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Greetings Everyone.

Whew! Our 2018 Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional is over and we can all relax for the time being. I really do not know where to begin because the attendance and tables turned out much better than I had anticipated. We actually had 526 members attend with 303 tables sold with 21 states being represented. Five people renewed their dues with Lone Star Chapter 124, 14 members joined the NAWCC or Renewed while we had 6 Introductory Memberships.



We kicked off our 2018 Lone Star Regional with Mike Dempsey teaching a class on his own personal "Top 25 Tips on Clock Repair" Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. This class was a showcasing of some of the best repair tips, ideas and shortcuts that Mike has put together over 30 years of clock repair. It included how to make specialty parts, making fixtures and tooling for your lathe and bushing machines, plus how to make a simple gear cutter and repair simple parts. The class had a power point discussion, and then a demonstration on how these things are made. Included were drawings and other technical information on how to reproduce everything. Fourteen members attended his class and fortunately, he will be returning in October to teach our volunteers who missed out.



Unloading began Thursday afternoon with a lot of volunteers, including a group from San Jacinto Chapter 139. The Exhibit on Electric Clocks began set-up Thursday as well. At 6:00 pm the Chapter hosted a Social Hour for all with a Cash Bar, Mexican Food Appetizers and a Silent Auction.



Unloading began on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 am while Registration opened at 7:30 am. It was a busy morning with Mark Vozar giving a demo on "Replacing Lantern Trundles with Shop Built Tools" at 9:00 am. Ray Marsolek from Arroyo Grande, CA gave a lecture on "Packaging Crystal Regulators and Vienna Regulators" at 10:00 am in the Riata Room while the International 400 Day Clock Chapter 168 met with John Hubby at 11:30 am. The afternoon began with Mike Dempsey speaking on the "History of Electric Clocks" while an Electrical Horology Tour of the Exhibit followed.



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There were more than 96 clocks, plus other early electric items in the Exhibit. Dee Koch was the Exhibit Chair with John Acker and Bill Edwards as Co-Chairs. They did an amazing job considering they only had a little over a month to pull this all together!

Later in the afternoon, Bruce Wooldridge gave a demo on "Bluing," which was well received. Then the Chapter 179 Travel Chapter met while Chapter President Mary Ellen Bell gave a power point presentation on future tours.

From 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday, Ballroom A was open for members to preview the 125 auction items before the Banquet began at 6:00 pm. Lots of gift bags were given out to each table, as well as Martha Tips' book on "Identifying French Clocks" and \$200 in Mart Dollars as Door Prizes. Approximately 70 people attended the Banquet before the Auction began at 7:30 pm with Jim Sargent as the Professional Auctioneer.

The David Tips Volunteer of the Year Award was given to John Erickson for 2017. John has been on the Chapter Board for seven years, which included a year as President. He had a tremendous job at the 2017 National Convention as the Treasurer and Pre-Registration Chair. The 2018 award went to Evelyn and Hugh Slough as two of our most devoted volunteers. If you get one, you get the other! Evelyn has been on the Lone Star Board for six years while Hugh is always around to volunteer for whatever needs to be done.





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**David Lee, the NAWCC National Rep, gave an overview of what was going on with the NAWCC before it became an evening of NAWCC Awards. There were certainly plenty of Appreciation Certificates given to the Lone Star Chapter 124 Chairs. Two individuals from Kansas received NAWCC awards:**

**Norma Ciskowski received the Fellow Award, while Steven Overstreet received the Star Fellow Award.**

**Lone Star Chapter 124's own John Acker received the Fellow Award! Kudos to John, as we are all very proud of him!**





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**William Slough, the Mart Announcer, gave out many a door prize, including Mart Dollars throughout the Regional. Chris Grimm was in charge of the Silent Auctions in the Mart.**

**Lots of compliments about the Lone Star Chapter 124 Regional, as well as the Exhibit, were expressed by many a member.**

**The 2018 Exhibit on "Electric Clocks" was well received and considered one of the Best! Dee Koch, the Exhibit Chair, with Co-Chairs John Acker and Bill Edwards had less than six weeks to pull this exhibit together and what a fantastic job they did. Kudos to Dee, John and Bill!**





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What would we do without our Webmaster Sam Creech? He is the one sending out our Constant Contacts and even took the time on Friday of the Regional to post a lot of pictures on the Web and sent out a Constant Contact reminding people they only had Saturday morning to attend the Regional unless they wanted to miss out. Many thanks to Sam!

