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Greetings,

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and that the New Year will be a happy, healthy and prosperous one for all!

For those of you that are wondering why you are receiving our Chapter Newsletter, it's because the 2011 Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional in Mesquite, TX is right around the corner, and we especially hope those of you in the eight-state area will plan to attend. As most of you know, our Regional has the largest Mart in Texas, with approximately 300 plus tables. We are centrally located and normally have attendees from both coasts. **Peter Crum**, our General Chair, and **Chuck Edwards**, Co-Chair, have been planning another great Regional this year. We are always thinking of something new and different we can do to make each year a little special, so let me mention a few of the things we are planning.

First of all, please pre-register as this makes it easier for everyone, especially you as an attendee. We have enclosed a **Pre-Registration Form in this newsletter**; however, you will also find a Registration Form in the **December 2010 Mart** as well as on the Chapter Website – www.Chapter124.com. Those that pre-register by February 23rd, 2011 will be confirmed by mail and refunds will be granted up to March 3rd. The **Host Hotel** is the **Hampton Inn** and you may make reservations by phoning 972-329-3100 or 1-800-Hampton. Mention the NAWCC for Special Rates of \$89 for a standard room or \$109 for a Suite and this includes a hot Breakfast. Reservations must be made by **February 14, 2011** in order to get the NAWCC rate, so make your reservations now in order to have your room guaranteed at the special rate!

We are hosting a class on **"The Art of Re-Pivoting - From Balance Staffs to Tower Clocks"** by **Mike Dempsey** on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2011** prior to our **Regional**. Mike is from Elm Grove, WI, as well as Chair of the NAWCC Education Committee. The class will be held in the *Latigo Room* connected to the Hampton Inn from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will be time allotted for those who have clocks/watches to unload on Thursday afternoon. The fee is \$50 for very detailed instructions with pictures, as well as actual demonstrations. Space is limited, so register by contacting **Pam** at FSWProgram@verizon.net or phoning 972-612-0712. **The deadline is February 1, 2011.**

Unloading only will begin on Thursday, March 3rd, from 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM; however, set-up is available for those with four plus tables with prior approval. **Unloading and set-up begins at 7:00 AM on Friday morning, March 4th, with the Mart opening for one and all at 8:00 AM.** As always, we will have a lot of Silent Auctions, Door Prizes of all kinds as well as a **Grand Door Prize of a Vienna Regulator** to be given away on Saturday morning.

The theme of our Exhibit this year is **"Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse,"** which includes Railroad Watches and Clocks as well as other Railroad Memorabilia. **Tom McIntyre**, the NAWCC Treasurer, will be our National Rep and will be speaking on the **"The Big 3 Railroad Watch Companies and How They**

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Competed." He will also be speaking on **"Treasures of the NAWCC on the Web,"** which will walk you thru the NAWCC website and show you what all is available to the membership, as well as how to use it. **John Acker** will be speaking on **"Managing Your Collection"** followed by **Hugh Lindsay** speaking on **"Planning for the Future."** These four educationals will be very informative and interesting for all.

Mike Dempsey will Chair demonstrations/workshops in the Mart using old clock and watch tools on Friday and Saturday. If you have always wondered what that old tool was used for or how to use it, now is your chance to see it demonstrated first hand. Mike will be available for questions as well.

There will be **special activities for children** on Saturday, March 5th, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. **Bring the kids along for some fun!**

Friday, March 4th, we will have a Cash Bar beginning at 5:00 PM prior to the Banquet at 6:00 PM. The Social Hour is an ideal time to preview the auction items and visit with friends. We are planning a seated dinner for our Banquet and are anticipating another successful event. If you have not attended before, you are truly missing out! Each year we have a different menu, and this year we are also offering a **Vegetarian Plate**, so please let us know when you pre-register if Vegetarian is your preference.

