



Keeping Time...

Dedicated to watch & clock collecting, education, & restoration

San Jacinto Chapter 139

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Chapter 139 Members Earn First Place at the NAWCC National Craft Competition

Members of Chapter 139 were awarded first place in the NAWCC National Craft Competition last month. The project was initiated by Ralph Pokluda and Chris Peck (Chappel Jordan Clock Galleries, Houston, TX), Darrah Artzner, and Mike Stitch. It all began with a visit to the American Watch & Clock Museum in 2009. Ralph Pokluda was visiting the museum and talking with Director Chris Bailey. In the warehouse, collecting dust, was a calendar clock. While it was complete, it was in total disrepair. The dials were badly flaking, and it suffered from a misguided "antiquing" green and pink paint job. Adding to the "colorful" history of the clock was the period where it once resided in a house of ill repute in the Connecticut area. Recognizing a "diamond in the rough," Ralph suggested it be a Chapter 139 restoration project for the NAWCC Craft Competition. Chris Peck spearheaded

the project as project manager and advertised for restoration volunteers at the 2009 Houston Regional. Darrah Artzner restored the movement and Mike Stitch took on the daunting challenge of restoring the case to its original glory. The dial restoration was donated by Martha Smallwood (Dial House).

After winning the competition, the clock is now at its rightful place on exhibit at the American Watch & Clock Museum in Bristol, Connecticut and along with recognition of the individuals who worked on the project.

Congratulations to these Chapter 139 members for a job well done. They will be recognized at the upcoming All Texas Chapter Regional (August 27, 28, & 29) and receive an award at the Regional Breakfast on Saturday, August 28, 2010.



Before and after pictures of this beautiful restoration capturing first place at the NAWCC National

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Chapter 139 Highlights

- Members take first place in National Craft Competition (see main story)
- Terry Brotherton awarded Silver Star Fellow recognizing his contributions & support for the NAWCC & Chapter 139
- Chapter 139 holds monthly technical & educational sessions on the second Saturday of every month (see story inside)
- Darrah Artzner revamps Chapter 139 website. www.sanjacinto139.homestead.com
- Chapter Education Chairman Don Leason honored for suitcase workshop coordination
- Del Rolison leads Chapter 139 skeleton clock project workshops
- Chapter 139 hosts the first inaugural NAWCC FI05 workshop on Torsion Clock Repair

Dedication to the Restoration & Preservation of Clocks & Watches

The main story illustrates why many of us are members of the NAWCC and Chapter 139. Whether you do your own work or hire it done, there is something special about taking a clock or watch, that is a hundred years or more old, and restoring it to its original beauty and function. For many of us, it is a source of individual pride in preserving

history and in honoring the original work of master watch & clock makers. Who among us doesn't marvel at all beauty of an old time piece and the craftsmanship that went into it? In our current "throw away" society, how many items manufactured today do any of us think will stand the test of time and still hold their beauty and func-

tion as originally designed after 50 years or more have passed?

When restoring these timepieces, try to keep them as original as possible. This will not only enhance their collectible value, but is also respectful to the original makers. Indeed, some cosmetic items or areas such as dials or painted glass may be better left untouched.



Chapter 139 needs your help to keep your postal address, email address, and phone number up to date. We have a significant amount of obsolete member information. Your contact information allows us to communicate with you and provide you with the most benefits for your membership. Your privacy is of the utmost importance to the Board and we are committed to protecting your personal information. In the near future, once we have a secure, member only section on our website, we will be posting member email addresses and phone numbers on the website. For privacy and security reasons, addresses will not be displayed. Also, any member may request all of their information remain confidential.

The Editor for this edition of the newsletter and article author is Tim Glanzman, current President of NAWCC Chapter 139. Any opinions are solely those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the chapter or of the NAWCC. The Editor apologizes for any errors or omissions and assures readers they are completely accidental. Robert McGee has graciously volunteered to become editor for future Chapter 139 newsletters.

New Website Launched by Chapter 139

The website for Chapter 139 had been revamped by Chapter Vice-President, Darrah Artzner. Special thanks to Darrah for revamping the website and keeping it up to date. If you haven't visited our website recently, you truly don't know what you are missing. It is your best tool for an up to date calendar of Chapter events and breaking news. Other key information available at the site includes:

- Contact information for chapter officers
- Chapter 139 & NAWCC membership forms
- Regional registration form
- Membership updates
- Horological resources with live links to other websites
- Photo gallery of Chapter activities
- Education Center with copies of Chapter presentations
- Reviews and updates on Chapter 139 Monthly Technical Sessions
- A message board including items for sale, barter, or items needed
- Links to the NAWCC website
- Guest Book

This site will be the main tool used by Chapter 139 for keeping our members up-to-date. The Chapter 139 Board is interested in your feedback regarding the website and our electronic communications. The Board strongly believes a paper newsletter is still a requirement as many members may not prefer electronic communication. The benefit of the electronic communication is that it saves significant expense to our chapter in terms of supplies and postage. The website will also be much more current than a paper newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for August Regional!!!

