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President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Chapter 124:

I think that I feel a touch of Fall in the air – so, it must be time for the Fall newsletter. Chapter 124 has a lot going on in the next couple of months, so I'm just going to jump in and get to it!

Let me start by summarizing the Aug. 8th One-Day in case you were unable to attend. The meeting was held at the Olden Year Musical Museum in Duncanville, TX with more than 60 members and guests in attendance. Folks had a unique chance to see the operational tower clock and to talk with Chapter members who helped to restore it – including Bill Edwards, Chuck Edwards, Mike Granderson (not able to make it), Joe Richards, and Bruce Wooldridge. In addition, there were two tours of the 500+ musical machines (all in working order). Members were treated to exhibits ranging from 18th century mechanical music machines to an orchestral Aeolian organ that Mark Twain helped to develop. There was something new for everyone to see and experience – many had clock-like mechanisms of interest to most everyone.

As has become the custom, the One-Day began with coffee and donuts. At 10AM, folks moved into the museum's theater to thank its owner and staff for the opportunity to tour the facility prior to its public opening, and to recognize longtime member Byron White for his donation of a Sessions Regulator to Chapter 124 for the Frisco, TX Railroad Museum. An introductory film of the museum collection and guided tours of the museum followed. The meeting was a tremendous success and our collective thanks go to Homer DeFord, Homer DeFord III, and Rick Wilkins for their hospitality, generosity, and collegiality. This was a unique Chapter meeting!

The Oct. 10th One-Day met in Grapevine at the Founder's Building. Attendees were greeted by hot coffee and fresh donuts starting at 8AM. Rather than an educational presentation, the focus of the educational was to update members on significant upcoming Chapter events, including planning for the 2017 National NAWCC meeting in Arlington, the Frisco Railroad Museum, as well as what's in store for 2016. The meeting concluded with a catered lunch and good conversation!

On Nov. 15, 2015 the Chapter will hold a Social at the former home of Martha and David Tips. The Tips' daughter and son, Jeanene Wilson and Dan Tips, have offered to have an Open House for Chapter members to view their collection. If you have not been before, you will not want to miss this opportunity. Even if you have been, Jeanene has made a lot of changes, so it will be new once again. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The address is: 7012 Blackwood, Dallas, TX.

Planning has begun for the 2016 Lone Star Regional. Although several themes were considered for this year's exhibit, Art Deco clocks won out. So, if you have some clocks that you are particularly proud of and would like to submit them for consideration for the exhibit, please send pictures to me (downumk@gmail.com) and I will make sure that the selection committee gets them.

Chapter of the Year 2013-2010-2005-2001-1998-1996



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President's Message *continued*

Let me close by alerting everyone to the remaining workshops to be offered by Chapter 124 in 2015. There are two remaining Open Bench Workshops scheduled – Tuesday, Oct. 6th (4-9PM) and Sunday, Nov. 8th (9AM-5PM). So, if you need tools or help to finish a project, please plan to attend one of these workshops. In addition, there are two remaining classes scheduled during October. Kitchen Clock Repair (CR 100) will meet from Oct. 16-19 (Fri.-Mon.) and a new class - Adjusting Common Clock Escapements - will meet Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Detailed information for both of these classes can be found by following the links given in the Chapter Calendar. For more information contact Mark Vozar for questions regarding the Open Bench Workshops and Kitchen Clock Repair (817-676-3638) or me – Kelsey Downum – at 817-739-1543 for details on the Clock Escapement class.

Thank you and I hope to see everyone at the Chapter Social on Nov. 15th.