Bruce Wooldridge will be our **Auctioneer** for our annual Regional Auction on Friday evening. Our auctions are an absolute auction, the highest bidder gets the item and the seller donates 10% of the sale to Chapter 124. **Bruce Wooldridge, Mike Granderson and Joe Richards** are the three who prepare months in advance for our Regional Auction, so they deserve a big **"Thank you"** for their continued dedication to the Chapter and our Regional. The Regional Auction brings people in from all over (not just the DFW area) so the attendance is always very good. You will definitely see buyers walk away with a smile!

We need volunteers to make our Regional successful, so please contact **Mark Vozar, our Volunteer Chair, by calling 817-399-9894 or emailing msvoze@sbcglobal.net**. We are counting on your support!

Last but not least, we hope to see you at the Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional March 4th and 5th, 2011 for some buying, selling and fun times, as well as great Texas hospitality!

For those of you that are Chapter 124 members, **it is Renewal Time!** Your address label will let you know if it is time to renew. Please consider renewing for five years, as this will save you time in the long run! A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

January 8th, 2011 is our next **One Day**. **Mike Granderson**, our Education Chair, has arranged for **Richard Cox** to give us an educational on **"Re-silvering Dials."** Richard has a vast amount of knowledge and we all enjoy his programs. You will not be disappointed!

*All of the best,
Pam*



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IT'S COMING! "Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse" LONE STAR CHAPTER 124 2011 REGIONAL March 4th and 5th, 2011



Mesquite Convention Center
Mesquite, Texas
Pre-registration at 2010 prices!!!
www.chapter124.com

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Southwestern Chapter 15
Five State Collectors Chapter 80
San Jacinto Chapter 139

Thursday March 3th, 2011
2:00...Unload Only ~~~ 4:30...Mart Closes

Friday March 4th, 2011
7:00...Unload and Setup ~~~ 7:00...Registration ~~~ 8:00...Mart and Exhibit Open ~~~ 5:00...Mart and Exhibit Close ~~~ 6:00...Banquet Auction 7:30

Saturday March 5th, 2011
8:00...Registration ~~~ 8:00 Mart and Exhibit Open ~~~ 3:00 Mart and Exhibit Close ~~~ 3:30 Security Ends

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For More Information Contact Gene Meysenburg at 214-328-1984 or email gm1000@prodigy.net

Tables reserved by Groups must be received in one envelope. All registration received by February 23, 2011 will be confirmed by mail and **Refunds will be granted until March 3rd.** Tables must be setup and displayed in the MART. Only Horological items may be Bought and Sold in the MART. No pets allowed in the MART except for guide dogs with visually impaired persons. Only Members of NAWCC, their spouse and their children under 18 will be admitted to the MART. NAWCC Members and Officers are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury during this Regional.

NAWCC Regional Convention Rules will govern.

Please print all entries. For additional space, use separate sheet.

NAME _____ NAWCC Number _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE's NAME OR NICKNAME _____ CHILD'S NAME _____

Mart Admission for NAWCC Members or Spouse for Pre-Registration..... @ \$25.00 ea _____

Mart Admission for NAWCC Members' Children FREE..... ~-FREE~ _____

Mart Table Registration (30" X 95") 8 foot table..... @ \$35.00 ea _____

Banquet Dinner (Pre-Registration Only)..... @ \$25.00 ea _____

Check Number _____ Total _____

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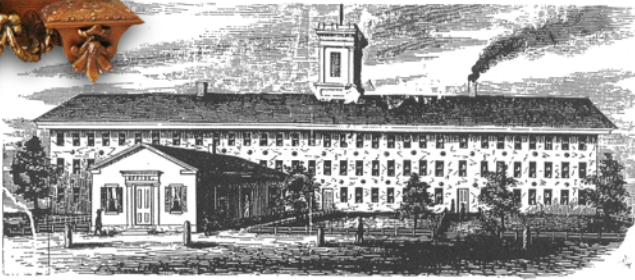


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2011 REGIONAL EDUCATIONALS

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Waltham Watch Company

- **Tom McIntyre**, our NAWCC National Rep. and the NAWCC Treasurer, will be giving two lectures. The first one is titled ***“The Big 3 Railroad Watch Companies and How They Competed,”*** which will tie in with our Exhibit **“Trains: Tracks of the Iron Horse.”** His second lecture is titled ***“Treasures of the NAWCC on the Web,”*** which will walk you thru the NAWCC Website and show you what is available to the membership, as well as how to use it. Tom and his wife, Jane, live in Harvard, MA.



