



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

Thoughts regarding the Regional

The All Texas Chapters Regional held in August was extremely successful and I want to thank all those who donated much of their time and energy toward this effort. For an event to achieve such success, it takes many hours of research, planning, phoning, more planning, and then it might work out all right. It took months of effort on behalf of the Board and volunteers to achieve the success that it was. I am making this statement based on general comments made by attendees. Marcus Bush and I are very grateful to the Board members and all the other significant and insignificant players who got involved in this venture and hope that all attending members will spread the word to others that the 2013 Regional will be even better. The new site hotel was an improvement over the old site and was worth the months of searching it took to select it. It is in a convenient location, the rooms were fresh and clean, the hotel staff was pleasant and helpful, the parking was free (valet service was available) and it was within walking distance of many nice restaurants. Basically, the All Texas Chapters Regional was SUPER!

Several Board members were concerned about the new hotel location, the Chapter sponsored Silent Auction, the unloading barriers and, who can forget, the pillars in the Mart room. Right now, they do not exist, and have been eliminated from our minds for next year's event, which, as I stated above, will be even better. I have mentioned over the past few years that



this is your Chapter and we do not know what you want unless you tell us. So, please do so. I may not always answer my phone but will respond, sooner or later, to all phone and email messages. I take note of verbal requests too. They are what help make this Chapter such a success.

The Regional Main Exhibit, headlining novelty, ephemera, and advertising horological items, was enjoyed by many even while it was being set up. I brought in some items to display, set them up, went away to do other tasks, and, when viewing it later, was surprised at what Nita Mixon and her crew had done with that eclectic and varied collection of items to make them into such a spectacular presentation. There were many small items with labels full of information and history that one could spend hours studying. What a treat!



How about the Chapter sponsored Silent Auction? Should we do it again? Well, according to the results and comments, we should definitely do it again. There were approximately 40 items ranging from books to a grandfather clock. Several of the items were in good working condition and that made a difference. There was variety. There were not only a few kitchen clocks but lighted advertising, working torsion, resurrected copper cased school clock, bracket and wall units, and even a working ultrasonic. Members donated all items, with the exception of two, and I thank them all very much. Their setup, display and dusting, yes I said dusting (John T, Cheryl D) were done by some serious workers. We do need to get started earlier next time as many of the repairers were working overtime during the last month just to get items serviced and ready to go. The extra effort made the difference.

Technical Sessions

Our monthly Technical Sessions have been quite a success and I want to thank everyone again, as I have done since its beginning, for supporting such a great project. I especially want to thank Tim Glanzman's company Turn-Key Coatings for providing the Chapter with space for these gatherings. Coffee too! This type of gathering requires two groups of members for it to be a success, namely, the teacher and the student. We have a good supply of both. And, by the way, if it were not for the attendees of the Tech Session we would not have had the quality selection of clocks and ephemera available for our Silent Auction. Those clocks did not get that way by accident.

Future plans for the Technical Sessions include more mini sessions pertaining to specific clock and watch functions. Topics are open and will be provided upon member request. Structured sessions are also planned. These will not be formal classes but will be abbreviated in length and content. One of my goals will be to set up sessions where I demonstrate certain functions pertaining to watches. For example, basic cleaning, basic balance work, basic timing and adjustment, what to look for in terms of condition etc. can be presented so that members understand what it takes to go through the process. The intent is not to teach members to work on watches, although I can't see why not, but to help them understand the basics of what goes into each process. Understanding these processes will arm a person with enough ammunition to make proper decisions when determining the needs of a potential watch to be purchased and what it will take in terms of time and money to solve a problem if it exists. Diagnosing a watch's condition correctly when purchasing it can mean the difference between getting a good deal or purchasing a dog. Along these same lines, I am planning a mini session or demonstration, at a date to be determined, on how clocks with pin pallets and balance can be safely disassembled and assembled without ruining the timing components. These movements are basic clocks but require finesse and a little more care since the balance works approaches that of a watch rather than a clock movement with a pendulum. These are just a few topics. We're always looking for other topics and presenters, so let us know if you are willing to present or if there are specific topics you'd like to see addressed.

Upcoming events

- 1 There will be a tour on October 13 to visit the Houston City Hall tower clock located at the corner of Travis and Congress streets.
- 2 November One Day Show will have a presentation on soldering techniques by Val Link.
- 3 The annual Holiday Party will be at Mary Lou Leason's home on December 9th.

Updated information about these events and others will be provided on your [Chapter 139 web site](#) and electronic mailing known as eBlasts. [Contact me](#) if you are not receiving eBlasts and wish to do so.

