



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

Man, was it hot in Houston in August... and I am not talking about the weather. Our 27th annual All Texas Chapters Regional was one of the most successful in our history. I know success can be defined in many ways but two very critical facts cannot be denied:

- ✓ Our registration has increased 30% in each of the last 2 years.
- ✓ Table sales are up 15%

We had 458 folks register and participate in the very active mart.

I want to thank all of our chairs for their hard work and countless hours of preparation. Mart Chairman **John Trego** did an outstanding job of rearranging the foyer, registration and workshop area. Can't tell you how many fires he put out in three days. John also handed out all of the door prizes as Door Prize Chair. Special thanks to **Tim Glanzman** who helped gather door prizes.



John Trego awarding final prizes of the show – Mart Money to Mary Lou Leason just after announcing that Sue Ann Kiser (with husband George) won the driver's watch.

For three days **Darrah Artzner** and **Kerry Despaux** manned the computers at the registration desk. Not even a computer failure ruffled their feathers. **Becky Bush**, **Hilda Norris**, **Pat Holloway** and **Avin Brownlee** made registration go almost as smooth as silk. A special thanks to Pat for stepping up when Becky got ill.

Avin Brownlee got hand cramps from writing checks but watched over our money like a guard dog.

Thanks to Unloading Crew Chairs **Sammy Johnson** and **Ken Arnold** for hustling up our usual competent and reliable unloading crew. You know who you are and you are appreciated.

Hilda Norris, Hospitality Chair, aided by her husband **Tommy** kept the hot coffee and free cookies on hand in the foyer. This was a new feature this year and was very well received. Thanks to both of them and to Joe and Nita Mixon's daughter for providing the coffee.

After our check out madhouse at last year's Chapter Sponsored Silent Auction in the foyer, we spent a lot of time in discussions on how to improve it. As Co-chairs of this auction **Nita and Joe Mixon** can take a bow. When Nita told me of her plan, I argued that it would not work. Well, I'm now eating crow. This was definitely the most improved aspect of our show. A big thank you to the folks that donated clocks and the members who got them ready. You all made this event a big success.



Sammy and some of the crew taking a breather during unloading



A few of the many great silent auction clocks



Speedy new checkout system at work



And like that, it's all done!!

Nita was also Public Day Chair and saw to it that we had plenty of advertising. There were about twenty-five people who took advantage of this opportunity.

Thanks to **Becky Bush**, Banquet Chair, for creating clock related centerpieces for the breakfast and for capturing photographs of the event.

During the recognition part of the banquet, it was my pleasure to voice a very special thank you. It was brought to my attention in the last couple of months that our Chapter owed a very large "thanks" to one of our members. This member has been on the BOD for the last 6 or 7 years



Becky Bush receiving a certificate from Jerry Thornsberry, NAWCC Director

and always gives his all in addition to allowing Chapter 139 to set up a meeting room at his business location. I could go on and on about his giving but will not. For the above reasons and more it was my distinct pleasure to issue **Tim Glanzman** Chapter 139 Lifetime Member status. Congrats Tim.



Marcus Bush awarding Tim Glanzman Chapter 139 Lifetime Member status

Tommy Norris and **Tim Glanzman** worked tirelessly keeping the Silent Auction and It's for Free tables going.

Thanks to **Ralph Pokluda, Tim Glanzman, Darrah Artzner** and **John Hubby** for their well received and well attended lectures.

I would be remiss not to show my gratitude to those who contributed to our impressive American Weight Driven Regulator exhibit: **Joe Mixon, Arliss Tregre, Val Link, Tim Glanzman, Randy Klander, Brian Martin, Jay Holloway, Clyde Crouch, Del Rolison** and **Ben Fulbright**.



Do we still have problems to iron out? You bet. For decades early mart sales has been a problem for any clock or watch show that I have ever been associated with. How do you solve it? Many attempts have been made with very little success. There is discussion going on about opening the Mart Room next year at the same time as unloading begins. In other words – “a shotgun start”. Everyone’s input is encouraged.

I am now issuing an appeal to all Chapter 139 members to get more involved in Chapter activities. Come to our second Saturday Tech Sessions, One Day Shows and field trips. I know many of you have a lot of talent and knowledge to share. The Chapter is always open to suggestions and opinions on how to improve our functions. Anyone interested in giving a program, lecture or workshop? We are looking now for a program for our upcoming One Day Shows at Grace Community Church. It is not too early to think about programs and workshops for next year’s Regional.

