



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

Well we started out the new year with a great meeting. Over 35 attended at the Grace Community church, which is turning out to be our home field. It is a great facility which offers space, a stage and AV equipment to be able to view power points and videos. The group got a chance to watch another Illinois watch repair video, followed by discussion on the pros and cons of repair techniques.

During our meeting though I had the sad job of letting our members know of the passing of Bill Bruha. Bill was a long-time member and a friend to all. He passed in November of 2021. Bill was always excited about clocks and at every regional he always had a number of granddaughter clocks. The Chapter is assisting the family with the sale of his clock collection, which is one of the rewards as a chapter, helping families.

Also, in January, our newly formed TECH Committee purchased 2 new laptops. A special thanks goes out to the committee and especially Edward McDowell for studying our needs and moving forward to purchase the computers. They are also working on software and programs and ways to improve our chapter.

February is our annual business meeting and one day show. Great attendance for both. Avin Brownlee gave a glowing report on the chapter's finances. Because our finances are strong, we donated to NAWCC towards the development of a new software for all chapters use and regional registrations. NAWCC headquarters was very please and recognized our generosity. We also held annual elections and we gained two new Directors, Bill Hardy and Randy Hohlt. At this time join me in thanking Joe Mixon and Toney Tolbert for their years of service and dedication on the board. Finally, Darah Artzner presented "FLAMING TIMEPIECES". During Covid Darrah found a new passion, lighter watches. These are lighters with watches built in, or even some watches that look like lighters.

At the March meeting, we took time to discuss the Lone Star Regional in Mesquite Texas. As usual Chapter 139 volunteers delivered! Our group has always stepped up to help with unloading. Additionally, Aaron Martinez presented how he re-bushes clocks. Everyone learned something on tips and steps of proper re-bushing. Thanks Aaron!

Galveston Clock Repair committee wrapped up on the tower clock repair and self-winding conversion. I am so grateful for Andy Staton who chairs that committee and the group of volunteers that work with him. It was an amazing effort and a job well done.

Last but not least, I want to remind all to please pay your chapter dues. Chapter dues are important for maintaining our meeting location, educational and other events. Thank you, members.

JEFF ZUSPAN

Educational events

Chapter 139 Basic Kitchen Clock Repair Class

~ Ken Arnold

During the weekend of February 26-27th, eight Chapter 139 members participated in our Basic Kitchen Clock Repair Class. We had five instructors for the class that was held at Turn Key Coatings owned by Tim Glanzman. The program is geared towards an Ingraham Kitchen clock movement. Since several of our members had taken the class in the past, we encouraged them to bring their own American type kitchen clock movement.

Several instructors brought their mainspring winders, ultrasonic cleaners, bushing machines and hand tools. We covered the basic movement dismantling, mainspring removal and cleaning and ultrasonic cleaning of movement. Instructors demonstrated replacing bushings and students were encouraged to replace bushings in their movements. Since we had a better than two students per instructor ratio, the students received a lot of individual attention. The most difficult task is timing the strike side and the levers that trip the strike. Tim had set up a monitor that had slides to describe the clock strike mechanism. The class was two eight-hour days and all members left with a functional clock movement.



Photo 1: Back row: Randy Hohlt, Carl Belleri, Ken Arnold (instructor), Tim Glanzman (instructor), and Kevin Killian.

Front row: Gene Bruce, Freeman Mendell, Steve Sweeny, Bill Zukley and John Delaney.

Photo 2: Gordon Shahin and Kevin Killian (instructors) with Lawrence Weaver (center).

Photo 3: Randy Hohlt with instructor Michael Dewlin.

Tech Sessions

January Tech Session

Thirty-five attended to view another installment of the Illinois Railroad watch cleaning video. The presenter in the video showed how to examine and clean the pocket watch. The video was followed by discussions, pros and cons, and what other techniques are good. We are very lucky to have watch experts in our group. Show and Tell as usual brought great and interesting items. As pictured on page 3, Bill Zukley showed a book, *1001 Watches*, printed in Spanish. Gordon Shahin displayed an Anniversary clock he is repairing and talked about adjustments he discovered on his own. Darrah Artzner brought a Chelsea Pilot model ships clock he restored, and Ken Arnold spoke about the "Dickory, Dickory, Dock Clock" that he just purchased.



February Tech Session & One Day Show

February is when we hold our annual business meeting and One-Day show. All the tables were sold out and there was active selling for sure. We even had the Ray Mattingly and Olie Reisinger families bring equipment tools and clocks to sell. After a few hours of trading we began our annual business meeting. During the meeting, Avin Brownlee gave the treasurer’s report, and glad to say that the chapter is in great shape. We then held our elections for the Board of Directors. We are glad to have two new directors join the board, Bill Hardy and Randy Hohlt. Chapter 139 also took this time to thank Toney Tolbert and Joe Mixon for their serving as Directors in years past and all their hard work.

We had a brief discussion regarding the Galveston clocks from Andy Staton and his committee. The street clock requires more attention and we are close to completing the tower clock. The meeting concluded with a spectacular presentation by Darrah Artzner titled “Flaming Timepieces”. Being shut-in during Covid, Darrah found a new passion. Searching the internet, he came across lighters that have watches built in. Once he made his first few purchases, the obsession kicked in. Not sure how many he acquired but he has at least 50+ and all are repaired. He walked us through types, brands and vintages. We had no idea there were so many different lighters. If you missed his talk, he has agreed to do an encore presentation at the ALL TEXAS REGIONAL in August. THANK YOU Darrah!



March Tech Session

Sadly, at the March meeting we announced the passing of a long-time collector Dale Waring. Dale lived in Nacogdoches, TX. He loved clocks and a good joke! We then had folks share their Lone Star Regional experience. For several new members it was their first regional. Ken Arnold organized a group to help with unloading at the show. Proud of our volunteers! Tim Glanzman and Ken Arnold made a plea for timepiece donations for our silent auction and also volunteers to repair them for the Regional in August. After a brief coffee and donut break, Aaron Martinez began his presentation on re-bushing. Aaron is an expert repairman and has been working with Chappell Jordan Clock Galleries for several years.



NAWCC Board Chair, Jim Price

On April 19th, Chapter President Jeff Zuspan shared the following.

As President of Chapter 139 it saddens me to announce that NAWCC Board Chair, James “Jim” Price passed away on April 18th. It was a sudden and unexpected loss for all. Jim was a retired Brigadier-General of the US Army Reserves. He taught math in the Wichita, Kansas, public schools for 34 years. Jim had been an NAWCC member since 1972. He received a Fellow award in 2017 and shortly after was elected to the NAWCC Board of Directors. In 2020 he was elected Chair of the Board, taking on a difficult task of keeping NAWCC going strong during Covid. His dedication and efforts to horology and education was tireless and he will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Sandy and his son, daughter and grandchildren.

God bless Jim and may he rest in peace.

Announcements

- Chapter 139 is looking for volunteers to present ANY topic at meetings. Contact Jeff Zuspan 713-443-9752 or jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net
- There is always a need for volunteers at Regionals. Please think about volunteering to support the All Texas Chapters Regional in August.

Upcoming events

➤ May 14 th	8 a.m. – noon	One-Day Show, Tech Session and presentation on “How to Handle Small Watch Parts – Tips and Tricks” Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ June 11 th	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show & Tell Location: TBD
➤ June 23 rd – 26 th	See registration form in the Mart	National Convention Dayton OH
➤ July 9 th	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show & Tell Location: TBD

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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