



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

Thank You!!!! I wanted to start with that because I will never to be able to say that enough! Thank you to all Chapter 139 members.

In July we had a great presentation on Atmos clocks by Kevin Killian and Gordon Shahin. Over 30 attendees were engrossed and discussion continued beyond typical Q & A time.

In August we discussed and approved to proceed on a chapter project working on 3 historic clocks in Galveston. A tower clock, a street clock and an oversized wall clock. Andy Staton and Mike Dewlen are the lead in this project. More to come...

The All Texas Regional was a huge success. Although attendance was down a bit due to Covid, buying, selling and trading was very active. Outstanding lectures and an exhibit on Statue Clocks that was breathtaking. I also had the privilege of presenting the return of the San Jacinto Star Award to five current members and a new one. The Star award recognizes members that go Beyond the call of Duty and the Rookie of the year.

Ken Arnold
Gordon Shahin

Darrah Artzner
Steve Egloff

Avin Brownlee
Rookie – Aaron Martinez

In September folks got together and showed off their finds and deals that were made at the ALL TEXAS REGIONAL. Bill Zukley's daughter showed off her new kit clock that she masterfully assembled and is making sure that dad keeps it wound and running. We continued clock repair video series and compared ideas afterwards.

The year is not over. More Tech Sessions, Galveston Historic Clocks, November One Day Show and a holiday party to wrap it up. I do believe that everyone truly enjoys Show and Tell at the meetings. We get to see items that we normally wouldn't and that's how we learn just how big the field of horology is!

I recently returned from Europe visiting Switzerland, France, Germany and The Netherlands. Every town had a tower clock and some had motion and music. I found it amazing that these communities still depend on these clocks for their daily activities. I also got to see amazing clocks and watches in museums that I hope to share at an upcoming meeting.

So, one more time, "Thank You! Thank you to all!"

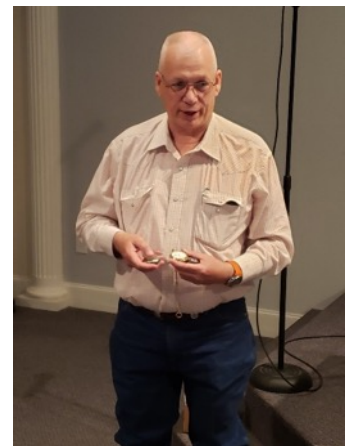
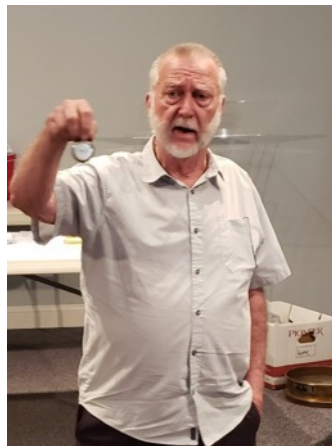
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Educational events

July Tech Session

During the July Tech Session an educational on Atmos clocks was presented by Kevin Killian and Gordon Shahin. They offered two very different perspectives on how Atmos clocks work, how to disassemble and re-assemble and information on bellows and main springs. A very energetic Q & A session and discussion followed for some time.

As always, a very interesting Show & Tell took place. Andy Staton brought a Gilbert Maritime clock that he made a missing fluke for. Steve Egloff showed off an Escapement Training display. Marcus Bush demonstrated a measuring gauge that looked like a pocket watch, and John Wright talked about his Waltham 1874 model pocket watch.



August Tech Session

At the August Tech Session, Andy Staton and Mike Dewlen laid out in more detail the possibility of a chapter project working on 3 Historic clocks in Galveston. Some photos and details were displayed. An informal vote was taken on whether to proceed and it was a unanimous thumbs up! A list of volunteers was gathered and trips to Galveston to look at the clocks were organized.

Show and tell produced interesting items. Bill Zukley showed off an interesting engraving machine and Kirt Keelan presented a German wall clock that he restored. Marcus Bush and Steve Egloff also brought interesting display items to show off.

Gordon Shahin then continued the presentation on clock repair, re-bushing and time train work. Open discussion followed.



September Tech Session

Nearly 30 gathered to watch a continuing overview on clock repair reassembly and oiling of pivots. All discussed various types of techniques and oils. The Galveston clock repair committee gave an update that included plans and designs of upcoming repairs to the three historic clocks in Galveston.

Bill Zukley gave a presentation of a museum he visited while on vacation in Florida. To the right is a photo of his daughter (Lily) with her completed clock made from a kit that she was given (for picking tickets) at the Regional.



August Regional Show

(written by Steve Egloff)

It's been two years since our last show and the excitement was high. There was great energy throughout the Mart room. Marcus Bush hosted a Statue Clock exhibit thanks to the generous contributions from chapter members. We had a robust slate of presentations with some being standing room only.



We are happy to report there were no injuries sustained during our patented "It's For Free" table. Those that have experienced this event know that they can get pretty western sometimes. Truly, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

The silent auction, with more than 50 clocks and watches, was well attended with spirited bidding right to the last call. We finished with a live auction for a custom quilt (See Photo), handmade and donated by Eileen Egloff. It was patterned after an E. Howard #2 Banjo clock. The bidding was active with two bidders calling in via phone. Congrats to Jeff Zuspan, the winning bidder.



We appreciate everyone who made this such an exceptional event. A special thanks to our vendors, presenters (Richard Cox, Ralph Pokluda, Jim DuBois and Jay Dutton), volunteers, sister chapters, and long-time friends. When we finally loaded out the last attendee, we took a deep breath and reflected on how thankful we were to see old friends and to enjoy the hobby we love.

Announcements

- Chapter 139 is looking for volunteers to present ANY topic at meetings. Contact Jeff Zuspan 713-443-9752 or jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net
- Chapter Pocket Watch Servicing Class conducted on October 16 & 17 by Darrah Artzner & Michael Dewlen is now full. If you wish to get on a waiting list, please contact Darrah at darrahg@aol.com.

Upcoming events

➤ October 9	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show and Tell, and presentation (TBA) Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ November 13	8 a.m. – noon	One-Day Show and Tech Session Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ December	TBA	Date and location for Christmas party to be announced

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? _____

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**Sneak peek at the Galveston Clocks
More to come....Stay tuned**