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. It takes a great deal of volunteer effort to put on chapter activities. The All Texas Chapters Regional is August 27, 28, and 29. This event, more than any other, establishes our reputation with NAWCC members literally from around world. We are always in need of volunteers who can help in preparation for the event and during the actual Regional. This includes help loading and unloading

activities at the Mart, greeters, Mart set-up, and Mart room clean-up. As the Chapter is the main host for this event, the positive experience of many NAWCC guests is dependent upon us. Our Regional is recognized as one of the best Regionals in the United States. **Please contact Darrah Artzner or any Board member if you can volunteer.** Even if you cannot volunteer for the entire show, your work is invaluable to

having a successful event.

One final comment and request, if you are guest at our Regional, please take a quick second to thank any of the many volunteers who help make this such a high quality event. You would be amazed at how important a simple thank you is to the spirit of our volunteers.

Congratulations to Terry Brotherton

Longtime member, key volunteer, and chapter friend, Terry Brotherton was awarded the Silver Star Fellow award last month at the NAWCC National Meeting. This is a significant achievement reserved for NAWCC members that have truly gone above and beyond in their volunteering and contributions to the NAWCC, our local Chapter 139, and the overall goals of promoting interest in horology. Congratulations again Terry. You deserve this recognition and you certainly have earned it.



**NAWCC San Jacinto Chapter #139
Houston, Texas**

Calendar of Events

Chapter #139 of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC) is dedicated to promoting educational seminars, training classes, events, and marts, all related to the art and science of timekeeping. Please join us at one of our events or email us for additional information (tim.glanzman@earthlink.net).

Date/Time	Event	Other information
Second Saturday of Every Month	Open & Informal Technical Sessions—Turn-Key Coatings, 8411 Rannie Rd, Houston, TX 77080	For more information contact Tim Glanzman— tim.glanzman@earthlink.net or Darrah Artzner— darrahg@aol.com
08/27-29/2010	Annual All Texas Chapters Regional—JW Marriott-	Mart & Workshops, Key Speaker— for more information contact tim.glanzman@earthlink.net
09/09-12/2010	NAWCC Training Course F105—Torsion Clocks—History & Repair	Contact Don Leason— nod5391@hal-pc.org - for more info
11/13/2010 08:00AM-12:00PM	One Day Show—Grace Community Church—1021 Campbell Rd, Houston, TX 77055	Mart & Workshop— contact tim.glanzman@earthlink.net
12/5/2010	Chapter Christmas Party-Sunday afternoon pot luck and white elephant gift exchange	For more information contact Tim Glanzman— tim.glanzman@earthlink.net

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 provide your NAWCC number, name, postal address, email address, & phone number along with \$10.00 dues to **John Trego, 11258 White Oak Way, Conroe, Texas 77304. MAKE CHECK 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.

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22nd Annual All Texas Chapters Regional 2010

Chapter 139 and
Co-hosts 15, 80, & 124 present:

August 27-29, 2010

J W Marriot - Houston, Texas

Breakfast Banquet Saturday Morning

- ~ "It's For Free" Table, Silent Auctions, Door Prizes
- ~ Grand Door Prize on Sunday - \$500 in Mart Money
- ~ Super Exhibit
- ~ 24 Hour Security
- ~ Walking Distance to Galleria Shopping
- ~ Friday 1:30pm to 3:30pm Chapter 139 Hospitality
- ~ Saturday 8:45am-5:30pm Lecture / Workshops

Saturday Evening Lecture 6:15 – 7:15pm

Schedule:

Friday, August 27, 2010

1:00pm-3:30pm Unloading *Mart Vacated at 3:30PM*

1:00 pm Registration Opens

4:00pm – 8:00pm Mart Open

Saturday, August 28, 2010

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast Buffet

9:00am -6:00pm Mart Open

6:15pm-7:15pm Lecture

Sunday, August 29, 2010

9:00am-2:00pm Mart Open/ *\$500 Grand Door Prize*

Chapter 139, co-hosts, the NAWCC, its officers and members are not responsible for any loss, injury or tort during this meeting.

For hotel reservations contact **the JW Marriott-Galleria directly: 1-800-228-9290** or 713-961-1500. 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77056. **Please make your reservations and mention "clocks" to take advantage of a Special NAWCC \$98 per night room rate.** For more information contact Tim Glanzman (832-693-0984) tim.glanzman@earthlink.net, Darrah Artzner (281-859-1579) darragh@aol.com or Melanie Gordon (713-677-0446) alltexaschaptersregional@gmail.com.

When making your hotel reservations, make sure you mention the word "clock." That is their cue word for the special room rate.