Board of Director positions and By-law changes

It is never too early to be thinking about future Board positions for the Chapter. Positions needing to be filled or replaced with new members in February are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Publicity Director and two more Directors. The President, Vice President and Secretary can only serve two consecutive terms. The current holder of each position is primarily responsible for choosing the successor as that person knows what is involved in the position and should be able to make an accurate assessment of a candidate. However, the remaining Directors should have a say in naming potential candidates prior to voting for acceptance or unacceptance. This statement and a few other changes to the Chapter's by-laws will be made and voted on at the November Board meeting. Another change to be considered for approval will be to increase the term of Treasurer from the standard two one-year terms to a two-year term with the option to accept up to two more years. The maximum term would be four years. The reason for this change is that it takes an extended amount of time before the Treasurer's duties are fully understood. The duties are not complicated but are varied and occur sporadically throughout the course of a two-year term. Of course, that can also be said of the other positions and that is where 'coming up through the ranks' is almost a necessity. Unfortunately, the money handling duties of the Treasurer has no understudy position.

Recent acquisitions and monetary changes

The Chapter reinvested its CD with another source so we could make more than about a penny a month. The Treasurer has the details. The Chapter acquired a computer and printer this year to allow for multiple registration positions during Regionals. We now have a total of two computers and two printers that are networked together in order to utilize one registration database. Don't let the fear of computing keep you away from volunteering to help with Regional registrations. I will teach you the registration program and all the tricks of the system. I will be available for future registrations but sometimes I need to buy a watch now and then. You know, relief. Everyone needs it. The more volunteers we have the easier it gets.

The latest printer was donated by Hewlett Packard through their gift giving program and I thank them very much for their generous donation. I would also like to thank fellow member George Kabacinski for spearheading this effort.

Finally, please support your Chapter by being prompt about sending in your dues. A reminder will be sent out within the next month or so to those who have forgotten us.

Respectfully,

Darrah Artzner, President Chapter 139

Regional Experiences

My own personal experience of the Regional from Darrah Artzner

I spent a total of nearly 15 minutes in the Mart room due to working registration. However, during that time I actually managed to purchase a Rockford 18s model 6 watch on one of the Silent Auction tables. One of the helpers knew what I liked and was looking out for me. If you know anything about Rockford watches, you will know how much in demand and how valued the model 6 is by collectors. It has a trimmed escape wheel bridge that exposes the escape wheel and makes it very attractive. I found out after I got it home that it had a broken lever, used to set the hands, and needed a good cleaning. But, I had a spare lever since I am a die-hard Rockford fan, so replaced it and then gave it a good cleaning. It runs like a top after minor adjustment.





On Saturday I helped hand out tickets for the \$500 Mart money drawing and ended up near one of the tables selling torsion or 400 day clocks. After the drawing I still wanted a particular torsion that was made by a fellow named Hauck. It had a fancy pendulum, not the usual one seen everyday, and it had angles for pillars. It was calling to me. Take me, take me.....so I did. I made two super purchases and am so glad I had a chance to do some purchasing. Hopefully, next year, I will get to spend more time and more money in the Mart room.

Personal Regional experiences from Pat Holloway

Like Darrah, I didn't spend much time in the Mart room, but while I was there, I found some wonderful items. As I quickly walked down one of the rows, I spotted a large group of watches and stopped for a look. Right there in the middle of the display was a New York to Paris watch that was made by Ingraham to commemorate Lindbergh's record setting flight!



This watch dial has a line drawing of Lindbergh's plane and says New York to Paris Airplane Model and engravings of the Statue of Liberty and Eiffel Tower on the bezel and back.

Just goes to show, you never know what you might find – or how effectively we can use those few minutes in the Mart room!

French Clock Class

~ George Kabacinski

Chapter 139 hosted **Fred Tischler** the weekend of July 14 / 15 for a two day French Clock class. The class took place at **Tim Glanzman's** business location in Houston. There were eight students in the class and we all had a great time learning the best practices for tear down, cleaning and reassembly of a small French clock.

Fred began the class with a great slide show of some awesome French clocks from various museums, private collections and a few of his own. Fred is a super history buff with an emphasis on clocks of all persuasions. Being able to sit through his lectures alone is worth the cost of admission. But Fred also brings a wealth of practical experience, knowledge and history of working with a wide variety of student skill levels making each of his classes a success for everyone involved.

Most of us in the class have gone through several of the NAWCC Field Suitcase classes and have worked on a few different clocks over the years. But this was the first time working on a French clock for most of us and there was a lot of caution to avoid breaking any of the typically hardened pivots in this type of clock.

As is the case in most of the hands-on clock classes there were a few challenges along the way and, as usual, Fred made each of them into a group learning experience. This serves dual purposes as it get the one student through the situation and allows the rest of the class to learn from the situation as well so that we're all better prepared when we run into something similar in our own shops.

The membership of Chapter 139 is very fortunate to have leadership that fosters on-going education through the NAWCC Field Suitcase program, other organized classes, the monthly Technical Session, the One-Day Shows and, of course, the fantastic All Texas Regional each August. A big Thank You goes out to the Chapter leaders and a special Thank You to **Joe Mixon, Jr.** for taking on the role of class coordinator. It's a role that sounds pretty simple on the surface, but if you've ever taken on something like that you'll know it's a lot of work and responsibility to ensure that everything comes together for a great class.