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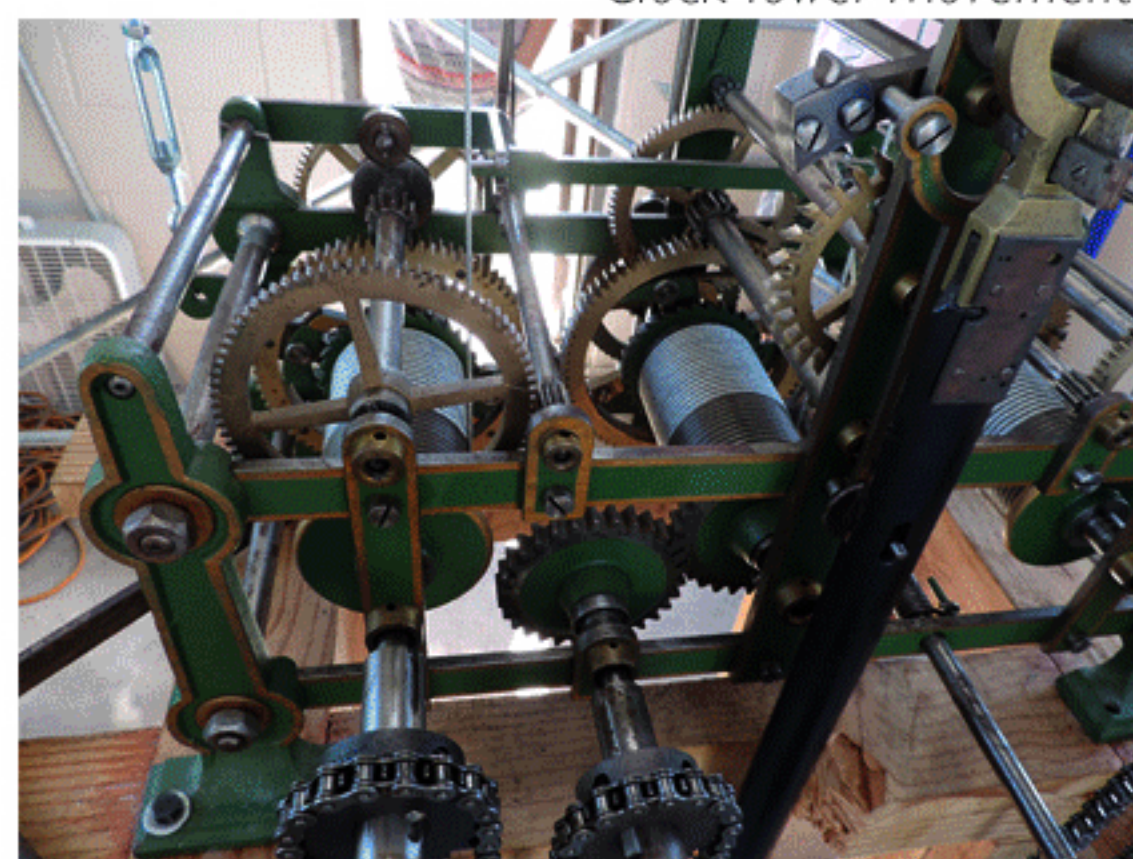
Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held in the Founders Building, 701 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051. For information regarding description and registration visit the Education page at www.chapter124.org

October 10 One-Day Founders Building

October 31-November 1 Adjusting Common Clock Escapments

November 15 Martha & David Tips Home Social

Clock Tower Movement



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THE OLDEN YEAR MUSEUM OF MECHANICAL MUSIC MACHINES



Editor's Note:

The chapter members who helped restore the clock inside this tower included Bill Edwards, Chuck Edwards, Mike Granderson, Joe Richards, and Bruce Wooldridge spent hours of their own time to accomplish the main feature of the museum. Thank you very much. It is truly a fascinating collection of musical machines and they all work.

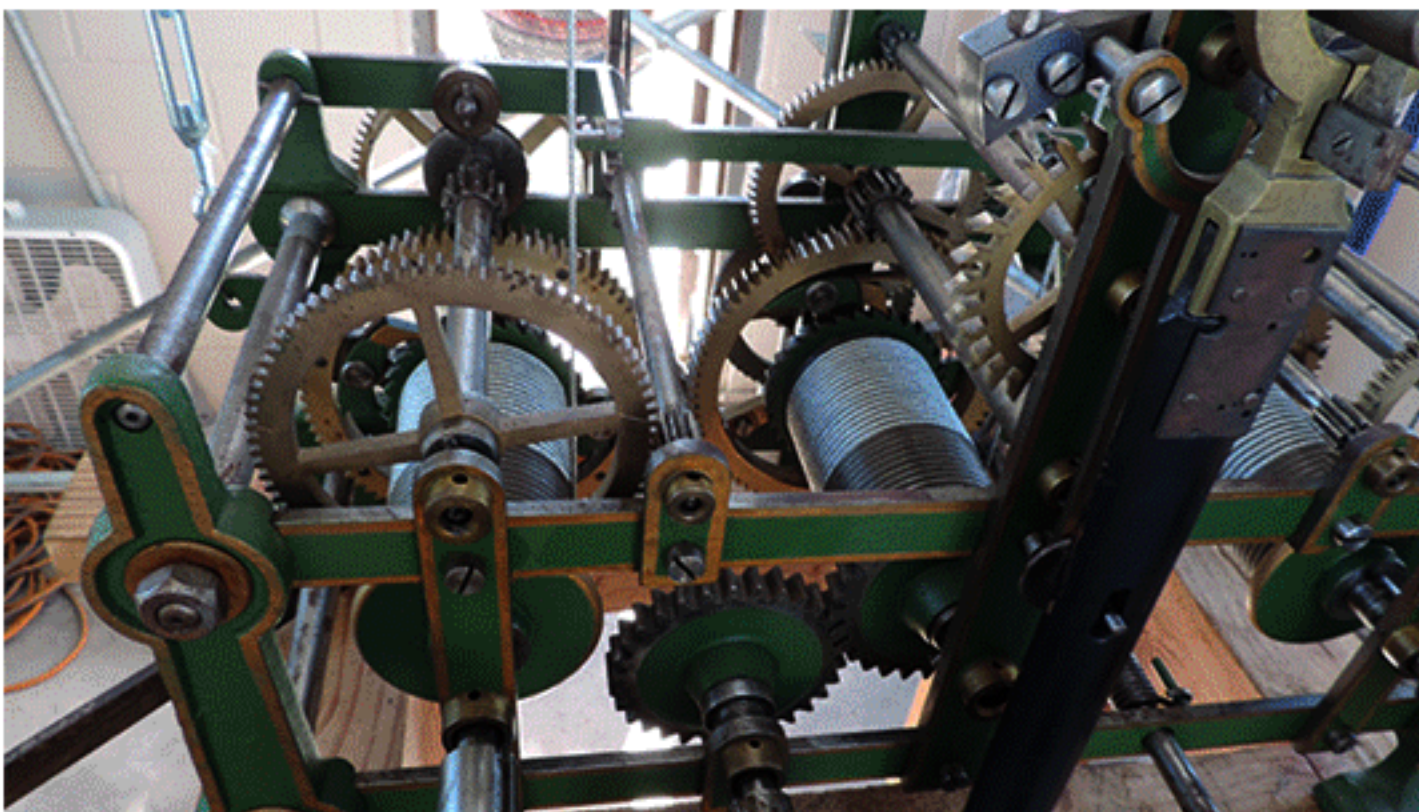
I loved going there on two occasions to photograph the collection and listen to the music. When the museum opens, it will become a destination for many people in the Dallas area. Many thanks to all of the people who have assembled the Tower Clock.

