

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

Hello to all. I am proud to say that at the February meeting I was voted in as your new President. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity. I am also proud to say that I was the 5th president of Chapter 139 in 1991, 30 years ago! I was involved in the founding of this chapter and I am a Charter member. I joined NAWCC in 1983. I am by trade a clock repairman and worked for and then co-owned Chappell Jordan Clock Galleries. Now retired I have TIME to help the Chapter and you, its members.

As the virus digressed, we progressed, with get-togethers for educational demonstrations like with a new young member, Aaron Martinez in March, and LONG-time member, Marcus Bush in April. In May we had a One Day Show and Tech session combined. What a great turn out of nearly 50 people. We even held our Famous Chapter 139 "IT'S FOR FREE". In June we had Martin Kennedy from the Houston Metal Shop Club presenting "Machining-Understanding Carbide Inserts."

I look forward to the July and August meetings with great presentations lined up. Soon we will start up classes again. Clock and Watch repairs. Thanks to Tim Glanzman and his company location, that provides a great classroom setting, we should be up and running as early as October of this year (keep your fingers crossed!)

August 27-29, 2021 will be the 35th All Texas Regional, held at the Marriott Hotel at Westchase. Canceling last year's regional, (first time ever), has created more excitement for this year's show! Already we have a great number of pre-registrations in hand and a good number of tables sold. Excellent speakers are lined up and a Statue Clock Exhibit that should be amazing is underway. Ken Arnold is chairing the show and is in need of **volunteers!** Please raise your hands!

This should turn out to be a rebound year after the difficult 2020 Covid year we all experienced; and I don't know about you but I am ready!

Thanks to all, and I am always available to you by phone 713-443-9752 or email jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net for questions, suggestions or just a chat!

Jeff Zuspan



All Texas Chapters Regional

Register NOW for early bird prices and to ensure hotel accommodations Regional and hotel reservation links are at <http://www.chapter139.com>

Educational events

March Tech Session

During the March Tech Session and besides our normal Show & Tell, where members brought items of interest, Aaron Martinez, of Chappell Jordan Clock Galleries in Houston Texas, demonstrated how to polish pivots on a Rollimat pivot polishing machine. Although the Rollimat is probably cost prohibitive for most novices, it was still amazing to see the job that this German-made machinery could do in a very short time. Thank you, Aaron! Well done!



April Tech Session



In April’s show & tell portion, Wayne Denham, brought a unique French mantle clock that strikes the hour on a gong and the half hour on a bell. Desmond Rolf brought a manual for a Grizzly milling machine and an unusual titanium watch case. Bill Zukley showed dental glasses purchased through Amazon’s return website. John Trego presented a very old Dutch Stoehl clock and was needing help with the strike train. This month’s presentation by Marcus Bush was on clock parts terminology. Marcus brought a disassembled kitchen clock movement and a printed description of every part. After a discussion and demonstration, the members were tested to see if they could recall the name of each part. A wire brush wheel was given to the winner with the most accurate answers.

Honoring Chapter 139 Past-Presidents

During the April Tech Session, we also took time to honor those who gave of their time to serve the clock and watch community in the role of Chapter President. Plaques were presented as a tribute and a THANKS for a job well done. The following four were present in April to receive their plaques from current President Jeff Zuspan. Tim Glanzman (2009-2011 & 2017-2018), Marcus Bush (2013-2015), Drew Lundgren (2015-2017), and Ken Arnold (2019-2021).

Jeff Zuspan then visited John Hardy (2007-2009) and Darrah Artzner (2011-2013) and personally presented plaques to them as well.

We are so grateful for their dedication and drive. All of these men took on different task and agendas all in the name the advancement of San Jacinto Chapter 139 NAWCC. Congratulations and a big THANK YOU!



Left to right: Drew Lundgren, Tim Glanzman, Marcus Bush, Ken Arnold, John Hardy and Darrah Artzner

June Tech Session

Martin Kennedy was our guest speaker for the June meeting. Martin had presented to our group two times in past years – “Building Your Own CNC Machine” and “Purchasing and Using a 3D Printer”. This month’s presentation this Saturday was “Machining – Understanding Carbide Inserts”. Martin is a very active in, and a Board member of, the Houston Metal Shop Club where he runs the CNC special interest group. Martin is mechanical engineer who managed large offshore projects in the Gulf for one of the major oil companies before he retired. He has an enviable, and fully equipped, machine shop in his garage. Like many of us, he just likes making stuff and has several scale models of unusual steam engines from the mid to late 1800’s that he has built from scratch. He has also built several CNC machines from scratch including a mill, lathe, and specialized glass drilling equipment.

