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President's Message



Chapter 124 Members and Friends,

LONE STAR CHAPTER 124 with co-host Chapters 15, Chapter 80, and Chapter 139 had a great Regional. The Theme of our regional was **"FRENCH CLOCKS."** Members of Chapter 124 brought more than 40 beautiful **"French Clocks"** for an educational exhibit. Fred Tischler gave an informative lecture on **"French Clocks"** with standing room only, followed by a walk-thru with Bruce Wooldridge and Fred.

We had many great programs set in motion to keep our 2013 Regional interesting and fun for everyone including a special table in the Mart for our Youth members. On Thursday prior to the 2013 regional, Mike Dempsey had 17 students in his "Horological Wheel & Pinion Cutting" workshop. Some of Mike's students were from as far away as Maryland, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Friday morning, Mike Dempsey kicked off our educational with "Unusual Clock Repairs," with standing room only. In the afternoon, Don Bugh gave a delightful talk on "Moving a 1907 Seth Thomas Street Clock to Texas." As part of his lecture he brought a small tower clock as an illustration. Saturday morning, Richard Cox lectured on "Making Unusual Clock Gears" and shared his vast knowledge with us.

We also hosted a meeting of Chapter 168, the International 400-Day Clock Chapter. John Hubby gave a very informative presentation entitled, "A Unique Timepiece: The Gustav Becker Skeleton 400-Day Clock."



A big Thanks to Mike Dempsey for his workshop. Fred Tischler, Bruce Wooldridge, Don Bugh and Richard Cox for having great lectures at our **"French Clocks"** regional.

Our Friday night banquet had 94 members and friends to attend. There were many compliments on our banquet menu. Several said our food was the best they had eaten at a banquet. David Lee, NAWCC Treasurer and our National Representative, presided over the meeting and gave out the regional certificates.

Ruth Overton, NAWCC Chair was with us as well as Jerry Thornsberry, NAWCC Vice Chair and NAWCC board members, Mike Dempsey, Phil Gregory and Joanne Orr. We had several Past NAWCC Presidents and Chairs, Jim Coulson, Phil Gregory, John Hubby and George Orr. We were honored to have so many National people with us.

Pam Tischler, presented Phil Ball with our **"David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award."** Phil is Past President of Chapter 124 and an instructor for Chapter 124.

Our Youth Member, Bella Grimm, drew the Banquet door prize winners. Door prizes were donated by Chapter 15, 80 and 139, Chappell Jordan Clock Gallery of Houston, Texas, Pam and Fred Tischler and Chapter 124. Friday afternoon there was a drawing for a Hamilton Pocket Watch, 992B, 16 size, open face, lever set, 21-jewel, Railroad Grade, Serial No. C249,531—C. 1947 as the Grand Door Prize. Karen Edwards drew for Saturday's Public Day Grand Door Prize, a beautiful, fully restored, Seth Thomas Kitchen Clock. Heartfelt thanks are given to our donors.

With too many items coming to auction, Bruce Wooldridge came up with a great idea to have a "Let's Make a Deal" for the second year in a row to handle our excess inventory. Everyone found lots of goodies at really good prices.

Jim Sargent, a professional and licensed auctioneer, auctioned our many clocks, watches, tools, books and other horological items on both Thursday, February 28th and Friday, March 1st. He did an outstanding job. We were very pleased to have Jim as our Auctioneer.



Cathy Slough made the "Youth" tables come alive for the children and youth. The table had several activities for the Youth which included a "Clock Identification Hunt" throughout the mart and a "Wheel of Fortune" for prizes. There were ten youth in participation. All participants at the Youth table received horological prizes and there were five Grand Door Prizes. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents that brought their children and grandchildren to the Lone Star Regional.

We had a great Public Day with 90 Guests registered. We had 607 member attendees, 298 tables sold and 24 states represented. There were 18 new and renewed memberships. We had 5 students and 11 Introductory Memberships. There were 16 tables set up for the "Silent Auction." There were so many items, 15 auctions were held. And of course the "It's for Free" table was overflowing with reusable items. This was a great Regional.

Don't forget to renew your membership for the upcoming 2013 year. If you know of someone who would like to join, please sign them up or put them in touch with **Evelyn Slough or any Board member.** We will be glad to help in anyway.

Evelyn Slough

A sad note: Annette White passed. She and her husband Byron have been active in NAWCC and Chapter 124 for many years. Annette was the announcer for the Regional for several years. Her charming smile and golden voice will be missed.



Peter Crum Photo

Saturday at 12:00 with members and the public were attending!

Lone Star Times **Dates to Remember:**

May 1 thru July 31, 2013, The Bella Traveling Library will be at the Hurst Public Library in Hurst, Texas. The Hurst Public Library is located at 901 Precinct Line Rd., Hurst, Texas.

