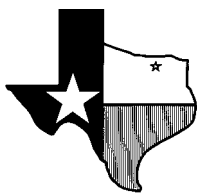


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am beginning to repeat myself, "If you were unable to attend our November 8th One Day Show, you missed a good one!" Our guest speaker, Doug Minty from Sydney, Australia did a wonderful presentation on collecting clocks in Australia. I didn't realize they had so many American clocks and most of them seemed to be valued about the same as in our area.



Doug showed us some interesting slides showing him restoring tower clocks. He mentioned that he shares my fear of height so we would be in the same boat when it was time to remove or reinstall the movement. Removal seemed to be a major task due to the very heavy weight and dealing with the height. Of course, in my case, if I were doing it with all of the left over parts it would be much lighter going back into the tower. I take my hat off to anyone that can handle major work like this.

One final point of Doug's presentation that struck me was some members travel as far as 600 miles to attend some of their meetings. I thought we had some folks who travel quite a distance coming from Abilene, Whitehouse, Shreveport, Houston, and others, but this one wins the prize. This indicates to me that they take their clock and watch collecting very seriously and I think Doug may have had a hand in this. Thanks Doug and Joan Minty for being our guests. Please come back anytime and visit again with us.

Also, I would like to thank Debbie Andrle and Pam Tischler for bringing our sweet treats. We had sausage and fruit kolaches, donuts, and other pastries. It was a wonderful gift and well received by our members. There weren't many left at the end of the day.

Just before lunch, we had a Fun Auction. We had about 40 items of GOOD quality clocks to auction off and our guest, Doug Minty, turned out to be a great auctioneer. He led the whole affair with funny comments all the way. Thanks to all who helped in the effort.

Coming up in our future, we have Candle Light in Old City Park, Dallas, on the 12th through the 14th of December. We will be manning a display in the Railroad Depot and the Print Shop. This is a very important event for Lone Star Chapter 124 for we will be reaching out to the public to help educate them and encourage them to consider collecting old timepieces. Your Board and Education Committee are working on the details and hope to see you at Old City Park.

Our next One Day will be January 10, 2004. Craig Burgess will give a demonstration on Case Restoration. Richard Ross has donated a German box clock that will be raffled off to the attendees and Craig will demonstrate his talent on that particular piece. Sounds like another very informative meeting coming up in the New Year.

2004! Wow, it is hard to realize that we have almost finished this year. We have so much to be thankful for. I hope your year has been a success. Our chapter has accomplished a lot of good things this year. We continue to have outstanding educationals, great classes, and good attendance at our shows. Thanks to all of you who have worked hard in these areas. Our chapter would not be what it is without your volunteering. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes preparing for our events and running our organization. I have mentioned before that we are in the planning phase for our March 2004 Regional and our chapter will be assisting in the National Convention in July. Also, we are reviewing our Chapter By-Laws and will be updating them along with other housekeeping chores.

Russ Aikins, President

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Directions to
OLD CITY PARK "CRAFT HOUSE"
 1500 Park St., Dallas
 214-421-5141
From Ft. Worth (West)
 I-30 East, take the "Lamar" exit & stay on service road.
 Go to Harwood, turn right
 Turn right on Gano; R on Park
From Mesquite (East)
 I-30 West, exit "Downtown/Ervay"
 Go to St. Paul, turn left
 Go past Ambassador Hotel to Gano
 Left on Gano; L on Park
From Downtown Dallas
 Get on St Paul, drive south past Ambassador Hotel; left on Gano, L on Park
 Park St. is closed to the public, so park your car in the parking lot at Gano and Park



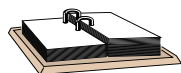
*Get Ready to
 "Head 'em up" and
 "Move 'em Out" to
 the March 5-6th
 2004 Regional!*

* Pre-Registration Form
 Available This Issue

Welcome New Members!

