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GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 25th – sales will start for the “Mini-Mart” at 5:15 pm; the meeting is at 6 pm – Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Road)

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From the President:

At the February meeting, Gene Galbraith presented an excellent program on Anglo-American Clocks. These clocks were made in England during the late 1800's, used American clock movements and were sold to the British market. Thanks Gene!

Also at the February meeting, the Guild voted to become a gold level lifetime member in the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, located in Lockhart. The charter membership will be held in the Guild's name in honor of Cecil Mulholland. Best of luck to the Museum, which will hold its grand opening event on March 29th.

For those that didn't make it to the Lone Star Regional in Mesquite, you missed a stormy drive up Thursday evening. Friday morning greeted us with an inch of snow covering our vehicles. The show was good – the sellers were there but it sure seemed like the number of buyers was down. We'll blame it on the weather!

Remember – we're going to run an experiment prior to the March meeting by holding a “Mini-Mart”. Whether you are interested in buying or selling, come early to the March Guild meeting. For this first “Mini-Mart” – we're going to try these rules:

1. To buy or sell, you must be a current member!

2. Each member wanting to participate may bring up to ten items to sell. Each item should be priced.
3. An entry fee of \$5 will be collected from each seller for the benefit of the Guild. (Someone asked if the \$5 applies to each item sold – the answer is no, it is a single entry fee of \$5 total.)
4. Setup may begin at 5 pm and should occur in the back area of the meeting room (closest to the dividing curtains).
5. Sales may begin at 5:15 pm and all buying and selling must end promptly at 5:50 pm in order that we may get the meeting underway at 6pm.

At the regular meeting to follow, we will be looking for feedback regarding the rules, whether we should continue having the “Mini-Marts” and if so, how often (quarterly has been suggested), etc. I along with others will be available at 5 pm to assist in getting this first “Mini-Mart” up and running.

Now that we have you in a buying and selling mood, don't forget the annual CAWCG auction to be held Saturday, April 26th. The auction will be held at the same location that we used last year – Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa (corner of Steck and Mesa). Unloading/set-up will begin at 8 am and the auction will begin at 10 am. Terry Palmer will be this year's auctioneer. Dan Havlik, Bruce Cox, Dave Howard and Pat Holloway have also volunteered to help. We still need a bit more help to make the auction run smoothly – if you can help, please send me an email or sign up at the March Guild meeting. We would also appreciate a few folks volunteering to bring some “snacks” to help keep the energy levels up during the auction! Thanks to everyone that has already agreed to help.

Note that the Guild voted to increase the seller's fee to 15% on each item sold.

I'll see you at the March meeting!

Don

New CAWCG Leaflet for Prospective Members:

A huge thanks to Michael Webb for volunteering his time and money to create and print a new CAWCG leaflet to give to prospective members. I will bring these to the upcoming Guild meeting so that you may take some to give to prospective members. Also feel free to take some to put in your place of business, your antique booth, etc.

Last Month:

Education:

David Douglas: A Calendar Automatic Swiss Watch Course will be held in June or July of this summer. The course will be 1 full day. Among items covered will be servicing the barrel of these watches.

Mary Ellen Bell: There will possibly be a 1-day troubleshooting clock class held this summer.

The Treasurer's Report:

The operating account currently has \$3,018.53 (this figure actually became \$2,018.53, when the Guild voted, during the meeting, to become a gold level lifetime member in the Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, with a donation of \$1000). The education account has \$10,193.70 in it. Time to think about dues. If you have not already done so, pay your dues at the March Guild meeting, or mail your \$15 dues to:

Hugh Lindsay, 412 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840

Make your check payable to: CAWCG.

Miscellaneous:

A decision was made to hold the Christmas party at Cannoli Joe's in South Austin, on Saturday evening, Dec. 6. This is an "all-you-can-eat" Italian restaurant. Mama Mia!!!

The Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, in Lockhart, will have their grand opening on March 29th. They are seeking volunteers to help get it ready for the opening. Contact Gene Galbraith if you can help out. (genegalbraith35@aol.com<<mailto:genegalbraith35@aol.com>>)

Bench Tips:

From Don Bugh:

A dry marker such as "Expo", which can be bought at an office products store, can be used for making marks on a wheel.

From Mike Williams:

I read this one on Clocksmiths (<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/clocksmiths/>) today, and thought it was great.

To quickly test an overhauled clock movement to see if it will run eight days (more than a week), count the number of turns required to wind the time train from unpowered to fully wound. Divide by eight. Let the power down and wind exactly the same number of turns. If the clock runs for one or more days, then it likely has enough power to run eight days when fully wound, and you probably did an adequate bushing and pivot polishing job!

March Meeting Program:

Hugh Lindsay will conduct the upcoming program at our meeting in March. The program will be on horological items beginning with the letter "S". All attendees are asked to bring one or more horological items beginning with the letter "S". A warning – you will be fined for not bringing an item. Penalties in the past have been harsh. I actually had to pay 25 cents one time, and rumor has it that it nearly kept me from becoming the Guild Secretary. All penalties do go to a good cause though – the Guild treasury. And just in case you were wondering, Hugh has told me that he will show no leniency.

Upcoming CAWCG Meetings, Marts, Auctions, Classes, Etc.:

CAWCG Mini-Mart and Meeting, March 25, Austin, Texas, Tien Hong Restaurant, 5:15 pm

CAWCG Auction, April 26, Westover Hills Church of Christ, 8332 Mesa (corner of Steck and Mesa), Austin, Texas, unloading/setup at 8 am, auction begins at 10 am

Other Upcoming Conventions, Marts, Classes, Etc.:

Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches Grand Opening, March 29, Lockhart, Texas, 101 E. San Antonio

Chime Clock Repair Class, April 5 – 6, 12 – 13, NAWCC Chapter 124, Grapevine, Texas

Great Southwestern Regional (NAWCC), April 18 & 19, New Braunfels, Texas, New Braunfels Civic Center

Statue Repair and Refinishing Class, April 26 - 27, NAWCC Chapter 124, Grapevine, Texas

Jeweler's Lathe II Class, May 3, NAWCC Chapter 124, Grapevine, Texas

Weight Driven Clock Repair Class, May 24 - 25, 31, Jun 1, NAWCC Chapter 124, Grapevine, Texas

NAWCC National Convention, June 11 - 14, Springfield, MO

NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Mart, June 21, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main, 8 am – 1 pm

NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Mart, August 16, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main, 8 am – 1 pm

All Texas Chapters Regional (NAWCC), August 24 - 26, 2007, JW Marriott, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

For Sale:

Sue Wysong has a few things that she wants to sell of Harry's. One is his watchmaker's bench with lathe that he used every day. Another is a Hamilton model 23, type D military pocket watch, with start, stop, fly-back mechanism. It is in good working order. There is also an engraving machine, a hooded 2-spindle polisher and a crystal-grinding wheel. You can contact Sue at her email (sueann2978753@yahoo.com) or at her home phone (512-836-7167).

Reminders:

Just a reminder, that the door prizes are donated by Guild members each month. The more door prizes that are brought ... the better chance you have to win!

Also, there is a minimum "gratuity" for all attendees at the Guild meeting. Even if you do not eat or drink you will pay \$3.00, so be prepared. If you have any questions, call your officers.