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**WATCHMAKER & CLOCKMAKER**  
**GUILD NEWSLETTER**

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American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute “Chapter of the Year” -- 3 of the last 4 years

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6 pm (arrive as early as 5 pm to visit with fellow members) – Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Road)**

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**From the President:**

I have been talking with Nino -- our resident historian. Did you know that our Guild dates back to 1948 or so? I mentioned earlier in the year that I wanted to gather information on the Mulholland Award as well as to obtain brief information about each of the award winners. So it looks like the Mulholland Award project may be expanding to include a history of the Guild as well. Apparently we have bits and pieces of information about the

Guild over the years but it has never been compiled. Terry Palmer has agreed to assist but if any of you have an interest in digging through old records, let us know -- we can use your help!

I'm also asking each of you go through your records -- if you have any old information or photographs related to the Guild, Texas Watchmaker's Association or the Mulholland Award, we would love to see it. We will make copies and return the information or photos to you.

A reminder that this will be the last meeting to occur at the Tien Hong Restaurant. Tien Hong will be closing during the latter part of July. Our "relocation" committee members, consisting of Dan Havlik, Mike Webb and Rusty Horn, have reportedly picked up a considerable amount of weight as they have been checking out the local restaurants. Dan tells me that they are narrowing down the selection and will have several options for us to discuss at the July meeting. Stay tuned!

Luther Lucko did a great job showing us how to use various Rolex tools. He made it interesting even for us "clock guys"! Thanks Luther!

And finally, Mary Ellen reports that she is putting the final touches on a basic clock repair class for the fall. Details at the meeting.

I hope all of you are having a great summer. I'll see you at the July meeting!

Don

### **Education:**

**David Douglas: A Modern Calendar Automatic Swiss Wristwatch Course** will be held on Sept. 6, Saturday. The course will be 1 full day. Among items covered will be taking the watch apart, and servicing the barrel of these watches. Quite a bit of time will be spent on the mainspring barrel. AWCI standards will be followed. The course will be \$50 per person. The course will be held at the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, Lockhart, Texas. There were 3 slots still open as of our June meeting. Contact David if interested at [DDouglas@SigmaTel.com](mailto:DDouglas@SigmaTel.com)

**Mary Ellen Bell:** A **Basic Clock Repair Course** will be held in the fall. It will be a one-day class held on a Saturday. More details will be presented at the upcoming Guild meeting. The course will be \$50 per person. You will be able to register for the class and pay your money for it at the upcoming Guild meeting.

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

The operation account currently has \$4,826.72. The education account has \$9,815.83 in it.

### **Miscellaneous:**

A "**Clock Mainspring Reference Chart**" has now been posted on our website by our webmaster, Mike Williams. It is located at: <http://cawcg.org/Education.htm>. Look for the link "Mainspring Reference Chart" at the bottom of the web page. LaRose used to publish this reference list in their catalog. To quote Mike Webb, "If you are not sure what spring you need -- and all springs are suspect until proven correct -- this is a great place to start!" Please check out our website. Mike Williams is doing a wonderful job and has posted many great links on it, e.g., "U.S. Patent Numbers and Dates Issued".

The Guild presently has 70 members.

A new book, **The Modern Watchmaker's Lathe and How to Use It**, by Archie Perkins, has been added to our library. This, as well as many other books and videotapes, are available from the Guild library. Contact our librarian, Luther Lucko, at [lutherlucko@yahoo.com](mailto:lutherlucko@yahoo.com), in order to check out items from the library. Also, if you have any items that are overdue, please return them so that other Guild members may check them out.

### **New Member:**

A big welcome to our newest member, Scott Jackman.

### **Search for a New Meeting Place:**

Tien Hong, where we currently have our Guild meetings, will be closing on July 28. Our upcoming meeting on July 22 will be our last Guild meeting

there. A committee has been formed to find a new home. At the last meeting, discussion was held concerning what areas of Austin or outlying cities we should be looking at for restaurants to hold our meetings at. With direction from the Guild concerning this, site visits were made to 15 restaurants. Site visits were made to all restaurants recommended by Guild members. We have finished the selection process and have the 2 below finalists to be discussed at the upcoming Guild meeting.

