



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

My message last edition was rather personal and I promised that a “rah-rah” message was coming. Here it is.

But before I get to that, how about everyone in Chapter 139 rising to their feet and giving Chapter 15 a rousing round of applause for being selected as National Chapter of the year. Congratulations to all of those involved. We all know a number of Chapter 15 members who work very hard and the award is well deserved.

I hope that everyone is ready for our 28<sup>th</sup> annual “All Texas Chapters Regional” in Houston. Once again we will have 200 tables of clocks, watches, parts and tools for sale at give away prices. As of July 1, our registrations, room rentals and breakfast reservations are right on schedule. Chapter 139 has lined up four excellent programs for you over the two-day show.

- Pat Holloway will host an excellent “Jeopardy Game” program on Connecticut horology. I have participated in this program before and it is very entertaining. Sharpen your mind on “Connecticut” and be ready.
- Tom Smith is going to give his program on “Military Timepieces” which promises to be a very popular event.
- “The History of Time” and all that entails will be the subject for Fred Tischler. I have heard a version of this program by Fred and I know you will be entertained.
- The exhibit by Jim Dubois will be a Seth Thomas Tower clock that has been refurbished enough to run. Jim, who was asked to not do a complete restoration on the clock, will also give a presentation on what he has done to the tower clock as well as a walk through demonstration.
- For all of the torsion clockers out there, John Hubby will have a Chapter 168 meeting Saturday morning.

As usual there will be lots of activity in the Mart Room with the “It's for Free” and Silent Auctions. Speaking of auctions, our Chapter sponsored silent auction Friday night is slowly running out of donors. The auction is now open to members who wish to sell some items. There will be a 15% charge, going to Chapter 139, to sell your items. Please contact Joe Mixon if you have something to sell.

Since our hotel costs are somewhat dependent upon the number of rooms that we fill over a three-day period, I ask that you stay at the Westchase if possible. A night here and a night there could save our Chapter as much as \$2,500 or about 20% of our total budget.

For the first time in years we will give away \$200 cash at breakfast. Be there and help your Chapter make a good impression on our National Representative and have a chance to win the cash.

As usual we always need help to make this All Texas Chapters Regional a success. On Thursday morning about 9:00 a.m. the tables will be delivered. The Westchase provides the labor for set-up but chapter members then must cover and label the tables. If you can help, please do. Unloaders are always welcome.

I am looking forward to another great show. See you there.

Marcus Bush,  
Chapter 139 President

## Chapter 139 Recognition

Each year, chapter members who have reached 10, 20, 30 and 40 year milestones are recognized with a years of service pin from the NAWCC. This year, Chapter 139 is very well represented with the following members reaching milestone anniversaries.

Congratulations and thanks to each of these members for their years with the NAWCC!

### 10 Years

John Hardy  
Darrah Artzner  
James McDonald

Mary Ellen Bell  
Philip Smith  
John Trego  
Kerry Despaux  
Glen Meyer  
Sidney Meyer

### 30 Years

Ben Worsley  
Jeffrey Zuspan  
Albert Rambaud  
Steve Leverette  
Dale Waring

### 20 Years

Sam Fling, Jr.

## May One-Day

Chapter 139 had another good One Day Show at Grace Community Church on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with 39 members attending. Table rentals along with entry fees provided the Chapter with a slight profit for the day. There were a number of good clocks including a Welch Patti and an English bell strike tall case that changed hands along with the usual many parts and pieces.



Darrah Artzner presented a great program “Determining Pocket Watch Quality”. He covered many of the aspects involved in buying or evaluating a pocket watch. Case condition (gold, silver or filled), movement condition (clean or rusty), hinges, bezels, dials (clean or cracked) and missing parts were covered. Darrah has posted a link to his presentation on the Chapter website. Twenty-nine of the 39 members registered stayed for the program.

There was no Board of Directors meeting.

## Tech Sessions

Tech Sessions are held the second Saturday of each month and One-Day events are held quarterly. 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. At each of these sessions, there is a wealth of horological knowledge available, all at no charge!!

If you’ve never been to one of the tech sessions, make plans now to stop by for one (see Upcoming Events).