Only registered members and their immediate family (i.e. spouse and children 17 and under (ID required)) are permitted in the MART room. Children 18 and over must have their own NAWCC card. **Deadline for pre-registration is August 20, 2010.**

*Name: _____ NAWCC #: _____
(Your name as you want it to appear on your badge)

Street Address: _____ E-Mail _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Spouse/Children's Names (if applicable): _____

Are you a: NAWCC Old Timer Fellow Star Fellow National Officer (Office Held: _____)

I am bringing: Clocks Watches Supplies Books

PRE-REGISTRATION 2010	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Registration (each adult)		\$25.00	
Registration (17 and under)		FREE	
Breakfast Banquet (Saturday)		\$12.00	
Tables (6 Ft.)		\$30.00	
Total Amount Due			

Please make check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter 139

Send Registration Payment to:
John Trego
11258 White Oak Way
Conroe, TX 77304

Only 2 Exhibitors Badges will be issued per table purchased.

Onsite registration \$30.00 – Sunday is FREE!



Chapter 139 Initiates Free Monthly Tech Sessions

If you have a clock or watch you're working on, want to have some hands on instruction in repair, or want to ask some experts in clock or watch repair for advice, you need to start coming to our free monthly technical sessions. Earlier in 2010, Chapter 139 began sponsoring free monthly technical sessions on the second Saturday of every month from 8AM until Noon. Many members had requested monthly technical sessions but the effort always fizzled as we did not have the benefit of a regular meeting facility. Tim Glanzman, owner of Turn-Key Coatings, an industrial plating and metal finishing company in Houston, graciously donates

regular meeting space for monthly tech sessions and other chapter activities. Now, Chapter 139 has a new physical home, Previously, meeting space had to be rented or was donated on a temporary basis requiring set-up and tear-down with each use. Now, the Chapter has a facility where we can store equipment and tools, and house a reference library.

Regular hosts at the monthly sessions include Ben Fulbright, Marcus Bush, Del Rolison, Darrah Artzner, and Tim Glanzman. These individuals have also donated tools, equipment, and reference materials to help get the monthly sessions started.

Donations of any surplus tools or reference materials would be appreciated. All donations become assets of the Chapter and donors will be recognized in a framed certificate on the meeting room wall.

Donuts and coffee are always provided. Members are welcome to bring a guest who may have an interest in collecting or repair so that they can learn more about the chapter and any member can always attend to "just hang out" with friends.

The next meeting is August 14, 2010. It is held at 8411 Rannie Rd., Houston, TX 77080.



Students and instructors at the free monthly tech sections become absorbed in their projects

Educational Opportunities Within Chapter 139

Chapter 139 has certainly been busy creating educational opportunities for our members. We have created the monthly technical sessions mentioned in another article, sponsor a large number of NAWCC field suitcase workshops, and have a group skeleton clock project underway where members actually make their own skeleton clock.

Don Leason is the Education Chairman for Chapter 139 and organizes the NAWCC field suitcase workshops for the Houston area. Don has been

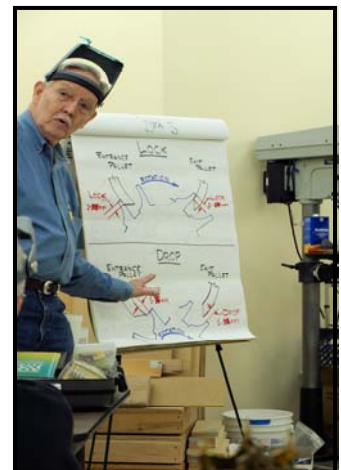
recognized by the NAWCC for the large number of classes he has organized for Chapter 139. These classes are open to all NAWCC members. It is not unusual that we even have members who attend from out of state. Additionally, in 2009, Chapter 139 was the very first NAWCC chapter in the world to host the four day F105 workshop on Torsion Clock Repair.

This workshop, taught by John Hubby, has received feedback as one of the best workshops ever conducted. Also known as anniversary or 400 day clocks, this course is the next upcoming

workshop on September 9-12. Please contact Don Leason (nod5391@hal-pc.org) for additional details. Chapter 139 also recognizes George Kabacinski for donating his workshop for these field suitcase courses.

If you have an interest in the skeleton clock project, please email Del Rolison (delr136@netzero.net).

Our chapter is interested in hearing from members on what educational opportunities, projects, lectures, and related activities they would like to have available.



Instructor John Hubby covers the finer points of escapement lock and drop

In Memorial...

Is it always sad to hear of the passing of long time members and friends. While sorely missed, each of these people live on in our memories and through the positive impact they have had on us. In that spirit, we are notifying you that the following members have passed away and we wish to honor them.

- Leonard Brenner
- Babe Jensen
- John Key
- Keith Patterson
- Bob Phillips
- Jack Strickland
- Maxine Walker
- Doug Whisenhunt
- Jack Whisenhunt
- Jim Busby

The Exhibit at our 2010 Regional will have a "legacy" theme dedicated to clocks, watches, and stories of some of our former members.

I apologize that some of this information may be a bit dated. An even larger apology is offered if anyone was omitted. Please let a Board member know if a chapter member passes away or any member facing health challenges can use the support of friends.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the All Texas Chapters Regional 2010 Legacy Exhibit honoring former members and friends who are no longer with us may contact Don Leason, Exhibit Chairman, by emailing him at nod5391@hal-pc.org.



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All Texas Chapters Regional

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