The committee felt that the most promising place for a future Guild meeting place is Kim Son restaurant. Coming in on 183 from the east, you head north on Lamar. You go north 5-10 minutes. Or you can come in on Parmer Lane from I35. (Parmer Lane actually starts in Manor, coming all of the way west to I35, and then to Mopac, and then further west.) From Parmer Lane, head south on Lamar for 5 minutes. Think of the fanciest private hotel banquet room that you have ever been in, and this is what we have. It is arguably nicer than the UT Club. It is nicer than the Marriott Galleria Houston meeting rooms where the Houston NAWCC August show is held. There are huge fancy chandeliers. It seats 125, but can expand to 250. I told them we had 30-55 folks at each meeting. The only charge is for the food -- no room charge. Their restaurants in Houston have excellent food -- rated 5 stars by some critics. They have just expanded into Austin from Houston, so the place is brand new. Two committee members tried the food at this new place and were very pleased. Prices are comparable to Tien Hong (starting at \$7.95 for entrees). The folks there were extremely nice. The acoustics are incredible. The one small drawback is that there is no TV/DVD player or sound system. It is in a very nice brand new shopping center called Chinatown Center. The shopping center actually has about 8 restaurants in it! It also has a Chinese supermarket as large as a HEB. The Tien Hong manager, Tom, has a Noodle House restaurant in this Chinatown Center. [kimsonaustin.com](http://kimsonaustin.com) (Photos of the restaurant and banquet room, as well as the menu, are on the web site.) 10901 N. Lamar near Braker Lane. 832-0500.

The 2nd choice for the committee was Pok-E-Jo's Smokehouse. It is a BBQ place that CAWCG actually has used in the past for catering a summer CAWCG party. I remember the BBQ being very good. 2121 Parmer Lane near Metric Blvd. If heading east, come in on Parmer Lane from Manor. It is on Parmer Lane between I35 and Mopac. Meals range from \$2.49 to \$11.99. It has a private room with seating for 53. There is no charge for the private room. The acoustics were fine once the loud music from the kitchen

was turned off. A couple more seats might be squeezed in. It has 2 older TVs, and no DVDs. Also, there are two 8 x 3 foot tables that are available for door prizes and program displays, which could fit in the room. The room could be a bit tight at times, if we start getting over 50 attendees and the program display needs lots of room to spread out. We can also move in more tables from the main meeting room according to the manager if need be, if we could fit them in the private room. pokejos.com 491-0434

### **Upcoming CAWCG Meetings, Classes, Marts, and Auctions:**

**CAWCG Program and Meeting** (Mary Ellen Bell will give a presentation entitled “**The Clocks of the Forbidden City--Beijing and Tours of Chinese Watch Factories**”), July 22, Tues., Austin, Texas, Tien Hong Restaurant, meeting begins at 6 pm followed by program (arrive as early as 5 pm to visit with fellow members)

**Modern Calendar Automatic Swiss Wristwatch Course**, Sept. 6, Sat., Lockhart, Texas, Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, 101 E. San Antonio. The course will be 1 full day. Among items covered will be taking the watch apart, and servicing the barrel of these watches. Quite a bit of time will be spent on the mainspring barrel. AWCI standards will be followed. The course will be \$50 per person. There were 3 slots still open as of our June meeting. Contact David Douglas if interested at DDouglas@SigmaTel.com

### **Upcoming Conventions, Programs, Marts, Classes, and Auctions Held by Other Organizations:**

**NAWCC Chapter 15 Meeting (“Time Pieces of the Civil War Era”)**, July 19, Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, Lockhart, Texas, 101 E. San Antonio, 10 am

**Kitchen Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, July 26-27, August 2-3, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

**AWCI Convention and Educational Symposium**, July 31 - August 3, Clayton, MO (St. Louis)

**Dial and Reverse Glass Painting Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, August 2-3, Dallas Metropolitan Area, Texas

**NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Mart**, August 16, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main, 8 am – 1 pm

