



# San Jacinto Star

## President's message

Well folks by all accounts we had another successful All Texas Chapters Regional at the Marriott Westchase.

Our final figures show that 317 people registered for the show and they rented 185 tables. I want to thank all of those who stayed at the hotel because it helps keep our Mart Room rental fee manageable. Another thanks goes to everyone who came to our breakfast banquet. It shows our National Representative that Chapter 139 is supportive of the NAWCC and their goals. Then again, maybe the \$200 cash drawing helped fill some seats.

The highlight of the Saturday morning breakfast for me was having the opportunity to present Tim Glanzman a very well deserved Fellow Award. This award is given to those who are nominated for outstanding achievements at the local and national level. Everyone in our Chapter knows what Tim has done for us. Congratulations, Tim.



The speakers at our All Texas Chapters Regional also deserve special thanks. I personally did not get any negative comments about any of the programs. Good job and thanks to Tom Smith on his Military Timepieces program; Pat Holloway on her Connecticut Horology "Jeopardy Game"; John Acker who generously stepped in for Fred Tischler at the last minute with a "History of Time" lecture and John Hubby, who never turns us down. Good job again. A very special thanks goes to Jim DuBois for transporting a very heavy, but impressive tower clock to accompany his program.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this Regional happen. I don't want to leave anybody out in my thank you's but you know who you are. Thanks to everyone from the set up crew who began Thursday morning, to the reloading crew who worked till Saturday afternoon. This includes registration, hospitality, auctions, It's for Free and door prizes.

I plan to have a Board of Directors meeting at the next Tech Session on October 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Regional in particular. Please make it to the Tech Session or make one of the Board members aware of any thoughts or ideas you have to make our Chapter a better one.

Marcus Bush,  
Chapter 139 President



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

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## All Texas Chapters Regional



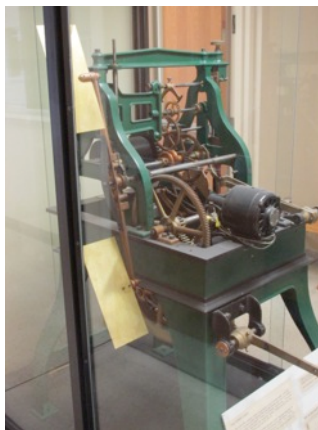
Be sure to check out the Chapter website for more 2014 All Texas Chapters Regional pictures.

## Sevierville TN Tower Clock

By Marcus Bush

Becky and I took a little trip recently to unwind from the stress of the All Texas Chapters Regional. Accompanied by Tom and Hilda Norris, we drove to the Smoky Mountains and spent a few days in a very remote cabin in the mountains.

We spotted a tower clock in the Sevier County Courthouse building in Sevierville, Tennessee. We visited the courthouse one afternoon at 5:00 p.m. after all the employees were gone. There was nobody there to answer any questions. I was able to snap a few photos of the original Seth Thomas tower clock that is now on display in the city hall lobby. The original cost to the city was \$1,353.45 when it was installed in 1896.



*Beautiful Sevier County courthouse and clock located in Sevierville TN*



## Tech Sessions

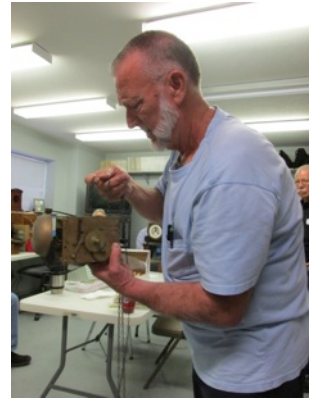
If you've never been to one of the tech sessions, make plans now to stop by for one. See dates for future sessions in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

### July Tech Session

There was a good crowd for the July Tech Session. We were happy to welcome Ray Caskill, a friend of Bob Kleeman, who has an interest in clocks.

The "Show and Tell" portion of our meeting is always fun. Marcus Bush began the segment with a grandfather clock movement. "How do you wind it" he asked? It turns out that one chain drives both sides of this 30-hour clock. It's a little unusual for a grandfather clock in that it is wound daily on the strike side.

Bob Kleeman brought a beautiful French statue clock that he needed parts for.



He also had a small modern crystal clock missing the works. The group jumped right in to help. Sammy Johnson had Del Rolison and Ray Mattingly busy helping with a strike side problem on a Gustav Becker two-weighter.



