



# San Jacinto Star



**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 apologies to all. I failed to get a July Newsletter out. No excuses, but I did travel to France for a couple of weeks and what was exciting is that I was able to see some very unusual clocks. I went to a very cool museum there called the *Musee des Arts et Metiers*. It was a museum of inventions and there was a large collection of clocks that I had never seen before. The museum also housed over 2400 inventions. Tool lovers would be in heaven.

In May, Bill Hardy, arranged a watch repair video on tweezers. Followed by a tweezer challenge which included learning how NOT to send parts across the room. In June, Reece Parrish, a new member, did a tremendous job presenting case touch up and clean up. July, Tim Glanzman, did a talk on tools to look for at the regional and an idea of pricing. August, the Galveston committee, namely Albert Rambaud, discussed all the work that went into the street clock renovation on the Strand in Galveston. They stuck with it to see its completion! Great Work!

I am so proud to say that the All Texas Chapters Regional was a total success in every aspect. Attendance was 370, breakfast banquet was 50 and 180 tables sold! Although that is still down from pre-Covid era its pretty good and up from last year. There was a great exhibit on Bulle clocks and spectacular speakers: Darrah Artzner, Geoff Parker, Greg Cook and Joe Kuechle. Friday's Silent Auction was a hit. All items sold and we collected a record amount! Fan favorite "ITS FOR FREE" always drew a big crowd and capped off with Grand Door Prizes on Sunday. I want to thank the many volunteers that help make this show a success!

In September, Bill Hardy, was able to present the next watch repair video on screwdrivers. How to use and care for them. In October, I presented a discussion and video on dead beat and recoil escapements.

As we move into our fall and holiday time of year, I expect great involvement and turn out to our future events especially the December Holiday Party which will be held again at Grace Community church. Great food and friends not to mention a little bit of libations.

February 2023 will be the end of my term as president and I can't thank all of you enough. I am so proud of this chapter and I see great things for its future! I also want to ask that some of you step up and run for the board! A lot of you have great ideas that need to be pushed forward!

Thanks to all.  
Jeff Zuspan

## 2022 All Texas Chapters Regional

From the moment attendees entered the door, there was much to see and do at this year's Regional. It was obvious from the many nice items available at the silent auction in the registration area that Chapter 139 members have been repairing and restoring items this year. There appeared to be some rather spirited bidding on several items.

This year's exhibit was on Bulle clocks. It's not often that we are able to see such a nice collection of these clocks, including a floor-standing example. As part of the display, there was also video.

As always, there was a full line up of varied presentations. The morning kicked off with Joe Kuechle speaking on troubleshooting clocks. In his typical giving style, Joe generously spent time answering individual questions after the presentation. Moving from clocks to watches, the second presentation was given by Geoff Parker on "Building Your Own Watch."

After a break for lunch, Greg Cook kicked off the afternoon with a presentation on "Art Nouveau and Deco Era Clocks." Greg has been collecting clocks from these two eras for a good while. His program discussed the transition from Art Nouveau to Art Deco styles and motifs in décor, furniture and clocks. He had also brought examples of clocks of both styles that were displayed on his tables in the mart room. Darrah Artzner wrapped up the presentations with a program called "Flaming Timepieces." During the pandemic, Darrah started collecting and restoring flaming timepieces – actually cigarette lighters with watches incorporated in the case. He discussed examples of these interesting timepieces that came in various lighter types, case styles, and watch manufacturers. In addition to the pictures in the presentations, there was a display case with some of his beautiful restored pieces.

And, of course throughout the day there were several opportunities to participate in the not-to-be-missed "It's For Free!" and silent auction fun. This year once again proved that you never know what might turn up on the tables during these events.

Sunday morning got an early start with a full buffet breakfast. The breakfast was well-attended. Chapter 139 president Jeff Zuspan provided some brief local updates, and NAWCC director Jay Dutton gave updates on happenings from the national perspective. It sounds like there is much going on, including the increasing number of classes and addition of new educational opportunities at the School of Horology in Columbia. Plans are well underway for the 2023 National Convention and 80th anniversary gala to be held next July in Lancaster PA, immediately followed by the 2023 Symposium.

After the updates, Regional certificates and Chapter 139's San Jacinto Chapter Star awards were presented before everyone moved to the mart for more buying and selling. The event wrapped up with 3 prize drawings: one to a lucky attendee, one to a table holder, and a weekend night getaway for two provided by the host hotel.

