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President's Message

Serving as your President for the last year has been challenging and wonderful. I hope I have accomplished the things that help the Chapter keep moving forward. I wanted to boost membership, rebuild the educational classes and rebuild the finances. I haven't made the progress that we needed, but improvements have been made. I am passionate about this Chapter. I know the new President can make big steps to improve the Chapter. I ask that the members help the board by serving on committees and continue to bring new members into the Chapter. Our education will continue with old and new teachers. I plan on helping with the CR 200 Class (spring barrel class). Thanks to everyone! Brian Schmidt will be taking over, thank you Brian Schmidt.

Tim Brownlee

Education



Larry Thomas and Tom Hefner held the last CR 100 class (Kitchen Clock Repair). The class had five students with one receiving a scholarship award.

Chapter 124 Kitchen Clock Repair Class graduates: (front row, l to r) Jon Anderson, Alexandra White and Doyle Welch, (back row, l to r) Wayne Hall, Scott Roha and Instructor Tom Hefner



On May 14 Tom Hefner held a very successful one day. Seven of our members attended and most got their problems solved. This group was like the old days.

Upcoming Chapter events

June 4, 2024 Tuesday

June 13th – 16th

June 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th

July 13 Saturday

August 3rd

Open Bench Workshop 4pm-8pm

National Convention Chattanooga TN

CR 200 Spring Barrel Class (pre-registration required)

Open Bench Workshop 9am – 3pm

One Day Meeting

I'm hoping for a lathe or a specialty class to pop up in the June-July schedule.

Library Exhibit



Hugh and Evelyn Slough are at it again. They have traveled to Paris to set up another Library exhibit. The Paris Library was happy to have the display. Paris has a small display area but Evelyn and Hugh made it happen. Stanley McMahan was able to get the Library involved. They know how to get out and draw attention to our Chapter. The next exhibit will be in McKinney, TX. Disclaimer; the display is in Paris, **TX**.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Journey Through Time: From a Lonely Flea Market Find to the World of Clock Repair

by Alexandra White

Dear Fellow Clock Enthusiasts,

Let me recount a tale that began on a desolate stretch of desert road in West Texas, where serendipity led me to an encounter that would ignite my passion for clock repair.

In late March, I was driving through Terlingua, where I found myself drawn to a solitary flea market. Amidst the dust and artifacts, a shimmering gem caught my eye - an elegant travel alarm clock, its beauty undimmed by time. This clock was housed in a foldable leather case, and featured a round face with a world map in the center, surrounded by gold-colored hands. Around the clock face, displayed various city names and their corresponding time zones. Intrigued, I inquired about its condition.

The woman selling it shared its history with her - a relic in disrepair she had bought decades ago in a shop on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. She confessed that despite intentions to fix it, the clock sat to languish in her home. With a wry smile, she passed its guardianship into my hands, saying, "Now it can sit in your house instead of mine!"

Through quick research, I learned that the clock was manufactured by American company Westclox in the mid-20th century, and meant to be wound nightly while traveling. The clever time zone display helps travelers plan their phone calls home. Having spent years traversing the world and living out of a backpack, I cherished the portability and utility of this little machine.

However, the journey had only just begun. Back in Austin, I sought counsel from the local clock shop, only to be met with discouragement. The man behind the counter, with a tone weighted by experience, explained that the cost to fix would far outweigh its value. These alarm clocks, he explained, were not built to be repaired, rather to be thrown away and replaced.

Undeterred, I embarked on a quest for knowledge and found solace in Chapter 124, a beacon of expertise nestled in Irving, Texas. Even luckier: the foundational course in the whole clock repair series was scheduled for the following week.

The short-notice, cost of the class, travel and lodging threatened to thwart my aspirations, but the generosity of our chapter illuminated a path forward. Despite financial constraints, the scholarship committee extended an opportunity for me to attend CR-100: Kitchen Clock Repair.



Thus, amidst the clicking of pivot locators and whirring of lathes as well as the stink of ultrasonic cleaning solution, I have begun my pursuit. Additionally, I have found a community bound by a shared love for the intricacies of timekeeping.

More on that next time - stay tuned for the following chapter on a beginner's entry into uncovering the secrets of clock repair.

Yours in shared fascination, Alex.

Membership

New members: We are looking forward to meeting y'all!

Thad Foster	Hallsville, Texas
Kyle Smith	Ft. Worth, Texas
David Bush	Rockwall, Texas
Terri Buckerfield	Colleyville, Texas
Alan Goodman	Carrollton, Texas
Drew Pearson	North Richland Hills, Texas

Welcome Our New Board

We want to welcome our new and returning board and committee members.

President	Brian Schmidt
Vice President	Tom Hefner
Secretary	Bill Nash
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	William Slough
	James Edwards
At Large,	Myron Patrick
At Large,	Jon Anderson
At Large,	Arnold Madnick

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