



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

Congratulations to Ben and Heidi!

The Chapter 139 BOD voted unanimously to award Lifetime Chapter member honors to Ben and Heidi Fulbright on November 5, 2012. Ben is a Charter and Star Chapter member, and NAWCC Fellow (1992). He served as STAR Newsletter editor for seven of the early Chapter years and is currently documenting activities for the National's Chapter 139 Highlights. Heidi has been a consistent worker of the Chapter and faithful supporter of all Chapter activities, especially during preparation for the All Texas Regionals. Ben has been and always will be known for his conducting the It's For Free events during these same Regionals. ***Congratulations to you both!***



November 5th One Day Show

All sale tables were full of clocks, clock books and other related items. Sales started at 8 a.m. and it was brisk for over an hour and a half until I announced that Del Rolison was ready to present his talk on clock gear repair. Sellers spoke positively about sales and seemed to be in good spirits during the entire session. Attendance was better than average and new faces were noticed in the crowd of bargain hunters.



Del talked for 45 minutes and entertained many questions about his gear replacement process. After his slide presentation he then demonstrated the process on his lathe. He also explained how his gear jig works for cutting new teeth. The audience showed much interest so it was suggested that Del present this demonstration as a mini class during one of our Technical Sessions. I believe he will be honoring us with that request at some point. Several pictures were taken during Del's presentation and then of the seller's tables after. They can be viewed on the Chapter 139 web site.

A BOD meeting was conducted after the show to solidify dates for next year's activities. Marcus and Becky Bush volunteered to host the Holiday (Xmas) Party. Thank you, Marcus and Becky!



Holiday party

Make plans now to attend this year's Chapter holiday party and spend time with other chapter members. Marcus and Becky Bush will be hosting this event on December 18th at 2:00pm. Their address is 14422 Lantern, Houston Texas 77015. Honey baked ham, brisket and drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring any side dishes or desserts. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange, so start looking for that special white elephant that could use a new home! Call Marcus or Becky at 713-455-1988 for directions or any other questions.

New from you – Admiral Dewey

In the last issue we asked you to send along pictures or articles to include in upcoming issues. Several members have already responded, and we're looking forward to hearing from others. Thanks to **Darrah Artzner** for sending the above article and to **Brian Martin** for sending along pictures of his Admiral Dewey clock, watch and related items.

As a little background to Brian's collection, let's take a quick trip through history to learn more about George Dewey. Many of us remember the name Admiral George Dewey from our high school history studies. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1858, Dewey began his military career, serving on various ships and moving up the ranks from midshipman to Lieutenant-Commander by the end of the Civil War. During the ensuing years, he served in several posts and in 1896, he was commissioned Commodore, and by the end of 1897, he was involved in preparations for wartime service, and soon after began wartime preparations.

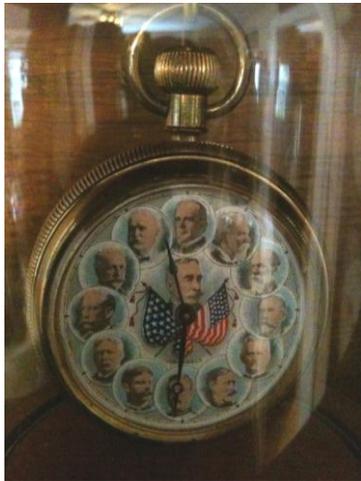
In February of 1898, the USS Maine was sunk, which was one of the precipitating events of the Spanish-American War. Dewey was positioned in the waters off China and swiftly moved to Manila Bay. At the beginning of 1899, Dewey's victory allowed the American troops to land in Manila, which brought an awareness of the United States as a naval power. Dewey returned to America to a hero's welcome and by an act of Congress was made Admiral of the Navy – the only person in the United States to attain this rank, the most senior rank in the United States Navy.

In 1903, the E. Ingraham Company introduced the Dewey model oak kitchen clock. The clock, pictured here in Brian's collection, includes a picture of Dewey pressed into the oak crown. There are several differences between

Brian's clock and many of the Dewey models: The surround is shaped differently and includes different images. The images are repeated in the lower side pieces as well as on the pendulum which can be seen through the lower glass. Most of these clocks have American flags on the crown. Additionally,

the glass is reverse painted with the ship sailing on blue-green waters and the flags being red, gold and blue. The entire painting/stencil is on a black background. The stencil is the usual for this clock, but not the reverse painted feature. Brian said that he has never seen another reverse painted glass like this in a Dewey clock either in person, in a book or in photographs.





To continue the theme of this display, the top shelf displays the clock, along with a small antique kerosene lamp on the left and a small American flag on the right. On the left side of the shelf below is an indigo blue candy dish in the shape of the Battleship Maine. On the right is an 1899 Ingersoll pocket watch featuring Admiral Dewey in the center and officers and politicians of the era in the chapter ring. The back of the case is embossed with Dewey’s flagship Olympia. This is a fairly rare watch and it was accompanied by a red and white ribbon and decorative fob. To the right of the shelf is a framed ad for the Ingersoll pocket watch. Both frame and ad are period.



Brian wrote, “I put all of these pieces together over several years. Assembling a related collection like this is part of what makes the hunt interesting for me as I peruse antique malls, shows and auctions.”

2011 / 2012 Calendar of 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](#).

➤ November 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ December 10-11	8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Clock Case Restoration Class (2-day) Contact Tim Glanzman for information.
➤ December 10	8 a.m. – noon	<i>Tech Session cancelled due to 2-day class</i>
➤ December 18	2:00 p.m.	Chapter 139 Holiday party hosted by Marcus and Becky Bush 14422 Lantern, Houston 77015
➤ January 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ February 11	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ February 18	8 a.m.	Chapter 139 One Day Show Grace Community Church 1201 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ March 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ April 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ May 19	8 a.m.	Chapter 139 One Day Show Grace Community Church 1201 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ May 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ June 9	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ June 13 – 16	All day	National Convention Pasadena, California

*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.

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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 John Trego, 11258 White Oak Way, Conroe TX 77304. Please make checks payable to San Jacinto Chapter #139. A spouse/significant other can join for an additional \$3.00 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. To avoid the hassle of having to remember every year, why not consider renewing for up to five years?

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. Not only does electronic distribution save money, it's good for the environment!