

# Lone Star Times



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## *President's Message*

Hello Chapter 124 Members and Friends,

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It was a long hot summer with little rain. The weather is rapidly changing, we had a great rainfall that started September 28<sup>th</sup> and continued through Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a much needed rainfall. Our Annual Picnic was scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>, and I want to give a big Thanks to **Chuck and Marion Edwards** for going ahead with our plans even through the rain and the dropping temperatures. We had a great turnout and all were kept dry. **Chuck and Marion** have a beautiful place with a large covered porch with room to seat 24 outside and 34 inside. Everyone had a great visit and a lot of fun. **Gerald Greener** brought a gong he had found and showed the different tones it could create; he wanted us to see where we thought the best sound was. The Edwards' showed us funny videos that their son Ben, with a group of guys, had made to enter the box car derby for Red Bull. It was funny and I suggested they send it to America's Funniest Videos.

We had a special guest to come to our Picnic. **Frank Menez** is from Somersworth, New Hampshire. He is a member of Chapter 8, 189 and 149. He worked for the **Waltham Watch Company Museum**. He has agreed to come and talk with us at the One Day on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Frank talked about the **Waltham Watch Factory, Charles River Museum of Industry, Frodsham and Dent Families**. Frank is fascinating to listen to and has a lot of knowledge about **Waltham Pocket Watches** and **British Clocks**.

We have great news **Ronnie Mathis, Kelsey Downum** and **Peter Crum** have almost finished our new **Website** and should have it up and running by the end of the year. We are hoping to be able to complete registration online for the upcoming **Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional** in **March 2013**. The new website will also give us the capability of renewing our Chapter dues and paying for classes online. A big **Thank You** to Ronnie, Kelsey and Peter.

We are still in the process of working with Grapevine to create a clock and watch museum. If you are interested in loaning, donating or selling your Railroad clocks, watches or horological items, please contact **Bill Edwards**. You may email Bill at [thistledome2@gmail.com](mailto:thistledome2@gmail.com).

**Kelsey Downum**, our educational director, has had a lot of request for more classes for Chapter 124 in 2013. **Kelsey** is also working on recruiting more instructors, innovating new educationals and improving our old classes. If you have any suggestions for classes, please contact Kelsey.

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Chapter 124's **Bella Library Exhibit** is currently on display at the **J Erik Jonsson Central Library**, the main Dallas Public Library located in downtown Dallas, Texas. The **Fine Arts Department** will be honoring **Lone Star Chapter 124's Library Exhibit** with a **reception at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 27, 2012**. The library is located at 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas. Parking is underground on Wood Street with the entrance at the rear of the building. The reception will be followed by **Fred Tischler** giving a lecture on **"The History of Clocks"** and he will ask other members to tell about the items in the **"Old Clock Maker's Shop"**, the **"Railroad and Clock Exhibit"**, the **"Atkins Exhibit"** and the **"French Clock Exhibit"**. I am looking forward to seeing you at the **Lone Star Chapter 124 Library Exhibit** on October 27, 2012.

We have asked Jim Sargent, a professional auctioneer, to return as our auctioneer at the 2013 Regional. We are looking for clocks, watches, and other horological items to auction off at our regional. If you have any items that you would like to include in the auction, please contact **Bruce Wooldridge**, Chair of the Auction Committee. Bruce's email is [bawool@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:bawool@suddenlinkmail.com). His cell number is 1-903-571-3093.

The regional will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar now for **the first weekend in March to attend the Lone Star Chapter 124's 2013 Regional**.

*See you on the 27th!*  
***Evelyn Slough***



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# Person Of Interest

You never know what is going to happen on an interview with a person. In the past, I have been blown away by Richard Cox and his vast collection of all of the cars I like a lot. When you go to Pam & Fred Tischler's home, you will be impressed by the museum quality of their collection. Mark Vozar's collection of Seth Thomas clocks all work! I won't say what you will find when you come to my house.

I used my GPS to find Phil Gregory's home in a surprising community in Los Colinas. I walked into an incredibly tall, vaulted living room that has an incredible collection of large clocks. I had come to talk about wood geared clocks and specifically Atkins Clocks. I found a unique collection of Steeple-on-Box clocks which were very popular because of their shape.

Phil has held many positions in NAWCC and Chapter 124. He has prepared for the NAWCC a very interesting book, *Pillar & Scroll*, the history of Eli Terry and his industrial revolution in the clock making industry with his assembly line mass production of clocks and cabinets. The book includes over 100 photographs of these beautiful clocks and the factories where they were built.

*The Clocks of Irenus Atkins* written by Phil Gregory & Robert King explores the Atkins family in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Connecticut. It illustrates an accurate history & description of their company as well as the influences of other companies producing clocks at that time. Both books are available thru Phil or NAWCC.