- Charles Robson - Dallas, TX
- Doug Minty - Wentworthville, Australia
- Frank Miles - Flower Mound, TX
- Jerry Tyler - Greenville, TX

PLAN AHEAD DATE BOOK



One Days & Regional

January 10, 2004

March 5, 6 - Regional

April 17, 2004

June 12, 2004

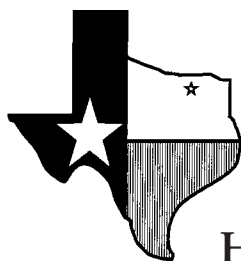
August 7, 2004

The Chapter Membership Year is the same as the Calendar Year. Since we are approaching the end of 2003, it is time to check the status of your membership. To do that, check the top line on the mailing label on the opposite side of this page. If it says "Exp 12/2003" then your membership expires at the end of this month, and you need to renew. If it says anything else, your membership is current for 2004. The membership fee is \$10 per year for 1 to 5 years.

On the membership renewal form on page 3, we have printed a label summarizing the information we have on our Chapter Membership database regarding you. Even if you do not have to renew your membership, we would like you to verify the information on that label. If everything is correct, and your membership is current for 2004, 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, Gene Meysenburg is handling our membership renewals. If you have any questions about the renewals, or about your membership, you may call Gene at 214-328-1984, or email him at gm1000@prodigy.net.

Your prompt cooperation in this renewal process helps save the Chapter postage and mailing expenses. Please do it now.



2003 LONE STAR REGIONAL

Friday March 5th and Saturday March 6th

Mesquite Convention Center

1700 Rodeo Drive - Mesquite, Texas

Hosted by Lone Star Chapter #124

Co-Hosted by: Southwestern Chapter #15

Five State Collectors Chapter #80

San Jacinto Chapter #139

Regional Highlights:

BIGGEST Mart in Texas! Over 30,000 Square Feet, Outstanding lighting, Full 8 Foot X 2 1/2 Foot Mart Tables, 24 hour Professional Security, Free RV Parking (no hookup). Outstanding Educationals and Workshops with **Nick Bonura** speaking on "Iron to Brass to Steel - The Transition from Weight to Brass To Steel Springs." Same Fees as 2003! Lots of Silent Auctions!

Mesquite Hotel/Motels:

Mention NAWCC for Special Rates

- *Hampton Inn (on site) - - 1 800-HAMPTON (special rate by Feb 6) \$69 single \$79 double & \$89 suite. . . CALL BEFORE FEB 6!
- *Holliday Inn Express - - - 1(972)288-9900 (no special rate) 0.2 miles away
- *Super 8 Motel - - - - - 1(972)289-5481 (no special rate) 0.4 miles away
- *Spanish Trails Inn - - - - - 1(972)226-9800 (no special rate) 0.8 miles away
- *Marriott/Courtyard - - - - 1(972)681-3300 (no special rate) 4.0 miles away

REGIONAL AGENDA

Friday March 5, 2003

- 8:00. . .Unloading and Setup
- Preregistration badge allow setup prior to registration
- 8:00. . .Registration
- 10:00. . .Mart and Exhibits Open
- 8:00. . .Mart and Exhibits Close

Saturday March 6, 2003

- 7:00. . .Breakfast - (Pre-registration Only)
- 8:00. . .Registration
- 8:30. . .Mart and Exhibit Opens
- 3:00. . .Mart and Exhibit Closes
- 3:30. . .SECURITY ENDS

For more information check our website:
www.chapter124.com

* * * PRE-REGISTER NOW AND SAVE! * * *

Registration \$25.00 at the door

For more information call Gene Meysenburg at 214-328-1984 or email at gm1000@prodigy.net

Tables reserved in groups must be received in one envelope. All Pre-Registration received by Wednesday, February 18th, 2004 will be confirmed by mail and **Refunds will be granted up to March 4th.** Tables must be set up and displayed in the Mart. Only Horological items may be Bought/Sold in Mart. No Pets allowed in 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 or tort during this Regional. **NAWCC Regional Convention Rules Will Govern.**

(PLEASE BLOCK PRINT ALL ENTRIES. FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE, USE SEPARATE SHEET)

NAME _____ NAWCC No. _____ PHONE (_____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

FIRST OR NICKNAME FOR BADGES (_____) (_____) Email _____
Member Spouse (or children)

	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Mart Admission for NAWCC Members or Spouse for Pre-Registration	_____	@\$20.00 ea	_____
Mart Admission for Members Children under age 18 admitted free	_____	- FREE -	_____
Mart Table Registration (30 X 96) 8 foot long table	_____	@\$35.00 ea	_____
Mart Admission for Saturday only Members & Spouses	_____	@\$15.00 ea	_____
Saturday Breakfast (Pre-registraion Only)	_____	@\$10.00ea	_____