The next pages will give you an idea of the collection in the museum. The cover is a German Kohinoor Phonograph from 1910. It is powered by four large main springs.

THE OLDEN YEAR MUSEUM OF MECHANICAL MUSIC MACHINES



Homer DeFord III, Rick Wilkins & charming Docent



Bryon White & the clock he has donated to the Railroad Museum



THE OLDEN YEAR MUSEUM OF MECHANICAL MUSIC MACHINES



This played the piano and violin



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CLASSES

Chapter 124's Introductory to Pocket Watch Repair Course



Elgin Watch Factory is now loft apartments.

On September 26 and 27th Bill Andrie and Clint Kleen put together and presented a very basic Pocket Watch Repair Course. This course was intended for collectors that think they would like to repair or at least learn about pocket watch basics. The course instructors Bill Andrie and myself, Clint Kleen are not by any means watch makers. We both profess to be novices which I believe makes this course even more beneficial to the first time collector. We can still remember the magnitude of the idea that we were going to take a working watch apart and put it back together. To some it is like jumping out of a perfectly good airplane.



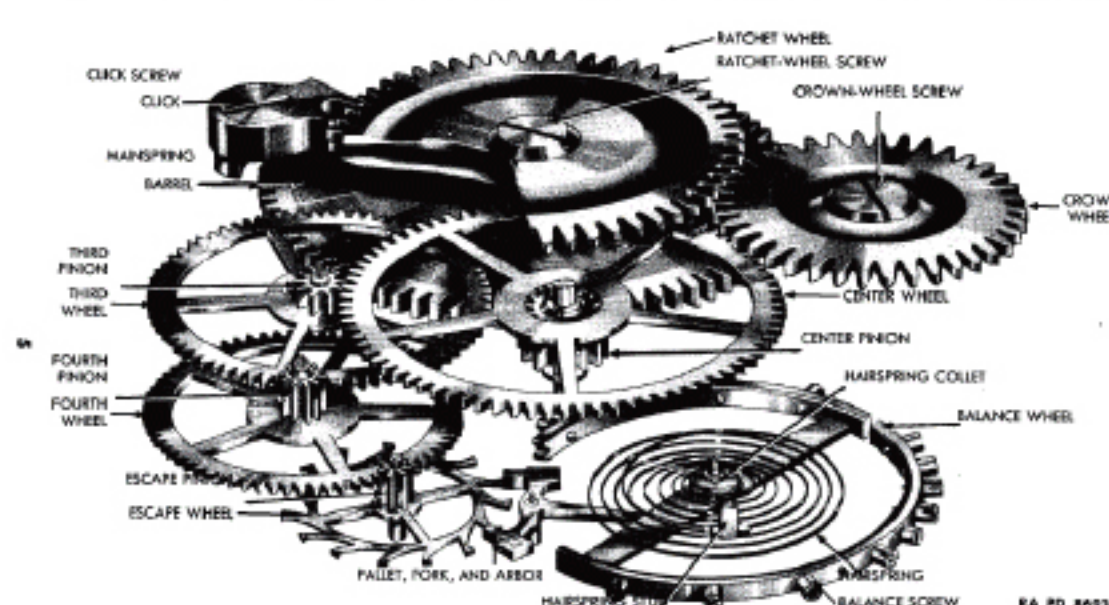
We chose a working 16 size Elgin Grades 290 or 291 or 292 which are basically the same movements. A lot of interchangeable parts. (Check www.elginwatchparts.com and look at each part list).

We had 5 students show up to take the Class – I started it off with a power point presentation about how a watch works, the nomenclature and I discussed a little about how to find parts on the internet and my website www.elginwatchparts.com.

Bill took over and went through the tools and how they are used. He showed how to check your tweezers and fix them so that you have a better chance of not shooting screws across the room. He moved on to the screw drivers.

By the end of the first day each student had the watch apart and cleaned!

The next day the students began the easy job of putting the watch back together.





There she is...you got her at the silent auction for \$5
you wind her up, swing the pendulum...nothing...

Got Time?

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