Peter Crum, our Graphic Artist, made all of the signage promoting Electric Clocks! Kudos to Peter!

Cathy Slough, our Children's Table Chair, had lots of things for the kiddos to do, as well as door prizes on Saturday. Some even got some cash to spend!

## Children's Workshop



## Chapter 124's Education by Barry Kilfoy

Chapter events for the near future include "Open Bench" sessions for chapter members, a 2-day French Clock Repair class, a 2 day "Self-winding" clock class in early June, a 4-day "Spring Barrel" clock class in mid-June, a repeat of the "Kitchen Clock" repair class, followed by a "beginning" Pocket-Watch repair class in late September. This year, Chapter 124 will also offer a Field Suitcase Workshop "FSW 201 – Fundamental Skills for Lathe & Clock Repair" at our Grapevine Facility. Mike Dempsey will be returning in October to teach his "Top 25 Tips on Clock Repair" for our volunteers who missed out while preparing for the Regional. These NAWCC Chapter class presentations offer outstanding instruction and training on a wide variety of Horological subjects. Registration for this and other related classes is available at our website. Details about our chapter and upcoming events for 2018 can be found here: <http://www.chapter124.org/>. Access the chapter "Education Section" website frequently to remain aware of often-changing events.



## Fred Tischler Memorial Scholarship Fund

In November of 2016, Chapter 124 lost one of its most talented and ardent supporters – Fred Tischler. Fred was a teacher, a volunteer, a board member – always willing to share his time and knowledge to advance Chapter 124 and the NAWCC.

An initial memorial gift from James, Phyllis and Justin Barren became the seed for establishing a Scholarship Fund in Fred's memory. The Board of Directors voted to officially create the "Fred Tischler Memorial Scholarship Fund," and appointed John Acker to chair a committee to come up with guidelines on how the fund would operate. Also, serving on the committee are Mike Dempsey, Mark Vozer and Bruce Wooldridge.

The committee is still working out some of the details for operation of the fund, but some items have been decided. The purpose of the fund will be to provide educational scholarships to Chapter 124 members. The educational activity must focus on some aspect of horology. Consideration will be given to the potential for the recipient to give back in some way (volunteer, teach, etc.) to the Chapter. An application form is being developed.

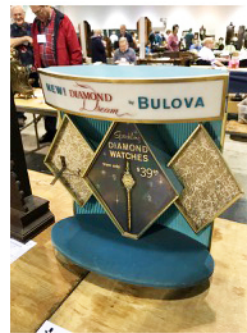
Since that first gift, donations from more than ten other Chapter members have allowed the fund to grow to a total of \$5,058.50. To be fully-functioning, the committee has set a goal of \$10,000 to be available for granting. And, of course, the fund will need to be replenished each year as scholarships are disbursed.

We are excited to announce that an anonymous donor has offered to match NEW contributions up to a total of \$1,000.00! If you would like to help by making a contribution to the fund (and take advantage of the matching gift), please contact John Acker ([jsatex@att.net](mailto:jsatex@att.net)) or any of the other committee members. All contributions are tax-deductible.





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## Dates to Remember:

- June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is Chapter 124's Annual Meeting beginning with a Mart, Business Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for the 2018-2019 term. There will also be a Buffet Luncheon followed by an Auction.
- July 19-22, 2018 is the NAWCC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and National Convention.
- August 23-25, 2018 is the All Texas Chapters Regional with San Jacinto Chapter 139 as the Host.

## Welcome to our new Chapter 124 members:

Shaun Clarke of Houston  
Stephen Davis of Holdenville, OK  
Stephen Egloff of Magnolia, TX  
Ron Janetzke of San Antonio, TX  
Paul MacLoon of Denton, TX  
Yanina Noland of Lufkin, TX  
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Jonathan Schultz of Tulsa, OK  
Rhonda Shockley of Tyler, TX  
Bill Slaughter of Killeen, TX  
Donald Sutcliffe of Abilene, TX  
Ken Sykes of Celina, TX  
Dale Weiss of Bastrop, TX



I realize some of you were moved to the Holiday Inn while the Hampton was under renovation. It came as quite the surprise because I was not expecting this to happen. On a positive note, next year the Hampton will be all new and from what I understand we are going to love it.

Enjoy this beautiful spring and I hope to see you June 9<sup>th</sup>!

*Pam Tischler*

— Mike & Peter's Clock still forsale...

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