Check No. _____ **Total =** _____

Need Electrical Outlet _____ Check for Yes
Tables needing electricity can only be around the wall

Payment in US Currency or Check Only
Make Checks Payable to "**LONE STAR CHAPTER 124**": Mail to Gene Meysenburg, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas, Tx 75218

APPLICATION/RENEWAL for LONE STAR CHAPTER 124, NAWCC

An educational group dedicated to preserving and understanding horology.

Complete & send with applicable check made payable to **LONE STAR CHAPTER #124**
to **GENE MEYSENBURG GM1000@PRODIGY.NET**, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas TX 75218

<input type="checkbox"/> New #124 Member	<i>Dues are \$10 per year.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew my membership	yrs @ \$10 =
<i>Check appropriate box:</i>	
	Join/renew for 1 - 5 years

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

Please PRINT:
Mr__ Mrs__ Miss__ Ms__ (Please check appropriate blank.)

**Look at Label-
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in enclosed
envelope**

NAME _____ NAWCC# _____
STREET _____ PHONE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
E-Mail: _____
I'm most interested in _____
Who recommended you? NAME _____ NAWCC # _____

12/03

Chapter 124 Welcomes Doug and Joan Minty from Sydney, Australia

Chapter 124 was absolutely delighted to welcome special guests, Doug and Joan Minty from Australia at the November 8th One Day. Doug had just finished presenting at the St. Louis Seminar on "The Torsion Pendulum Clock and its Place in Horology" sponsored by the International 400-Day Clock Chapter #168 and the St. Louis Chapter 14.

Then afterwards he and Joan made a swing by Texas to donate his time and efforts to the Chapter 124 One Day. He gave a very interesting slide presentation on the typical clocks found in Australia and the prices at which they are currently going.

Doug admitted he had a passion for tower clocks - most being of English origin due to the strong English heritage. Not too many Seth Thomis's or E. Howards are to be found Down Under. Amazingly he said that he had been involved in the restoration of 96 of them! Typically it takes a about a month to complete the job. There were pictures of one which weighed two tons. Try getting that one down to work on!

He also auctioned off the clocks featured at the Mart. Everyone remarked how entertaining he was. Quite a personality. The good news is he said they would be back.

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Printed or typed ad copy not exceeding 5 lines must reach Editor, incl. \$5 ck to "Lone Star Chapter," by **January 3 for February 2004 NEWSLETTER**. Must include your name, address and NAWCC number! Send to P.O. Box 99, Ross, TX 76684. [Ads arriving late will be in following issue.]

The Lone Star News is mailed to all Chapter 124 members at no cost. Non-members may subscribe at the rate of \$8.00 per year. Mail subscription requests with payment to: Lone Star News Editor, P.O. Box 99, Ross, TX 76684.

UPCOMING EDUCATION CLASSES

Check Chapter 124 Website @ www.chapter124.com for Any Changes or Updates

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Dial Painting Class	Feb. 7, 8 & 21,22	\$50.00	Call Phil Gregory @ 972-717-4021

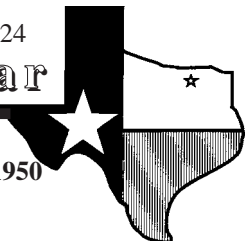
Course consists of two sections taught by Phil Gregory and Karen Summerville. The course will meet the first day to learn and practice making chapter rings and numbers on paper dials. The second day small decorations, flowers, etc., will be put on the dials and larger decorations will be practiced. Two weeks later the class will prepare two actual dials that has been base coated and prepared. All materials will be furnished including a dial if the student does not have one.

The **Case Restoration** class taught by Craig Burgess was quite successful. They covered finishing and gluing using period-type materials. Brett Harper (below) brought a clock with a finish that was blackened from age. After cleaning the finish, a beautiful clock was revealed. Phil Ball restored a rosewood OG using period veneer. Bill Andrlle demonstrated making molding from scratch. Other students included Carolyn and Ron Hollien, Bruce Wooldridge, John Tope, Dan Cole, and Del Timmes. Thanks to all who attended.