July 1 thru July 31, 2013, the library exhibit will also be at the Duncanville Public Library located at 201 James Collins Blvd., Duncanville, Texas.

August 1 thru August 31, 2013, the library exhibit will be in the McKinney Public Library located at 101 E. Hunt St., McKinney, Texas.

September 1 thru November 30, 2013, the library will be in the Bedford Public Library located at 2424 Forest Ridge, Bedford, Texas.

June 8, 2013, **Annual Meeting** of Lone Star Chapter 124. The meeting will be held in the Convention Visitors Bureau Building, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Registration is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided.

July 3 thru July 6, 2013, **NAWCC National Convention** will be held in Dayton, Ohio. See you there.

August 3, 2013, Lone Star Chapter 124 One Day. The meeting will be held in the Convention Visitors Bureau Building, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Registration is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided.

Dates for Upcoming Classes:

Visit the chapter website, **[chapter 124.org](http://chapter124.org)**, for a complete listing of classes and registration.

April 13-14	Casting and Molding Class	Instructor Phil Gregory
April 27&28, May 4&5	CR400 Weight Driven Clock Repair	Instructor Phil Ball
May 11&12	Dial Painting Class	Instructor Phil Gregory
May 25&26, June 1&2	CR200 Spring Barrel Clock Repair	Instructor Phil Ball



2002 Lone Star Chapter #124 Regional

Martha Tips, our Editor, Retires after 20 Years

Not many people can say that they have done as much for Chapter #124 and the N.A.W.C.C. as Martha Tips. Sadly, she retired as newsletter editor after almost 20 years. At the 2002 Regional in Mesquite, she was recognized for her many years of service and awarded a watch appointed walking stick.

Martha attributes much of her accomplishments and success to her husband, David, who was the first president of Chapter #124 in 1982. He encouraged her to write a newsletter for the members so they could keep up with current news and events. With membership numbering over 300 at the chapter's first annual meeting and almost 900 paid admissions, the chapter was off and running. It needed a newsletter.

Graduating to more powerful Macintosh computers, to accompany a course on appraising clocks she wrote and taught for ISA, Martha later wrote and published a hardcover book, *Tips on Identifying & Appraising Clocks* (1991). In 1992, she earned ISA's prestigious "Lamp of Knowledge" award for service to the appraisal industry in producing the book.

While serving as Director of Reading and Learning Services at Southern Methodist University, Martha earned her CAPP (Certified Appraiser of personal property, tested specialty: Clocks) from the International Society of Appraisers (ISA) and Indiana University.

President Bernard Edwards awarded Fellow, NAWCC to Martha during a Regional held in Arlington. David was made a Fellow by National President Tom LaRose, who appointed him a Trustee of the NAWCC Museum. He was reappointed Trustee by President Fred Ingraham. President Art Bjornestad conferred the honor of Star Fellow on David.

David and Martha enthusiastically have supported NAWCC and Chapter #124 in many different ways. They consistently have offered clocks, watches and books for sale at Regionals and one-day meetings. They generously share clocks and timepieces from their collection for our exhibits. Martha has given several programs, at Regionals, at one-day meetings and at national conventions. On several occasions the Tips have hosted social functions for Chapter members.



Jim Barker & Martha Tips

In pursuit of their love of clocks, the Tips have traveled to 50 countries. In their retirement, David restores and repairs antique timepieces; Martha continues to appraise clocks and timepieces.

The next generation of Tips horologists includes: Jeanene Tips Wilson, Houston, and Dan Tips, Plano. All the Tips are Life members of NAWCC and thoroughly enjoy clocks and clock-folk. 👑



David, Jeanene, Martha & Dan

THE DAVID TIPS AWARD WAS NAMED FOR HER HUSBAND WHO WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER 124.

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Display helps sell Dennis Bell's Clocks

Dennis Bell of Conroe, Texas asked Gene Meysenburg for three tables in the corner of the convention center. With the help of Dennis' wife Peggy, they constructed a three sided peg board display background and painted it a barn red color. The background was fitted with a remote control light and the three tables had black tablecloths. The display also had a black cloth for clocks below the tables.

I design displays for a living and even though Dennis' display was very simple, it did catch my eye. I was interested in the results of his efforts and watched the display over several hours. I kept seeing a change in his presentation of clocks. I asked why he kept changing his presentation and was told that the clocks kept selling and he had to add to the display from his stock! He turned over the table three times!

I can't wait to see what he does next year...led lighting, interactive video, carpeting and seating for his customers?

The Bells can be reached at bellstravel@att.net

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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.)

Bonjour...ya'll!



FRENCH CLOCKS IN TEXAS

TEXAS ROADSHOW

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

Oh Yes! it's FREE

Children's Table with Chris & Cathy



Chapter 124 2013 Regional

