

## CAPITAL AREA

## WATCHMAKER & CLOCKMAKER

## GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 26th - 6:00 pm - Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Road)

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### From the President:

At the January meeting, George Kiser's program was on John Harrison, his clocks and the problem of determining longitude. With the aid of a video, personal recordings taken at the Royal Observatory and commentary by David Craft, George made a very interesting presentation. Thanks George!

We must be getting into the new year a bit as we have several regionals and an auction opportunity just around the corner. The first up is the Lone Star Regional to be held Friday, March 7th through Saturday, March 8th at the Mesquite Convention Center. There will be an auction at 7:30 pm Friday night consisting of estate items including clocks, parts and tools. Hotel information and the registration form is available at <http://www.chapter124.com/RegPag.htm>

In April, the Great Southwestern Regional will be held Friday, April 18th through Saturday, April 19th at the New Braunfels Civic Center. This is a change from the usual Kerrville location and hopefully will bring in more buyers and sellers. Full details are available at <http://www.nawcc-chapter15.org/greatsouthwestern.pdf>

Immediately following the Great Southwestern Regional, we will have the annual Guild auction on Saturday, April 26th. More details will follow but now would be a good time to go through your clocks and watches as well as those extra tools and parts -- turn those unused/unwanted items into cash!

In early January, while in Pennsylvania for a class at the School of Horology, I had an opportunity to attend a Chapter 158 meeting in Mechanicsburg. Prior to each meeting (held every two months), the Chapter holds a "mini-mart". It is very popular among the members so I suggested at the January Guild meeting that we try it here. As an experiment, we are going to hold a "mini-mart" prior to the March Guild meeting. The consensus of the members was that we want to keep it fairly small and hold it in a way that does not interfere nor extend the regular meeting. For this first "mini-mart", let's try these rules:

1. Each member wanting to participate may bring up to ten items to sell. Each item should be priced.
2. An entry fee of \$5 will be collected from each seller to benefit the Guild.
3. Setup may begin at 5 pm and should occur in the back area of the meeting room (closest to the dividing curtains)
4. Sales may begin at 5:15 pm and all buying and selling must end promptly at 5:50 pm in order that we may get the meeting underway at 6 pm.

At the regular meeting to follow, we will be looking for feedback regarding the rules, whether we should continue having the "mini-marts" and if so, how often (quarterly has been suggested), etc.

And finally, I must report an unfortunate event that occurred during the January Guild meeting. One of our member's vehicles was burglarized. A window was broken out and a laptop computer was stolen. I spoke to the manager and he told me that this it has been at least ten years since a vehicle has been burglarized in their parking lot. Regardless, I encourage everyone to park in well-lit areas and to make sure that all valuables are kept hidden. Tien Hong has asked the Austin PD to periodically drive through their parking lot during the nighttime hours.

I'll see you at the February meeting!

Don

### **Last Month:**

#### **Education:**

Mary Ellen Bell: The class with Phil Gregory, Stenciling and Gold Leaf on Wood, will be held on March 1-2, 2008. The cost will be \$80.00 for the 2-day class. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center. Hugh Lindsay and Mary Ellen are collecting money. Those on the original list have been contacted. If anyone else wants to take the class, please contact Mary Ellen. ([salembridge@yahoo.com](mailto:salembridge@yahoo.com))

There will also possibly be a 1-day troubleshooting clock class held this summer.

David Douglas: A Calendar Automatic Swiss Watch Course will be held in June or July of this summer. The course will be 1 full day.

#### **The Treasurer's Report:**

The operating account currently has \$2,778.53. The education account has \$9,823.70 in it. There was a \$250.66 loss from the Guild Christmas party. Time to think about dues. If you have not already done so, pay your dues at the February Guild meeting, or mail your \$15 dues to:

Hugh Lindsay, 412 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840

Make your check payable to: CAWCG.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

The Tien Hong manager said that it was OK to hold a "mini-mart" in his restaurant.

The Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, in Lockhart, will have their grand opening on March 29th. They are seeking volunteers to help get it ready for the opening. Contact Gene Galbraith if you can help out. ([genegalbraith35@aol.com](mailto:genegalbraith35@aol.com))

### **Bench Tips:**

Place a toothpick in a lathe and twirl it to clean pivot holes.

Dip fingers in alcohol before assembling clock movements, to keep fingerprints off of the plates.

### **February Meeting Program:**

Gene Galbraith will present a program on Anglo-American Wall Clock Restoration.

### **For Sale:**

Sue Wysong has a few things that she wants to sell of Harry's. One is his watchmaker's bench with lathe that he used every day. Another is a Hamilton model 23, type D military pocket watch, with start, stop, fly-back mechanism. It is in good working order. There is also an engraving machine, a hooded 2-spindle polisher and a crystal-grinding wheel. You can contact Sue at [sueann2978753@yahoo.com](mailto:sueann2978753@yahoo.com) or at her home phone (512-836-7167).

### **Upcoming Conventions, Marts, Auctions, and Classes:**

Stenciling and Gold Leaf on Wood, presented by Phil Gregory, March 1-2, College Station Conference Center. The cost will be \$80.00 for the 2-day class. This CAWCG course is still open. Contact Mary Ellen Bell for more information at [salembridge@yahoo.com](mailto:salembridge@yahoo.com).

Lone Star Regional (NAWCC), March 7th & 8th, Mesquite, Texas, Mesquite Convention Center

Repair and Restoration of Electro-Mechanical Clocks (Specifically Self Winding Clock Restoration), presented by Ken Reindel, March 15, 9 am-noon, Austin, Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa, on the corner of Steck at Mesa, a program of NAWCC Chapter 15. This will be a "hands-on" class. For further information, contact Jerry Brazil, 210-698-6665 or [eggman@satx.rr.com](mailto:eggman@satx.rr.com)

CAWCG mini-mart, March 25th, Austin, Texas, Tien Hong Restaurant

Great Southwestern Regional (NAWCC), April 18th & 19th, New Braunfels, Texas, New Braunfels Civic Center

CAWCG auction, April 26th, Austin, Texas

NAWCC National Convention, June 11th - 14th, Springfield, MO

All Texas Chapters Regional (NAWCC), August 24th - 26th, 2007, JW Marriott, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

### **Remember:**

There is a minimum "gratuity" for all attendees at the Guild meeting. Even if you do not eat or drink you will pay \$3.00, so be prepared. If you have any questions, call your officers.