In closing, our annual Christmas party will be December 15th at **Michael and Connie Shourd’s** home at 2:00 p.m. As usual, meat and drinks will be provided and members are to bring all the side dishes or desserts. Feel free to call Michael or Connie at 281-893-6628 for suggestions. There will also be the ever-popular clock or watch related Chinese gift exchange.

Marcus Bush
President Chapter 139

Tech Sessions

Tech Sessions are held the second Saturday of each month. If you’ve never been to one of these sessions, make plans now to stop by on October 12. You’ll see below that there is a time of sharing – show and tell – where objects are shared and questions are answered. You can also bring watches or clocks and our team of volunteers will help troubleshoot and repair.

July Tech Session

By Becky Bush



The appraisal process presented a learning experience for all of the attendees

The July Tech Session hosted a fascinating man and his wife by the name of Peter and Hazel Havard. The Havards now live in Highlands but have traveled extensively through his work, which was as an underwater diver and welder. Peter told the Chapter members a story of raising an ammunition barge that had been sunk in the Mekong River in Viet Nam and was blocking the passage of other barges. Peter had the group literally holding their breath as he described how he was trapped under this barge for an hour and forty minutes while repairs were being made to the equipment on land.

Peter also told of teaching Jacques Cousteau and his sons how to weld under water and was rewarded by having dinner prepared for him by Mr. Cousteau.

During the downtime in his travels Peter loved to visit flea markets and became fascinated by pocket watches. It was this collection of fifty-five watches that brought the Havards to the Tech Session. An e-blast was sent out recruiting help to price these watches for sale. Joe Lopez, assisted by Val Link, Brian Martin, Dave Pasternak and others, took charge of the assessment. With the help of the latest price guide, these guys were able to assist the Havards with their quest. At the end of the session several watches were sold to interested buyers.



I don't know who had more fun during this session, the Havards or the Chapter members that came to meet and assist in the appraisals.

Oh, did we mention that there's also food?!

August Tech Session

The Chapter's August Technical Session was well attended and was full of people helping people. The Technical Session folks had many movement problems to solve and everyone was busy trying to fix them prior to working on pre-registration packets for the Regional. One of the clock movements went away unrepaired as it was going to take more time than the owner had available as it would need a complete dismantling, cleaning and fine tuning. The Silent Auction clocks totaled between 45 and 50 that were ready for the big event. Any remaining non-working clocks were kept back to be restored for next year.



September Tech Session

Andy Staton’s hidden treasures started off the “Show and Tell” for the September Tech Session. He found in the bottom of a grandfather clock a very detailed framed wooden carving that from a distance had the look of leather. The same pattern, in ink, also appeared on the back of this board and had been partially carved. It was probably a practice board for the carving on the grandfather clock.



Andy also had a beautiful Grand Sonnerie French clock with very old writing on the inside back of the clock.

Marcus Bush showed off four old Standard Electric and International master clocks along with an oak double-sided slave clock in a recent purchase.



Ben Fulbright had several little metal pieces, part of a door latch, among others that sometimes had to be made in order to restore a clock. He was suggesting that these pieces could be the subject of a future Tech Session or workshop.

After the Show and Tell several members had clock and watch problems that were diagnosed and repaired during the tech session.

Upcoming events

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

➤ October 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session* Click and Click Spring Repair – Ken Arnold
➤ November 2	8 a.m.	Chapter 139 One Day Show and Tech Session Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055 Clock Tools for the Beginner – Ben Fulbright
➤ December 14	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session* Program by Tim Glanzman
➤ December 15	2 p.m.	Chapter 139 Holiday Party Michael and Connie Shourd’s Watch the website and eblasts for details
➤ January 25 and 26	All day	Field Suitcase Workshop – F501 The Repair and Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement – Fred Tischler instructor Cost is \$200 due by December 19. Class is limited to 10 students.

*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 September, 2013		
Treasurer's Report September 23, 2013		
Summary of Assets	June 23, 2013	Sept. 23, 2013
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$16,002.35	\$21,354.41
JSCFCU CD Balance	\$25,230.35	\$25,305.54
Total Assets	\$41,232.40	\$46,659.95
Submitted by Avin S. Brownlee September, 24, 2013		

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 Drive, Friendswood TX 77546. 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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