



**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

Dear Chapter 139 members,

What a couple of years to remember. Two years ago, I was elected President. How lucky was I to inherit a well-organized group, and thanks to Ken Arnold, past President, my job was made easier than it could have been! I also must include the 2021 board, Gordon Shahin, Avin Brownlee, Steve Egloff, Tim Glanzman, Darrah Artzner, Marcus Bush, Ken Arnold, Joe Mixon and Toney Tolbert. When 2022 came, we added Bill Hardy and Randy Hohlt. Board of Directors have a way of making the President look better than he or she should and this group of guys did not fail. Thank you, one and all!

We held three One-Day Shows each year, February, May and November. Each of them well attended with tables full of goods to trade. Since Covid we decided to combine the One-Day with our Tech Session which provided great presentations and discussions immediately following the buying and selling. Not to mention, a few "It's For Free" events thrown in on the deal. I am grateful that the Grace Community Church has worked out and has been a great location to do just about anything we need.

I want to give thanks to the monthly presenters. It's always a challenge to keep finding something interesting and they ALL came through. Ken Arnold, Kevin Killian, Gordon Shahin, Aaron Martinez, Reece Parrish, Bill Hardy, Darrah Artzner, Martin Kennedy, Marcus Bush, Tim Glanzman, Albert Rambaud and why not, Jeff Zuspan. If I missed anyone, I apologize. In addition, I also want to thank Ken and Darrah for organizing and leading repair classes.

In 2022, I took on the task of chairing the ALL TEXAS CHAPTERS REGIONAL. Talk about a well-oiled machine! The ATR almost runs itself. With GREAT volunteers and committee leaders we seem to always pull off a successful show. Attendance was nearly 350 and over 180 tables sold. I had the opportunity to talk to a number of attendees and tried to solicit feedback, digging in to try to find the negatives and I am pleased to say it was all good. The Marriott was very accommodating. Room rates were very good and all seem to be comfortable with their stay. I was so pleased to offer a well-balanced lecture series with two watch speakers, Geoff Parker and Darrah Artzner, and two clock speakers, Joe Kuechle and Greg Cook. Great door prizes and to top it off I had the pleasure of awarding national recognition to those who led committees and volunteers, not to mention I presented five Star Awards.

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I watched in amazement the Galveston Clocks Restoration committee take on challenges with three different clocks on public display on Galveston Island: a tower clock, street clock and large built-in wall clock. Andy Staton, founding and charter member and past President, led the group and managed the difficulty in getting volunteers and city officials on the same page. Many trips to the Island from several volunteers to continue to see this through. They have not given up and still work to endeavor. Old parts, salty air, rust, inferior equipment, etc., did not stand in their way. I know that Chapter 139 will see this through. Thank you guys.

My new adventure will be at a National level, Chapters Relations Committee and hopefully Director on NAWCC board, **PLEASE VOTE**. But I will not disappear. I want to continue being involved any way I can with Chapter 139. In my opinion the BEST chapter in NAWCC.

Thank you all,
Jeff Zuspan

Tech Sessions

November Tech Session & One Day Show

On November 12th nearly 40 joined together for another mini-mart. Fifteen tables were set up for members to sell goods, watch, clock and other. Donation was \$5 to get in and \$5 per table. For a couple of hours trading went on, not to mention donut and taco eating, storytelling and lots of fun. After a brief break, to eat more, we enjoyed Show and Tell. Marcus Bush brought a very cool hand crank cutting or drilling tool. Bill Zukley always has a find or a tip on how to locate hidden jewels. Bill Hardy showed off a watch he bought on eBay – Bargain! We then moved into our presentation which was Kevin Killian. Kevin is a long-time clock restorer and today he showed brass polishing techniques. How to make that clock repair not just run well but make it shine. After he finished, he stayed for Q&A for a long time. Thanks Kevin.



Bill Zukley



Bill Hardy



Marcus Bush



Kevin Killian

January Tech Session

In January we had one of our biggest turn outs in a while. Over 40 gathered at Grace Community Church on Campbell Rd. Jeff Zuspan led the meeting with updates and announcements about upcoming events. Jeff really tried to encourage the group to consider going to the National convention this year. It's the 80th Anniversary of NAWCC and the show is located in Lancaster PA with events at NAWC headquarters and museum, and at the convention center in Lancaster. Should be an awesome show!