Molding and Casting Class

The weekend of July 28 / 29 found an enthusiastic group of students gathered to learn more about molding and casting techniques that can be used to create clock replacement parts. Phil Gregory explained and demonstrated how to make the molds, cast a variety of clock parts as well as some fun projects, and techniques for painting the finished products.

The molding and casting kits and techniques used in the class can be utilized to make replacement splats, finials, clock feet and other carved parts. Check out the many pictures (and even a movie clip!) to see some of the projects as well as the process. Thanks to Joe Mixon for arranging another great class!



Reverse Glass Class

~ Nita Mixon

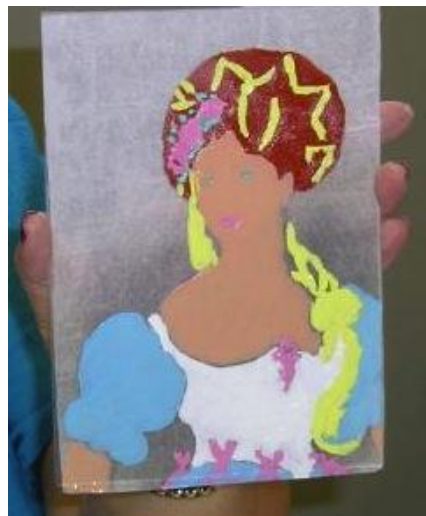
The weekend of September 8 / 9, the Chapter sponsored a two-day reverse glass painting class with Phil Gregory. Seven students attended this fun-filled class.

On Saturday, Phil began the class by explaining the different types of images on the tablets of clocks and the history. He then explained the process of the technique that we were going to do in this class. We learned how to cut glass to size. We then applied the transfer to our piece of glass and let them sit overnight to dry. We also watched part of a video of Lee Davis giving a speech on the different techniques of reverse painting. Phil then demonstrated how to start painting the transfer. It is very important to start with the smallest, finest details first. He also explained how to pick the colors for the reverse paintings and what colors were commonly used.

On Sunday the fun began! We started by taking the transfers we had prepared and began removing the paper backing. This is a very tedious and fragile process, but once you get the hang of it, it goes really fast! Then we started to paint the transfers that Phil had brought. It is amazing how the colors transform from the back to the front. Also amazing is how different the front and back of the painting look. Everyone in the class had a good time and we then wished Phil a Happy Birthday! Hopefully everyone who took this class will now appreciate all the work that goes into a reverse painting!



Before



Reverse before background is painted



Front before background is painted

Upcoming events

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

➤ October 13	8 a.m. – noon	Field trip to tour Seth Thomas Tower Clock of City Hall Corner of Market Square, Houston
➤ November 3	8 a.m.	Chapter 139 One Day Show Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055 Entry \$5; Table \$5
➤ November 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ December 8	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ December 9	2 p.m.	Chapter 139 Holiday Party Mary Lou Leason’s home
➤ January 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*

*Location: All Tech Sessions 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, 1123 Glendale Dr., Sugarland, TX 77479. 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? _____

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**Chapter 139
Treasurer's Report
October, 2012**

Financial Report for 2012 All Texas Regional

INCOME FROM REGIONAL

Registrations	
Members	\$7,086.00
Spouses, Significant others	2,034.00
Table Rentals	5,379.50
Breakfast	718.50
Silent Auction	3,060.00
Cash Donations, (Chapters 124, 80, 15)	300.00
Display case rental	<u>60.00</u>
Total income	\$18,638.00

EXPENSES FOR REGIONAL

Security	\$1,750.00
Reimbursed registration fees	134.00
Cash door prizes	700.00
Insurance	150.00
Mart Advertisement	715.00
Marriott Charges	5,083.19
Freeman	1,789.00
Mailings/DMR	562.01
Supplies/Office Depot	63.99
Name tags	99.23
Postage	<u>86.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$11,132.42

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR REGIONAL

Darrah Artzner	\$214.00
Kerry Despaux	49.36
Ben Fulbright	300.00
Nita Mixon	60.41
Marcus Bush	250.00
Tim Glanzman	<u>173.81</u>
Total Reimbursements	\$1,047.58

Net Income from 2012 Regional.....\$6,458.00

Financial Statement, San Jacinto Chapter 139, October 1, 2012

Wells Fargo Bank

Checking Account Balance.....\$14,201.59

JSC Federal Credit Union

Shares Balance.....5.00

12 Month Certificate of Deposit.....5,004.16

24 Month Certificate of Deposit 20,021.92

Total Assets.....\$39,232.67

Submitted by Avin S. Brownlee, Treasurer
October 1, 2012.