



CAWCG NEWS

April 2010



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Tuesday, April 27, 2010
5:30 PM (Dinner) 6:00PM (Program)

Pok-E-Jo's Smokehouse (BBQ)
2121 Parmer Lane (near Metric Blvd.)

512-491-0434

<http://www.pokejos.com>

Program:

A European Miniature Clock: The Zappler

Presenter:

Jay Holloway

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From the President:

By David Arnold

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Last month we had a great program delivered by Dennis Warner and David Douglas on watch questions. Thanks guys for a very interesting and enlightening program. It was so good in fact it started me thinking about other general horological questions. For example:

Have you ever stopped and wondered about the various types and grades of oil and grease used in clock and watch making or

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Bench Tips:

When you remove a click spring, put your finger on it so it doesn't go flying across the room.

~ Glen Morehead

Check that the space for the pin holding a watch band is in good shape prior to buying a new band.

~ Rob Putney

Dirty clock? Don't assume the greasy dirt on the old movement is safe.

~ David Arnold

NEW MEMBER:

Welcome,
Jamal Amin
from
Austin

Pok-E-Jo's is located at 2121 Parmer Lane between Metric and Mopac in North Austin.

News:

Education:

The watch class on lubrication scheduled for April 10, has been cancelled due to not having enough students enrolled.

A new class on Basic Watch Repair is now scheduled for June 19. It will be held at the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches in Lockhart. Even though the new class will focus on beginning pocket watch repair, anyone who has already attended the basic clock repair class and wants to know about watch lubrication will be helped as well.

Those who signed up for April's Watch Lubrication Class will be transferred to the June class unless you let David Douglas know otherwise.

Mary Ellen Bell thanked all the instructors who helped with the Basic Clock Repair Class.

Glen Morehead thanked the instructors of the Basic Clock Repair Class and said, "It was the best \$100 I've spent."

Everyone thanks Don and **ESPECIALLY** Betty for the wonderful and delicious supper!



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repair? I must admit that on occasion I wonder if our new synthetic oils are actually better than those used in the past. So I “googled” it and found some interesting things: it is reported that a famous clockmaker once told Napoleon “give me a perfect oil and I will give you a perfect watch” ok, I agree a “perfect” oil would be great but I am not sure it would lead to a perfect watch or clock. I am thinking that a perfect time piece would probably be “perfect” for a longer period with a perfect oil than otherwise, but that’s just my opinion. I also found an old statement suggesting that watches and clocks be cleaned and oiled every two years. Certainly this is an area that has been greatly affected by the increase in the quality of lubricants as we now, at least us clockmakers, recommend general cleaning and service every 5-10 years depending on conditions. I have to admit that is better than anything used previously. In case you are wondering what type of oil was used, here is a short list: cow fat for pivots, calves’ foot oil mixed with Scotch fir tar, fish oil with pepper, Neat’s foot oil, sheep’s foot oil, vegetable oils of all types, and mineral oils just to list a few. At least our modern oils smell better than their predecessors and most probably even work better.

See you on the 26th.



NEWS

1. Our February meeting was cancelled due to weather.
2. The Guild voted as to whether we should move our meeting location to The Spring Hill Restaurant or remain at Pok – E - Jo’s. The results were that we will remain at Pok – E – Jo’s.
2. A copy of our Roster was passed around for corrections/updates. It will be brought to the April meeting as well, so additional updates can be made.
3. The Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, in Lockhart, celebrated their 2nd anniversary last month.
4. Dennis and David did a wonderful job explaining water resistance of watches and provided answers to many other questions during our March meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:

Education Fund: \$9,920.55
Operating Fund: \$4,245.00



SPRING AUCTION

SATURDAY

MAY 15, 2010

UNLOADING AND SETUP: 8:00 AM

AUCTION BEGINS: 10:00 AM

NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH
GYMNASIUM

(A.K.A. CULLY'S CHURCH)

6301 WOODROW

AUSTIN, TEXAS

(Please park behind the gym.)

Northwest Baptist Church