While Avin Brownlee visited Virginia he stayed in a hotel next to a clock shop whose owner had lost an arm at the age of two but was still repairing clocks. Sammy Johnson shared a story of an acquaintance that lost his arm in the 1980s and also manages to restore clocks. How in the world do these men manage when there are times you could even use a third hand?

### August Tech Session

A large group of Chapter Members welcomed Doug Henderson and Carol and Arthur Madrid. There was no planned program but as always "Show and Tell" brought out interesting items.

Drew Lundgren passed around a glass brush, which is a fiberglass stick, used to clean dials and brass. He did caution the group that you have to use caution while using the glass brush because of the fiber "dust".

Stanley Pryor brought a Hermle grandfather movement, complete and in the original box that he purchased 30 some years ago. (Pictured left.) While he was still in high school he purchased a movement like this and built the grandfather case for his Mom. Several years later he made another clock for his mother-in-law. Stan has promised his wife, Donna, that he would complete this clock soon. This would make an excellent anniversary present. What are you waiting for?

Darrah Artzner shared a wood works shelf clock that he just repaired for the Chapter auction.



Ben Fulbright brought a "plumb bob" that contained mercury. This gadget was still in the box. He asked the group if they knew why it would contain mercury. One member thought that this would still the weight and give a more accurate reading.



Tim Glanzman proudly displayed the first kitchen clock that he ever purchased. James Spivey, who recently passed away, was the fine gentleman who sold him this clock. Nothing unusual about the clock but there is great sentiment connected to it. James was a great mentor and clock repair teacher to Tim as well as others.

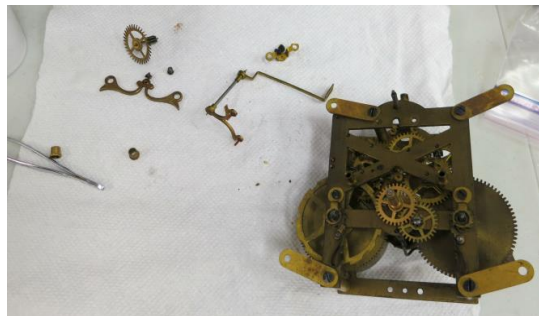
With no more show and tell items Ben updated members about the Houston Tower clock that is up and running. The work continues on the lollipop clock in Galveston. The Heights street clock is still in the works.

Ken Arnold mentioned that Merritts is discontinuing the boxes of 100 bushings. For years this has been the cheapest way to purchase these. Order them while you still can.

### September Tech Session

September attendance was a bit on the lean side – most were probably worn out after the big show. What they lacked in numbers, they made up for in involvement, and they were an active and noisy group. Great crowd!

The session started off with Darrah Artzner presenting his miniature gunmetal Waterbury carriage clock in original leather felt lined case. Tim Glanzman then took the stage, giving a presentation on setting up a spreadsheet for documenting collection items and explaining the importance of keeping this type of record. He offered the template to anyone that is interested. Shaun



Clarke was kind enough to contribute his template that he built for watch collecting. Links to both are provided in the Tech Session section of the Chapter website. Click on the appropriate title and it should prompt you with options on how to save it.

Three members brought in problem clocks for a solution. One was a complete dismantle and clean job, another was a cuckoo clock chain problem and the third was, well, I don't know, but there were several parts lying around after a serious discussion.

### Upcoming events

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

➤ October 11	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ November 1	8 a.m.	<b>Chapter 139 One Day Show</b> Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ December	Date and location to be determined	Chapter 139 Holiday Party
➤ December 13	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ January 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session
➤ February 7	8 a.m.	<b>Chapter 139 One Day Show</b> Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ March 6-7	See future announcements	<b>Lone Star Regional</b> Mesquite Convention Center

\*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.

<b>San Jacinto Chapter 139 Treasurer's Report September 29, 2014</b>		
<b>Summary of Assets</b>	<b>June 30, 2014</b>	<b>September 29, 2014</b>
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$12,943.69	\$17,698.41
JSCFCU Assets	\$35,566.35	\$35,668.54
Total Assets	\$48,510.04	\$53,366.95
<b>Deposits since June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$9,943.86</b>	
<b>Debits since June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$5,189.14</b>	
<b>Breakdown of assets at JSCFCU.</b>		
Regular shares	\$ 57.56	
24 month Cd maturing on 08/30/2014	\$20,507.11	
24 month Cd maturing on 12/23/2015	\$15,103.87	
Summary of Regional Finances:		
Total receipts	\$18,453.29	
Total expenses	13,280.52	
Net gain	\$ 5,172.27	
Submitted by Avin S. Brownlee September 29, 2014		

## 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.