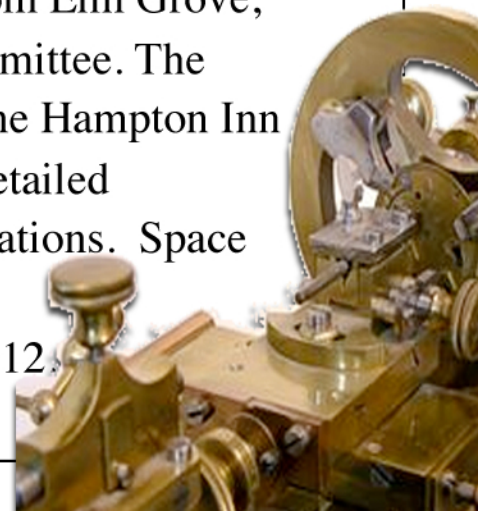
- **John Acker**, Chapter 124's Secretary/Treasurer, will be speaking on **“Managing Your Collection.”** He will be talking about how you can develop a system to catalog the items in your collection for you, your family and for insurance purposes. John lives in Dallas and has a background in Museum Management.



- **Hugh Lindsay**, Chapter 124 Member, will be speaking on **“Planning for the Future.”** He has given this presentation numerous times to other organizations, as well as the Travel Chapter 179 and Lone Star Chapter 124. This presentation is well received with plenty of time for questions and answers. Hugh and his wife, Kathryn, live in College Station, Texas where he is an Attorney.



We are also hosting a class on ***“The Art of Re-Pivoting - From Balance Staffs to Tower Clocks”*** by **Mike Dempsey** on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2011** prior to our **Regional**. Mike is from Elm Grove, WI, as well as Chair of the NAWCC Education Committee. The class will be held in the ***Latigo Room*** connected to the Hampton Inn from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The fee is \$50 for very detailed instructions with pictures, as well as actual demonstrations. Space is limited, so register by contacting **Pam** at **FSWProgram@verizon.net** or phoning 972-612-0712.



The Competition of the Big 3 Watch Companies for Railroad Watches-Beginings

American watch companies competed for a recognized railroad business segment for almost the entire history of the industry from the 1850's until the 1950's. Most of this period was dominated by the Waltham and Elgin watch companies with and a "virtual" third company consisting of the group of companies in Illinois which became dominated by the Illinois Watch Company that finally was absorbed by the Hamilton Watch Company. The second tier leader and an intense competitor was the New York Watch Co./Dueber Hampden Watch Co. with a major presence in the 20th century from the E. Howard Watch Co.

The earliest watches clearly intended for railroads were purchased by the railroads as part of their rolling equipment. The earliest known documented purchase was by the Vermont Railway and was a English watch by Barraud & Lund that was sold by Wm. Bond & Sons in Boston. The picture is



an identical watch sold by Bond to Greely at about the same time. The Pennsylvania Railroad purchased watches that were assigned to particular locomotives including Waltham Appleton Tracy grade, Elgin B. W. Raymond grade and this pictured watch, which was also of English origin.

Both Waltham and Elgin marketed their top 15 jewel full plate watches to the railroad trade. Waltham's and Elgin's higher grade watches were generally not sold to this segment. In 1870 Waltham undertook to develop a model specifically for railroad workers and travelers using the designs from their higher grades with a full plate layout. Shortly after this smaller Illinois companies introduced prestige watches like the Illinois grade 105 and Bunn Special into this same market. Elgin and Waltham countered with high grade models of their own with the Waltham 1883 Crescent St. and the Elgin Veritas grades.