### April Tech Session

President Marcus Bush opened the mini session about 9:00 a.m. by introducing Edward McDowell to the attendees. Edward had just spent six weeks at the NAWCC school for horologists and gave members an enthusiastic description of the school and classes attended which were both clock and watch related. He stated that it was an expensive vacation but well worth it. This photo shows Edwards’s impression of what this time felt like. He left photos of his experience at home but luckily Shaun Clarke, who had just spent a couple of weeks taking watch classes there, provided plenty to help out. Thanks to you both!



Ben Fulbright then took over the session and provided the Tech Day attendees an update on the Galveston Historical Foundation street clock located on the Strand in Galveston. The movement has been delivered to the GHF for installation. This movement restoration was done under the guise of Chapter 139 as a volunteer operation. Drew Lundgren provided the master unit for operation of the slave movement. Ben and Andy Staton provided the restoration of the movement and advice for installation and final activation. There is a similar clock, though much newer, in Houston upon which the Chapter will be doing some restoration work. Stand by for updates on that matter.



Ben then followed that with a short presentation on Master Clocks, specifically IBM and International clocks. He stated that most of these types of clocks were utilized in schools. Clocks by most other makers will generally be just some variation on the workings. There were some sample movements and clocks passed around for hands-on examination. One was a sample of the clocks in question. There was also an example that utilizes a set of extra contact points from the side. There was also a specially adapted movement that had an electric clock motor to run it and a strange once-per-second contact point closure activation for some purpose or another. Finally there was one clock for demonstration of the hinge question addressed above. *By the way, Ben is the ‘go to’ guy for this sort of clock.*

Ben provided several slave clock movements for anyone to take if they so desired. More of Ben’s tips on this type of clocks can be found on the Chapter website.

### May Tech Session

The May gathering was a full work session for clocks. However, Darrah Artzner also brought in a vault timer to show an alternative use for pocket watch movements. The only change was the replacement of the main spring barrel with an idler gear mated with an external barrel for a much larger main spring. The spring was partially wound so that consistent power was always available to the movement. This particular timer could be set for up to 72 hours, although Darrah said that he had seen others up to 115 hours in alarm boxes.

Pictured here is a Time Lock Co. of Cincinnati timer with an Illinois Watch movement. Illinois made movements especially for vault timer usage. The movements were only 15 jewel but had double rollers and were adjusted for time and temperature. More pictures are posted on the website.



## June Tech Session

The session was abuzz with about 25 current members and one new member, Jerry Downs, present. Tim Glanzman began the session with an interesting “show and tell”. It was a copy of a book cover by Stan Czubernat on Elgin Trench Watches. The author called Tim’s company, Turn Key Coatings, regarding plating several watchcases to be used on the cover of this book.

Even though this isn’t a clock related subject Tim warned everyone about a terrible computer virus called Ransom, which attacks data as well as programs. This virus can be removed fairly easy but unless you have current backup files you will have to pay the \$500 ransom in order to get your files released.

Ben Fulbright showed a restored black mantle clock belonging to the Bishop’s Palace in Galveston. He suggested that the clock could possibly be delivered during a Chapter field trip, or by several members of the Chapter for a photo shoot.

Ben also asked if anyone could talk about mercury pendulums. The group all agreed that the mercury was a temperature compensating method and should be used in calculated amounts according to your pendulum length. Ben also showed a Japanese 8-day gallery wall clock with a very heavy movement.

Ben introduced a gadget to see if anyone knew what it was used for. Darrah Artzner guessed that it was used to cut down leather watchbands, maybe, but thought it just might be a cutter that removes consistent widths



of any relatively soft material. Nita Mixon then found a picture of it on the web and it stated that it was a cigar cutter. Hmm.....Multi use?



Marcus passed around a bezel for an Ollie Risinger banjo he was restoring for the All Texas Chapters Regional auction. The bezel needed more height to accommodate the works and the hands. Jim Birchfield, an excellent wood worker and Chapter member, volunteered to do this. He did an excellent job.

Darrah Artzner donated a hundred and eighty five pounds of clock books for the Silent Auction. He acquired them from a fellow Chapter 149 member up in Boston, MA that was trying to find them a good home. There were some great books in that pile!!

## Upcoming events

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

➤ July 12	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ August 21-23	See times on page 6	All Texas Chapters Regional Houston Marriott Westchase
➤ September 13	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ October 11	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session*
➤ November 1	8 a.m.	<b>Chapter 139 One Day Show</b> Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ December	Date and location to be determined	Chapter 139 Holiday Party

\*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.

