



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

As some of you are aware, I was diagnosed as having a “mild” heart attack March 27<sup>th</sup>. After having some slight discomfort on and off in the middle of my chest for about four months I finally went to the emergency room. There was a definitive diagnosis of heart enzymes in the blood stream. I only spent two nights in the hospital with no stints or surgery other than the normal heart cauterization. I feel as I am now supporting the pharmaceutical industry single handedly.

While in the hospital it seemed that everyone who came into my room referred to me as “old timer”. A “Mr. Bush” every now and then would have been nice. After thinking about the “old timer” bit for a couple of days I decided to seek out the definition of “old”. After all it is used in the clock and watch world, as well as in the real world.

As you might expect there are many definitions of old. Just pick the one you like. One of them is “old to the point of needing a replacement”. Another that got my attention was referring to us humans...“old meaning nearing the end of one's life cycle”. Hey! Wait just a cotton pickin' minute. I don't feel as though I am near the end of my life cycle. I may be preaching to the choir as many of my friends and fellow clock and watch enthusiasts know what I have been through and in some cases some have gone through worse. Anyway, how many times do we simply clean a clock movement, install a bushing or two, lubricate it and it's good for another forty years or so? I suppose in a way the same can be done to us. A new heart valve here and there, a stint or two and you're ready to go again.

I am feeling better now and looking forward to the All Texas Chapters Regional. It is taking shape nicely under Chairman John Trego and registration forms are steady coming in. Looking forward to the array of “stuff” and the show as well as seeing many friends again. See you in August, if not before.

Marcus Bush  
President Chapter 139

*Why are you waiting?*

*Register now for the  
2013 All Texas Chapters Regional*

*This year's great programs include  
Friday*

*Rockford Watches – Darrah Artzner*

*Tips for the Novice Clock Collector – Tim Glanzman  
Howard Clocks – Ralph Pokluda of Chappell Jordan Clocks*

*Saturday*

*Everyone is invited to the Chapter 168 Program  
Anniversary Clocks – John Hubby*

# All Texas Chapters Regional

*Sponsored by San Jacinto Chapter 139 and co-hosts 15, 80, 117 and 124*



## **AUGUST 22-24, 2013 - HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**Host Hotel: Marriott Westchase  
2900 Briarpark, Houston 77042**

- \* Exhibit of American Weight Driven Regulators
- \* Large Mart Room
- \* It's for Free
- \* Educational Programs
- \* Free Parking
- \* Silent Auctions

**Please see [sanjacinto139.homestead.com](http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com)  
for registration form and hotel reservation link.**

### May One-Day Meeting

~ Becky Bush

There were about 30 in attendance for the One-Day Show held at Grace Community Church on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It was fun to watch everyone help unload and un-box the 40 clocks brought by Marcus Bush. It looked like a bunch of kids on Christmas morning with packing paper and boxes going everywhere. These clocks came from a



collection that has been boxed away for about 30 years. After the frenzy wore down many of the members stayed for a Chapter sponsored lunch of subs, chips and of course, more clock stories.

## Tech Sessions

### April Mini Session on Balance movements by Darrah Artzner

The main purpose of this month's presentation was to make clock enthusiasts more aware of what comprises a balance movement and what to look for when in the market for one, determining its condition, what will damage it (THE FINGER), and how to safely remove it from a movement prior to cleaning the movement and reinstallation after. It is a complex topic and trying to keep the presentation within two hours was difficult even though nothing got repaired. But, after all, it was only a demo. Doing such repairs on various items within the balance movement can take hours to days depending on what problems are encountered.



### May Tech Session

The Chapter's May 11<sup>th</sup> Technical Session was well attended and was full of people helping people. Hopefully problems were solved on the clocks that were brought for the session. Marcus Bush brought nine clocks that were donated for the Chapter Auction in August and time was spent assessing some of the many clocks that have been donated. As you can see from the pictures below, some need a lot a TLC while others are ready for a new owner! Several NAWCC magnetic signs were offered and accepted to promote the national organization.





### June - Mini Session on Recoil escapements by Drew Lundgren

A good-sized crowd was on hand as new Chapter member, Drew Lundgren, presented a very good program on Recoil Escapement. Drew passed on information he gleaned from one of the classes in Grapevine. He made an excellent mock up of an escapement to demonstrate just how it should look to get the ultimate power to keep your clock operating. This mock up will be great to use in future classes as well as pretty wall art for the meeting room.



For our “show and tell”, Ben Fulbright had a beautiful French calendar clock and two very old let-down key tools. He also passed around an antique hole punch that was probably used on metal pieces for clocks or watches.

Tim Glanzman showed the group a clock that he had purchased at the May One Day Show. While this looked like any other Gilbert kitchen clock, the transfer on the front was done like drapery and displayed the name Southern Installment and Manufacturing Co. This company name not only was on the front of the clock but the label on the back where you usually find the

Gilbert information, also included the name of Southern Installment and Manufacturing Company name. Very unusual.

### Upcoming events

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

➤ July 13	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ August 10	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ August 22-24	Times vary	<b>2013 All Texas Chapters Regional</b> Westchase Marriott; Houston TX
➤ September 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session

\*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.

Chapter 139  
Treasurer's Report  
June, 2013

**Checking Account Wells Fargo Bank**

Beginning Balance March 15, 2013.....\$13,743.97  
Deposits.....4,794.00  
Withdrawals, debits & checks.....(2,535.62)

Withdrawals, debits and checks include:

- 62.97 internet website
- 63.96 Constant contact
- 7.31 debit card-Fed Ex
- 92.00 debit card-USPS
- 400.00 debit card-rent and change for one day show
- 113.66 debit card-Subway Sandwich for one day show
- 385.00 debit card-mart ad for regional
- 100.27 check-lanyard for regional
- 590.09 check-shirts and caps
- 250.00 magnetic signs from NAWCC
- 470.36 additional checks reimbursing members

\$(2,535.62)

**Ending Balance as of June 23, 2013.....\$16,002.35**

**Assets at JSCFCU (as of June 23, 2013)**

Shares.....5.00  
12 month CD..... \$ 5,035.90  
24 month CD..... 20,189.15  
**\$25,230.05**

**Total Assets.....\$ 41,232.40**

Submitted June 13, 2013 by Avin S. Brownlee, Treasurer

## 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, 1123 Glendale Dr., Sugarland, TX 77479. 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.**