Angel\$ Needed, Donor\$ too!!

Last year's regional show and appraisal fair was a great success. We will do it again! Newspaper ads touting the free "Appraisal Fair" and exhibit will cost \$600. We need fresh blood in the chapter, and also we need to get our word out to the public. All donations are tax deductible. Bring donations to the Jan. one-day or mail to Len Kaufman. E-mail questions to captlen47@hotmail.com.





—DATE SENSITIVE—

Please Deliver by December 1, 2003

The following letter is being printed at the request of Fred Tischler, a National Watch and Clock Museum Trustee:

To All NAWCC Members:

The most important issue in the history of the NAWCC will come to a membership vote in February of 2004. The NAWCC Council and the National Watch & Clock Museum (NWCM) Board of Trustees have proposed a merger between the two corporations. I urge all members to vote YES on the merger.

A lot of members do not know that the NAWCC and the NWCM are separate corporations. The NAWCC is a New York corporation; the museum was started as a separate Pennsylvania corporation in 1978. Management and headquarters staff split their efforts between the two corporations, making it difficult to focus on overall priorities. This situation has been less than ideal and is not a cost-effective method of doing business.

A little less than two years ago, the two organizations began looking at more efficient and cost-effective management options for the two corporations. A Task Force Committee of three Council and three Trustees was formed to study options and make recommendations. Shortly later, the IRS audited the NAWCC, and stated that the NAWCC did not have enough public activity to keep its 501(c)(3) educational tax-exempt status, but that merging with the NWCM would allow us to meet the requirements. Basically, the IRS gave us another good reason for merging and reinforced our belief that a merger was good for the organization, but told us to expedite our efforts.

The Task Force, of which I am a member, worked on all of the details of the merger. This included writing a Plan and Agreement of Merger document between the two corporations; creating new Articles of Incorporation; rewriting the NAWCC and NWCM Bylaws into one document; plus many, many more documents required to merge. The proposed merger also reduces the total number of Council and Trustees from 23 to a new 12 member Board of Directors.

In September, a special joint meeting of Council and the Board of Trustees approved the proposed merger agreement package. To finalize the proposed merger the membership must approved it by a 2/3 vote of those voting.

The complete proposed merger package will be printed in the December MART magazine for you to review, along with a proxy ballot to cast your vote. Alternatively, you may vote at a special members' meeting scheduled for February 20, 2004 at the Florida Mid-Winter Regional in Orlando. Please read the proposed merger documents carefully and ask questions of Council members, Trustees or me. If approved, the merger will become effective on April 1, 2004.

Here are some critical points to remember:

1. The "new" NAWCC will be transparent to you. You will continue to enjoy all of the benefits and services you now have. Your dues will not increase as a result of the merger. Your chapters will continue to function as they always have. The Bulletin and MART magazines will remain the same. Regionals and National Conventions will be unaffected. Your free access to the Museum and Library services will continue. Your membership services will not change.
2. The IRS has put pressure on the NAWCC to complete the merger, and if we do not, we will likely lose our 501(c)(3) status. This means we will have to start paying applicable state and/or federal taxes on materials used at headquarters, on our real estate, on incidental income, and on any donations. Also, any donations made to the NAWCC will no longer be tax-deductible on your personal federal tax return.
3. We looked at alternative scenarios other than a 501(c)(3) organization and found those to be unsatisfactory. Other options would increase our costs and reduce opportunities for grants and donations. We could not survive as a 501(c)(7), private club; a 501(c)(6), trade association; or a for-profit corporation without raising dues substantially. The Museum and Library could not survive by itself without a merger. A financial analysis shows we need the merger; without it, the NAWCC could be insolvent in a few years.
4. The merged organization will meet the requirements of a tax-exempt entity and have greater opportunities for grants and donations from outside organizations (including governmental). That will help us to improve our financial health.

I sincerely urge members to vote YES on the proposed merger. Under the laws of the states where the NAWCC and the NWCM are incorporated, Council and the Board of Trustees cannot make the decision for you. Only you can decide the future of your Association. You must approve the merger by a 2/3 majority of those voting. Please do not let a few members decide the fate of the NAWCC for you! Please vote!