As usual we had a fun Show and Tell. Bill Zukley was very excited about his Goodwill find. Digging through Goodwill, Bill spied a gold looking watch. Turned out to be a 14K gold Lord Elgin pocket watch. What great luck. Gene Bruce brought his German box wall clock with an unusual name on the dial, Norexa. He is still trying to find info on that name. One thing that was noticed was the bim-bam sound was backwards. Thanks to Marcus, in true Tech Session form, he pulled the movement and gave a brief demonstration on how to adjust the strike. Well done Marcus! Andy Staton showed us a very different large clock striking mechanism. No one could identify it. After a quick break we watched a video on cuckoo clock repair. Following the video, Ken Arnold talked about different types of cuckoos and the different movements. Chain drive to spring wound. Great job Ken.



Bill Zukley



Gene Bruce



Andy Staton



Ken Arnold

December Holiday Party

December seemed to arrive in the “Blink of an Eye and a Twist of the Head”. Just like that, the Holidays were upon us like a Blue Norther from Canada. Time, again, to plan for our annual Holiday dinner which allows us to gather with friends, significant others, and this year, new members.

Close to 50 strong, we came with arms full of gifts, food, and decorations. The potluck buffet was a sight to behold. There was no room for even one more item on the table. The dessert table, similarly, was overflowing with sugary delicacies that overwhelmed the senses and all good judgement.



The tables were covered in red table cloths, and beautifully adorned with poinsettias, and holiday decorations. The hum of the buffet line conversations quickly gave way to the silence caused by our enjoyment of all the amazing food. The Christmas tree was bursting with almost 50 White Elephant gifts. We had a lot of good-hearted laughs as we opened and stole gifts from one another. Finally, the last gift was selected and another year’s festivities came to a close.

Many thanks to everyone for contributing to make this such a special event. There was a real sense of gratitude in the room, knowing how fortunate we are to be able to gather, fellowship, and make new memories. We are truly blessed.

For those friends that could not make it, for whatever reason, know that you were missed.

Steve Egloff



Special Thanks

Not enough can be said about the generous gift San Jacinto Chapter 139 received in January. LONG time member, founding member, charter member and NAWCC Fellow member Ben Fulbright, and his wife and forever partner Heidi, graciously donated proceeds from their on-going sale of their collection.

Ben has had a lifetime love for antiques and horology. Ben bought things that were fun, quirky, interesting, different, collectable and maybe not so collectable. Didn't matter, if it pleased him and Heidi it was destined to be theirs. Now that it's time to slow down they have been making their worldly finds available to others to enjoy and do the same. I believe that's what makes Ben the happiest, not the buck! This should be a lesson for all. Ben and Heidi, you have meant so much to Chapter 139 and we can never thank you enough!

I also want to give thanks to Andy and Lori Staton for being there for their longtime friend, Ben. Andy, with the help of Marcus Bush, steered the effort to help Ben sell his large collection. There were many others that stepped up to lend a hand, that's what makes this chapter great. And by the way, there is still more to come!

Don't Forget

Have you paid your annual dues for 2023 yet? It's only \$10.

Announcements

- This February brings the one day show and also our annual dues and our annual business meeting. This is where we hear about the state of the chapter, finances and elect new board members. Please come ready to participate and speak up on things and directions you would like to see the chapter head in.
- Please keep a look out for the upcoming National ballot for positions at NAWCC. Voting will be via an emailed ballot, so if you don't normally receive emails from the NAWCC, now is a good time to be sure they have your current email address. Our own **Jeff Zuspan** is running for director, as well as our friend, past treasurer and member, **Geoff Parker**. Let's support our guys to achieve voices at Headquarters!
- Chapter 139 is looking for volunteers to present ANY topic at meetings. Contact Jeff Zuspan 713-443-9752 or jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net
- Please consider donating items to the Chapter for the 2023 Silent Auction. These donations can be made any time. All donated items are looked over and serviced by Chapter members during the year which is fun and educational in its self.

Upcoming events

➤ February 11 th	8 a.m. – noon	Annual Business meeting and elections and One-Day Show. \$5/person entry and \$5/table Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ March 2 nd – 4 th	Check registration forms for times	Lone Star Regional Mesquite TX
➤ March 11 th	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show and Tell and presentation Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055

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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