These developments established the railroad market place. They were soon followed by the establishment of standard time with the pressure on the railroads to standardize their own time operations across the industry. This in turn led to the development of the Standard Watch with a single set of specifications for all railroad operations that was never actually achieved. Although each railroad kept its own standards and inspection rules, there was significant consensus in the industry on what those standards should be.

The talk at the Lone Star Regional will focus primarily on this later stage of competition with both marketing and technical innovations in the 20th century.

Tom McIntyre is the NAWCC Treasurer, our National Rep, and one of the featured speakers at the 2011 Lone star Regional.

"David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award"

Who would you like to nominate for this special Chapter Award? We have so many members that donate or have donated their time to the Chapter that it is difficult to choose just one individual. The Nomination Form is in this Newsletter, as well as on the Web. Your nomination is due to **Chuck Edwards, Chair of the Awards Committee**, on or before **February 18th**. Please submit your nomination now to chuck.w.edwards@sherwin.com for a deserving fellow chapter member!

Past Recipients: Gene Meysenburg 2008 Bill Andrie 2009 Fred Tischler 2010

Lone Star Chapter 124's "David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award" Nomination Form

Note: This is a Lone Star Chapter 124 award and contributions to the Chapter are what are most important!

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Offices Held and Years of that Service: (This can be found on the Chapter Web Page under Officers.)

Chapter Level: _____

Participation on a Committee, Chairmanships, Special Services, Certificates/Awards, and/or other Contributions:

Chapter Level: _____

Lone Star Regional Level: _____

National Level/ National Conventions as related to the Chapter only: _____

Lectures, Workshops, Seminars, Educational Classes or other Chapter related activities that have promoted Education to Lone Star Chapter 124's membership:

List activities: _____

Publications, Newsletter Articles, Newspaper Articles or other writing that helps Promote Horology and Lone Star Chapter 124:

Please state why this person is the most deserving of this honor. Feel free to have other members endorse this nominee with a letter. Add an additional page if more room is needed/

Nominated By:

Name: _____ **NAWCC Membership Number:** _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

You may also go to Chapter124.com/DTVYNomination.htm to get the form on-line.

Educational Courses at the Founder's Building in Grapevine

(Please note these dates could change so check www.chapter124.com for any updates).

Feb. 5 & 6, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM is the **Molding and Casting Course**. Instructor and Registrar: **Phil Gregory** (972-717-4021 or pgregory@flashnet.com). Tuition is \$40. **Note** class will be at Karen Summerville's home (call 817-431-2589 for directions).

Feb. 19, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM will be **Open Bench Workshop**. The skills workshop is TBD. For information, **contact Mark Vozar** at 817-399-9894. Registration is not required and there will be Pizza for lunch. Fee is \$10.

March 3rd, 2011 – *"The Art of Re-pivoting from Balance Staffs to Tower Clocks"* by Mike Dempsey is our educational course prior to the Regional. The class will be held from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Hampton Inn in Mesquite. Detailed instructions and pictures will be given to everyone attending. **Cost is \$50**. Registrar is **Pam Tischler** by emailing FSWProgram@veriozn.net or 972-612-0712. **Deadline is February 10th, 2011**.

March 12 & 13, 2011 from 9:00 – 5:00 PM is the **Veneering Course** with Jay Holloway as the Instructor. Registrar: **Phil Gregory** (972-717-4021 or pgregory@flashnet.com). Tuition is \$60. Craig Burgess' book on veneering will be the text for the course and available for purchase at class if desired, but not required.