**All Texas Chapters Regional (NAWCC)**, August 22 - 24, JW Marriott, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

**NAWCC Chapter 15 One-Day Mart**, September 13, Wharton, Texas, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 8 am

**Micro Lathe Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, September 20, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

**Advanced Lathe Skills (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop)**, September 27-30, Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

**Wood Clock Case Restoration Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, October 4-5, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

**Repair and Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, October 11-12, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

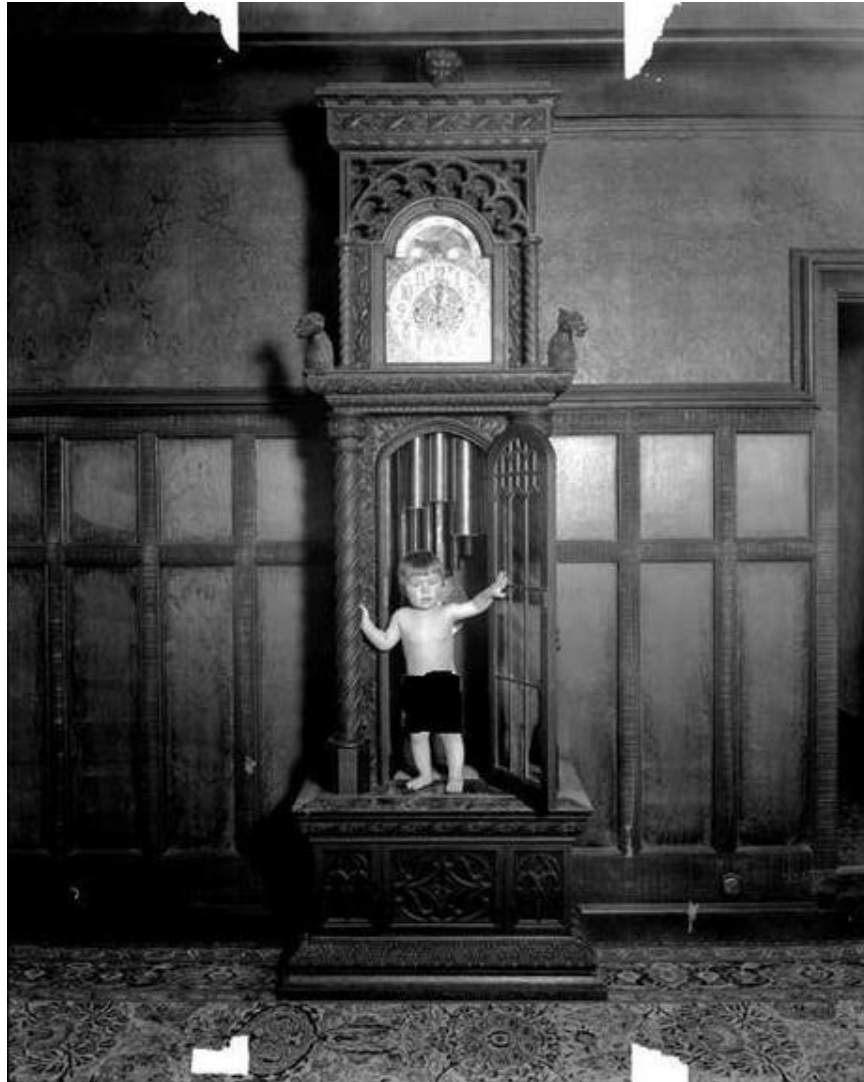
**NAWCC Annual Tri-Chapter One-Day Show**, October 18, Lockhart, Texas

**Chime Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class)**, November 8-9, 15-16, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

**NAWCC Chapter 139 One Day Mart**, November 22, Houston, Texas, St. John's Presbyterian Church

**Spring Barrel Clock Repair (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop)**, January 24-27, Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

**Photo of the Month:**



Future Horologist

**Reminder:**

Please bring door prizes to be given to some lucky individuals at our meetings. And also please bring your used watch batteries to our meetings. These batteries will be sold to benefit the Guild.

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.