During the show & tell time, Bill Hardy shared a lathe attachment and requested information on its uses. And Ken Arnold shared a spring-wound cuckoo clock that had carved wood faux weights.



February Annual Meeting and One-Day

This was not only a great One Day Show, with over twenty in attendance, but it was also the time for new officers to be voted in to run the Chapter for the next two years. Many thanks go to the outgoing officers.

Following are the newly elected officers and board members.

- President Jeff Zuspan
- Vice Pres. Gordon Shahin
- Secretary Stephen Egloff
- Treasurer Avin Brownlee

- Director Darrah Artzner
- Director Marcus Bush
- Director Tim Glanzman
- Director Tony Tolbert
- Director Joe Mixon
- Director Ken Arnold (General Chair for 2021 All Texas Chapters Regional)

May One-Day Show

~ Stephen Egloff

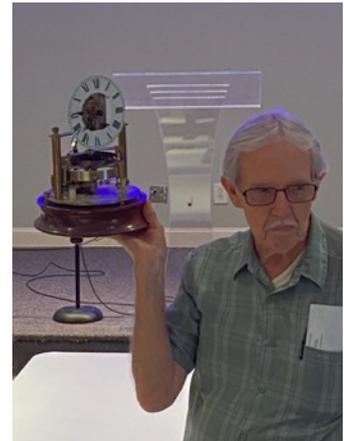
The May 8th one day show was an overwhelming success. We had a total of 38 in attendance and sold more than 20 tables for members to sell their treasures. Everyone was so grateful to get reacquainted with friends. Some we hadn’t seen in more than a year. We all seemed to pick up right where we left

off....it's like that with ole friends. I think I can speak for all when I say, the good-natured banter throughout the room was music to our ears.

One thing COVID didn't seem to impede was everyone's accumulation of stuff. We set up a trademark, Chapter 139 "It's For Free" event only to have to double the amount of tables originally anticipated. Everyone appeared to obey the unspoken rule of....if you bring items for the "It's For Free" table, you are obligated to take at least one free item home with you....

Following our mart, we had two presentations. Gordon Shahin shared a clock repair video that he subscribes to, but doesn't necessarily endorse. Jeff Zuspan, the new Chapter President, lead an open discussion at the end. As always there was no shortage of opinions, imagine that. Just like old times.

John Hubby brought a replica of a Murday's Patent Electromagnetic Clock for show and tell. While not a precise timekeeper, the movement is mesmerizing to watch. Thank you John for your willingness to share your treasures and knowledge with us through the years. You never disappoint!



Announcements

- Chapter 139 is looking for volunteers to present ANY topic at meetings. Contact Jeff Zuspan 713-443-9752 or jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net
- Tech Sessions should be returning to Tim Glanzman's Turn-Key Coatings, 8411 Rannie Road, Houston TX 77080 this fall. Stand by for additional information and updates.
- November One-Day Show TBA.
- Congratulations and thanks to Darrah Artzner and Jim DuBois on publication of articles in the July/August Bulletin, and to Ralph Pokluda who will be a speaker at this year's National Convention!

Upcoming events

➤ July 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show and Tell, and presentation "Atmos Clock...How they Work and..." Presenters: Kevin Killian and Gordon Shahin Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ July 15-July 18	Times vary by day	NAWCC National Convention Hampton Roads Convention Center 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton Roads VA https://natcon.nawcc.org/2021/
➤ Aug 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show and Tell, and presentation (TBA) Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ August 27-29	Check registration For daily times	All Texas Chapters Regional Houston Westchase Marriott 2900 Briarpark Dr. Houston TX 77042 (\$99.00 special room rates, limited supply) Registration information and forms can be found at http://www.chapter139.com

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 Dr., Friendswood TX 77546-5571. 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.

All Texas Chapters Regional

It’s not too late!! Plan now to attend and be a part of the action!

Volunteers are still needed.

Remember, “More hands = less work!”

Contact Regional Chair Ken Arnold (kbarnold@sbcglobal.net) to learn more about how you can help.

This year’s exhibit is Statue Clocks of all shapes and sizes, makes and models.

If you have statue clocks that you would be willing to share in the exhibit, please contact Marcus Bush (mbush9@comcast.net) with a photo and very brief description of the clock, along with your contact information as soon as possible so he can plan accordingly.

There might not be a horological cake this year,
but there will be plenty of other horological items to enjoy – not to mention “It’s For FREE!!”
See you there!