**Pat Holloway**

## Tech Sessions

### May Tech Session & One Day Show

About 40 met at our usual location, Grace Community Church on Campbell road. As always lots of coffee, breakfast tacos and donuts. All the tables were filled up with great horological items and great prices. A number of newcomers experienced their first time at buying and selling. After a couple of hours at Mart activity we had a brief meeting giving thanks to John Hardy, Ronnie Kohls, and Jeanie Quaid for their donations of clocks to Chapter 139. Many of these clocks will be repaired by volunteers and sold at the upcoming silent action at the August regional. We then proceeded to the presentation portion of our

meeting. Bill Hardy provided a video from “Chronoglide Watchmakers” from the Netherlands. The video was on watch tweezers, use and care, followed by a lively discussion. Darrah Artzner showed us his extensive tweezer collection followed by a Tweezer Challenge where small parts were moved from tray to tray without sending them across the room.



Darrah Artzner’s tweezer collection



Bill Hardy and the tweezer challenge

### June Tech Session



This was the time to really focus on the upcoming All Texas Chapters Regional, making sure all the committees were prepared. After a brief meeting, donuts and Show & Tell, the group gathered for a presentation from Reece Parrish on case touch-up.

Reece and his family own Town & Country Furniture in Baytown, providing all kinds of restoration and furniture making. During his talk, he spoke about various ways to clean-up, touch-up and finish wooden cases. He shared a few of his trade secrets and brought samples and tools he likes to use. Reece is one of our new members and great addition to Chapter 139.

### July Tech Session

Over 30 members met to learn from Tim Glanzman, our in-house tool aficionado and tool collector, what a beginner and basic repair person needs and looks for in tools at the upcoming Regional. Tim brought examples of his own tools and reviewed a possible value for each item. He spoke on everything from bushing machines to pliers. Great job!

Steve Egloff, our Chapter Secretary, brought a collection of watches, Ingersoll display stands and tools to sell. This was to help out the wife of a fellow member. All proceeds went to the widow and family. Chapter 139 is well-known for this, to lend a hand when needed. Thanks Steve.



Tim Glanzman  
Discussing tools



Steve Egloff  
sells a watch to  
Aaron Martinez

### August Tech Session

A good crowd met to hear Albert Rambaud, and the Galveston Clock Committee, give their final report on the street clock restorations. Albert was key technician for this project and gave a detail start to finish presentation with photos. There is no doubt they had their hurdles to overcome, but in the end, the project was completed glowingly.

We had Show & Tell with the following presenters: Freeman Mendell, Desmond Rolf, Gene Bruce and John Laney. After a brief break the All Texas Chapters Regional committees gathered for the final game planning. All committee members gave updates on pending items. Avin Brownlee, reported increased numbers for Pre-registration. Everyone is ready to go!



Albert Rambaud



Freeman Mendell & Desmond Rolf



Gene Bruce



John Laney

### September Tech Session

In September, Bill Hardy was able to present the next watch repair video on screwdrivers. How to use and care for them. Chronoglide Watchmakers out of the Netherlands, does a number of educational videos, all of them are fun and entertaining as the teacher has a very good sense of humor. As always, we finished with in-house experts talking about the do's & don'ts on watch screwdrivers.

### October Tech Session

In October, a small but enthusiastic group of twenty gathered. Announcements by President Jeff Zuspan included the upcoming Southern Regional in Biloxi Mississippi and MKOA in Arkansas. Jeff encouraged members to represent Chapter 139 and to please attend the meetings. Great Show & Tell items were presented by Bill Hardy - a unique stop watch, Desmond Rolf - an early drill press; and Bill Zukley - an old travel alarm. (Show and tell pictures shown left to right below.) After the Show & Tell, Jeff presented a talk on Recoil and Dead-Beat Escapements. Two NAWCC videos were shown followed by a demonstration on an enlarged working cut out of a Recoil Escapement. Jeff then spoke on Welch's Clubfoot Escapement and how unusual it is.





## 2022 Recipients of the Prestigious San Jacinto Star

This award recognizes usually five, although there were many more, deserving volunteers who put in the extra effort to help the Chapter succeed. This year’s winners were all women! Awards were presented to the following volunteers at the breakfast on Saturday morning: **Becky Bush, Pat Holloway, Nita Mixon, Hilda Norris and Babette Zuspan**. Thank you for all your hard work.



## Announcements

- Chapter 139 is looking for volunteers to present ANY topic at meetings. Contact Jeff Zuspan 713-443-9752 or [jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjzuspan61@sbcglobal.net)
- Please consider donating items to the Chapter for the 2023 Silent Auction. These donations can be made any time. All donated items are looked over and serviced by Chapter members during the year which is fun and educational in its self.

## Upcoming events

➤ October 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	MKOA Razorback Regional	Russellville AR
➤ November 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. – noon	One-Day Show, Tech Session, Show and Tell and presentation. \$5/person entry and \$5/table Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ December 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 p.m.	Holiday Party Location: Grace Community Church 1021 Campbell Rd, Houston 77055
➤ January 14 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. – noon	Tech Session, Show & Tell Location: TBD
➤ February 11 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. – noon	Annual business meetings and election, One-Day Show

## 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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