del Rolison will be giving a presentation on “Gear Tooth Replacement Made Easy.” It’s a program you won’t want to miss as Del demystifies this somewhat daunting task.



We’ll also have membership forms available for anyone who would like to renew membership for next year (or as Darrah suggested, for the next several years!).

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## San Jacinto Chapter 139 – 25 years and growing!

Can you believe it? Chapter 139 is celebrating our 25 year anniversary and would like you to join us in honoring our past chapter presidents who have donated many hours to ensure the success of our chapter. Next time you see one of our former or current officers, be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their time and effort.

### **Past Presidents**

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| Beulah Danaher   | 1986-1988    |
| Ralph Pokluda    | 1988-1989    |
| David Pasternak  | 1989-1990    |
| Andy Staton      | 1990-1991    |
| Jeffrey Zuspan   | 1991-1992    |
| Terry Brotherton | 1992-1993    |
| Ray Brady        | 1993-1994    |
| Dave Schwartz    | 1994-1995    |
| Mike Burgess     | 1995-1997    |
| Scott Swanzy     | 1997-1999    |
| Bonita Spivey    | 1999-2002    |
| Pam Burgess      | 2002-2003    |
| Terry Brotherton | 2003-2004    |
| Jack Goldberg    | 2004-2006    |
| Carolynne Gordon | 2006-2007    |
| John Hardy       | 2007-2009    |
| Tim Glanzman     | 2009-2011    |
| Darrah Artzner   | 2011-present |

### **2011 Officers**

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|----------------|----------------|
| President      | Darrah Artzner |
| Vice-President | Marcus Bush    |
| Secretary      | Cheryl Davis   |
| Treasurer      | John Trego     |
| Director       | Brian Martin   |
| Director       | Tim Glanzman   |

### **Special projects**

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| Newsletter              | Pat Holloway   |
| Member registration     | Vacant         |
| Website and eBlasts     | Darrah Artzner |
| FSW and Chapter courses | Don Leason     |

Have you ever wondered what responsibilities are held by each of the officers? Would you be interested in learning more and possibly running for election? Might running for office or volunteering to help with projects or programs be another way you could support the Chapter?

Our Chapter is only as strong as its members. If you would like to learn more about being an officer, volunteering for special projects or programs, or signing up to help with next year's Regional, please contact any of the current officers or directors. Elections for 2012 will take place at the annual meeting in February, and planning for the Regional will soon be in full swing, so it's not too early to start considering how you might like to team with fellow Chapter members to keep our Chapter strong as we head into our next 25 years!