Phil teaches several classes and gives lectures for NAWCC, several chapters and Chapter 124.

Phil showed me several fine examples of clocks with reverse glass paintings. These seemed very delicate in spite of their size. There was also a large collection of French clocks collected by Phil's wife. They were many cast metal clocks with stone bases and figurines. I was impressed that they were both interested in clocks but in different directions.

As I walked around the house and his office library, I noticed that there were models of tanks, fighter planes, helicopters and missiles.

When we sat down, I asked him what he did for a living. The next two hours were fascinating. Phil has had an exciting career designing missiles and target acquisition systems like those on the apache helicopter.

He developed a better control system for Neil Armstrong's X15 to fly correctly at high altitudes. He has developed air defense missiles, not only for the US, but France, Switzerland and several other countries.

One of the challenges of designing a defensive missile is to get it to hit the missile fired off by the enemy. Laser guided missiles worked for many targets but when trying to hit a reentry warhead like the Scud a guided missile called Patriot 3 was defined by Phil as his last system for the US.

The system was developed for the Army by "The Strategic Defense Initiative" or "Star Wars" started under President Regan.

He developed a system called ADATS for the Swiss which you can find on the internet,

He has traveled all over the world as a consultant on new projects. What an interesting person! It is interesting to think that the efforts of this man has saved thousands of lives and made us all better and safer due to his work.

Peter Crum





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## Dates to Remember

**October 19–20, 2012**  
**October 27, 2012**

MKOA Regional, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Reception Chapter 124 Library Exhibit at the Dallas  
Public Library, 1515 Young St. Dallas, Texas.

**October 27, 2012**

Chapter 80, One Day, Plainview, Texas

**January 5, 2013**

One Day Meeting, the Founder's Building in Grapevine

**March 1-2 , 2013**

Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional

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## Educational Classes

**Note:** The Registrar for all classes will be **Kelsey Downum** unless otherwise stated. You may reach Kelsey by emailing [downumk@gmail.com](mailto:downumk@gmail.com) or phone 817-739-1543. Check Chapter 124's website [www.chapter124.com](http://www.chapter124.com) to confirm all dates and classes. All classes will be held at the Founders' Building, 701 South Main, Grapevine, Texas unless otherwise stated.

- **October 11–14, 2012 – FSW 302 Introduction to Basic Wrist Watch Repair Course** Hours: 9AM–5 PM. A movement will be furnished to take home. Instructor **Ferdinand Geitner**. Tuition \$340 (includes lab fees). Contact Bill Andrie at 254-715-3820 for more information.
- **October 27, 2012 – Micro Lathe I.** Hours: 9 AM–5 PM. Instructor **Bruce Wooldridge** and **Bill Andrie**. Contact Bruce at 903-571-3093 or Bill at 254-715-3820. Tuition \$30 and a \$10 material fee.
- **November 9–12, 2012** Hours: 9 AM–5 PM. **FSW 301 Introduction to Basic Pocket Watch Repair: The American Pocket Watch.** Instructor: Lehr Dircks. Tuition is \$300. Contact Bill Andrie at 254-715-3820 for more information.



FSW F202 Lathe class held in the Founders' Building in September

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# Bonjour PARDNER!

THAT'S HOWDY IN FRENCH



## FRENCH CLOCKS IN TEXAS

2013 CHAPTER 124 REGIONAL

FEBRUARY 28~MARCH 2

DO YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THAT OLD CLOCK?

*For the past several years Chapter 124 has been able to have one or two auctions at our regional. This year we may not be that lucky. As of 9/13/2012 we have not had any clocks consigned for the regional auction. We need at least eighty(80) clocks for one auction and that many more for a second auction.*

*I believe that all the participants in the past auctions had fun and enjoyed the excitement and the chance to add something new to their collections. For this reason, I think that members will help with putting on this auction by picking out something that they are willing to sell and putting the item or items in the auction.*

*We could use clocks, watches, tools, and any other horological items. These items can be given to any board member any time before the regional and they will be inventoried and stored in a climate controlled warehouse with a security system.*

*We have secured a professional auctioneer to try and maximize the chances of the market value being paid on your items.*

*All we ask for is a donation of ten percent of the sale be donated to Chapter 124. We do not charge a buyers premium but we do charge one dollar for a bidder card. Please pick out a few items that you don't like, don't use, or just don't want and put them in the auction so you can buy something you really want and help the chapter, at the same time. If you need someone to pick these items up, Thank You...Mike Granderson*

## CALL OR EMAIL

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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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*Chapter 124's new website. Registrar for classes, pay dues,  
register for the 2013 Regional, new listings, new features,  
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