April 9-11, 2011 (Note the date change) from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM will be the NAWCC's **FSW F502 Jaeger LeCoultre Atmos Clock Repair Course**. Pre-requisite is the FSW F102 or FSW F301. Instructors: Mike Dempsey and Jeff Hamilton. Registrar: **Phil Ball** (972-889-9338 or ph-ball@tx.rr.com). Tuition is \$300 (\$250 tuition and \$50 Lab Fee)

April 16 & 17, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM is the **Gold Leafing on Wood Course**. Instructor: Pat Holloway. Registrar: **Phil Gregory** (972-717-4021 or pgregory@flashnet.com). **Note** class will be at Karen Summerville's home (call 817-431-2589 for directions). Fee is \$40.

One Day Meetings scheduled are:

January 8th, 2011 beginning at 8:00 AM, we will have a mart with tables being first come first served. Donuts and Coffee will be provided. Registration is \$10 which includes a Buffet Lunch. An Educational will be presented by Richard Cox entitled "Re-Silvering Dials" Location: The Founder's Building, 701 South Main, Grapevine, TX

June 18th, 2011 beginning at 8:00 AM, we will have a Mart with tables being first come first served. Donuts and Coffee will be provided. Registration is \$10 which includes a Buffet Lunch. This is our Annual Meeting so please plan to attend this important meeting. Location: The Founder's Building, 701 South Main, Grapevine, TX.



Lone Star Chapter 124's Bella Library Exhibit
will be on display the entire month of January 2011 at

Plano's Haggard Library

2501 Coit Road in Plano, Texas.

In conjunction with the exhibit

**Fred Tischler will present the
"History of Clocks"**

on 01/19/11 at 7:30pm, Tobin Program Room, Haggard Library

Please come and bring a friend to see the exhibit, lecture
and support your Chapter's Public Outreach Programs.



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To Gene Meysenburg gm1000@prodigy.net, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas, TX 75218

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Check appropriate box:

☐ New #124 Member

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Join/renew for 1-5 years

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I'm most interested in _____

To join Chapter #124, you must be an NAWCC member, or have applied for NAWCC membership. Have you applied for National membership, but haven't gotten a membership number? Check here _____. (Date of your application/check to National.)

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Since the formation of the combined Society six years ago the board has done an outstanding job of balancing the budget, protecting our endowments, upgrading the staff, supporting the improvements in the Bulletin, improving the school, expanding our Internet communications and expanding the operation of the museum with educational programs and valuable additions.

During that time they have however not been able to stop the reduction of members, increase the amount of new members or increase our endowments. I believe with my experience I can be immediately useful to further build our organization.

I ask for your vote.

Thanks, Phil Gregory

My reason for running for Director is simple...Membership. We have suffered continuous decline in membership over the past few years, and the Association's future ability to survive, as we know it, may be in jeopardy. I know this will be a difficult task; however, I feel a strong responsibility and obligation to do what I can to preserve this unique organization, which has played such a key role in my life. Declining membership has prompted me to formulate a comprehensive membership program, and if elected, with the Board's approval will work towards its implementation.

I would be most grateful for your vote.

Thanks, Tom Bartels



REGISTER NOW!
FOR THE LONE STAR REGIONAL
MARCH 4-5,2011

It's Membership Renewal Time

The Chapter Membership Year is the same as the Calendar Year. As we begin 2011, it is time to check the status of your membership. To do that, check the top line on the mailing label on Page 10. If it says "Exp 12/2010," then your membership has expired, and you need to renew. If it says nothing else, your membership is current for 2011. The membership fee is \$10 per year for 1 to 5 years. On the membership renewal form below, we have printed a label summarizing the information we have on our Chapter database regarding your membership. Even if you do not need to renew your membership, we would like for you to verify the information on that label. If everything is correct, and your membership is current for 2011, you need do nothing. If anything on the label is incorrect, we would appreciate it if you would make the necessary changes and return the corrected renewal form to the membership renewal chairman. An envelope is enclosed with the Newsletter for your convenience. Again this year,

★ **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** ★

John Evans	Irving	TX
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