San Jacinto Chapter 139  
Treasurer's Report  
June 30, 2014

Summary of Assets	March 22, 2014	June 30, 2014
Wells Fargo Checking Balance	\$10,425.49	\$12,943.69
JSCFCU Assets	\$35,464.15	\$35,566.35
Total Assets	\$45,949.64	\$48,510.04

**In addition to the usual recurring expenses we had the following withdrawals from the checking account:**

3/25/2014	479.99	Camera/recorder
4/14/2014	13.36	Copying charges
4/15/2014	49.00	Postage
5/27/2014	72.00	Refunded Regional registration fees
6/16/2014	243.40	Renewal of bulk mail permit and labels
6/16/2014	385.00	Ad in Mart describing August Regional
6/23/2014	526.74	Bulk mail out charges

**We made the following deposits:**

5/22/2014	2,015.00
6/06/2014	983.00
6/25/2014	1,869.00

**Here is a breakdown of our assets at JSCFCU.**

Regular shares.....	57.53
24 month Cd maturing on 08/30/2014.....	\$20,442.96
24 month Cd maturing on 12/23/2015.....	\$15,065.86

Submitted by Avin S. Brownlee  
June 30, 2014

## 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? \_\_\_\_\_ \*To reduce time and expenses, all newsletters and Chapter 139 correspondence will be distributed electronically to members with email addresses.

# ALL TEXAS CHAPTERS REGIONAL

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**Early Bird Pre-Registration!**

**August 21-23, 2014 Houston, Texas**

The Registration staff of the All Texas Chapters Regional would like to offer you the opportunity to sign up for the Big Summer Show at special reduced rates.



**10% Off Registration Fees<sup>1</sup> With This Form**

**Houston Marriott Westchase<sup>2</sup> → FREE PARKING**

This form must be in the hands of Chapter 139 staff before July 31, 2014 to take advantage of this Early Bird offer.

*(On July 31, 2014, this form and discount rates shown will become invalid)*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC ID (card required) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name as you want it to appear on your badge)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Children Names (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: NAWCC Old Timer\_\_ Fellow\_\_ Star Fellow\_\_ National Officer (office held)\_\_\_\_\_

Check specialty Clocks\_\_\_\_\_ Watches\_\_\_\_\_ Supplies\_\_\_\_\_ Other items\_\_\_\_\_

**<<< Please honor NAWCC rules by ONLY selling horologically related items. >>>**

Early Bird Registration	Quantity	Amount	Total
NAWCC Member (adult)(\$30)		\$27.00*	
Registration (17 and under)		Free	
Breakfast Banquet(Sat.)(\$15)		\$13.50*	
Tables (6' )(no ½ tbls)(\$35)		\$31.50*	
*Includes 10% discount		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**Schedule**

Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014  
 2pm-4pm Unload Vendors - 4 or more tables  
 4pm-6pm Unloading / Social - cookies & coffee

Friday, Aug. 22, 2014  
 7am- 8am Unload Vendors  
 7am Mart Opens  
 5pm Mart Closes  
 5pm - 6pm Social in foyer-hot finger food

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014  
 7:30am-8:30am Breakfast Banquet  
 9am Mart Opens  
 1pm Mart Money Give Away  
 2pm Mart closes - Security Ends

Please make checks payable to: San Jacinto Chapter 139

Send completed form to: All Texas Chapters Regional, Avin Brownlee, Treasurer, 426 Overlook Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. **Only two (2) badges will be issued per exhibitor.** Questions? Contact Mart Chairman, John Trego (alltexaschapterregional139@gmail.com or 936 756-7650) or Chapter 139 President, Marcus Bush (mbush9@comcast.net or 713.202.4029). Additional addresses and phone numbers can be found at Chapter 139 web site (Google San Jacinto 139 or use this address = <http://sanjacinto139.homestead.com/Officers.html>)

For room reservations, Contact the Marriott Westchase (2900 Briarpark Dr. Houston, TX 77042) directly: 1-877-852-4468 (toll free) or 877 849-7468 and mention **NAWCC All Texas Chapters Regional** to receive a reduced room rate of \$99. You may also go to the San Jacinto Chapter 139 web page for hotel registration link ([www.sanjacinto139.com](http://www.sanjacinto139.com)) when available. This room rate will be valid until August 3, 2014.