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GUILD NEWSLETTER

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American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute “Chapter of the Year” -- 3 of the last 4 years

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 27th – 6 pm – Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Road)

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From the President:

Headline: The Guild is on the move again!

Translation – The Tien Hong Restaurant has notified us that effective June 7, 2008, the restaurant is closing. Thus we need to find a new home and soon! The May meeting will occur at Tien Hong as usual but stay tuned as to

where we will be in June. If you know of a good location, please contact any of the officers.

We had a very successful auction. There was an excellent turnout of both buyers and sellers. Thanks to everyone that pitched in to help. We couldn't have done it without you. Hugh reports that we had record auction sales exceeding \$4,000 and managed to net over \$400 for the Guild!

For the June meeting, we are going to have a second "Mini-Mart". For this one, let's try using a silent auction format rather than setting a price. This will give everyone a chance to participate in the bidding. A silent auction form will be available and should be completed for each item to be sold. The seller may of course establish a minimum price. Other rules as follows:

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.
3. An entry fee of \$5 will be collected from each seller for the benefit of the Guild. (The seller will pay \$5 for all of the auction items brought – not \$5 for each item!)
4. Setup may begin at 5 pm. Bidding may begin at 5:15 pm and an announced ending of the silent auction will occur at 5:45 pm.
5. All transactions should be completed by 5:50 pm in order that we may get the meeting underway at 6 pm.

At the April meeting, Michael Webb taught us all a thing or two about depthing tools. Thanks Mike for a great presentation.

And lastly – the Guild received a thank you card from Cully Ellis and family for the plant sent in memory of Cully's wife Jeanne. We were all very saddened to hear of her loss and wish Cully and his family the very best.

I'll see you at the May meeting!

Don

Last Month:

Education:

David Douglas: A Modern Calendar Automatic Swiss Wristwatch Course will be held in July, August, or September. The course will be 1 full day. Among items covered will be taking the watch apart, and servicing the barrel of these watches. Quite a bit of time will be spent on the mainspring barrel. AWCI standards will be followed. The course will be \$50 per person. Contact David if interested at DDouglas@SigmaTel.com

Treasurer's Report:

The operation account currently has \$2,043.66. The education account has \$9,780.83 in it.

Classes Offered by American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute (AWCI):

AWCI is offering 8 classes in watchmaking this year. However, they are all already full.

AWCI will be offering 9 classes in clock repair. The instructors for these classes are being trained right now.

Upcoming CAWCG Meetings, Marts, Auctions and Classes:

CAWCG Meeting and Program (Dave Arnold will give a presentation), May 27, Austin, Texas, Tien Hong Restaurant, 6 pm

CAWCG Silent Auction, Meeting, and Program (Luther Lucko will give a presentation), June 24, location to be determined, silent auction setup begins at 5 pm, silent auction begins at 5:15 pm, meeting begins at 6 pm

Upcoming Conventions, Marts, Auctions, and Classes Held by Other Organizations:

Chime Clock Repair (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), May 24-25, May 31, & June 1, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Jewelers Lathe I (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), June 7, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

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

NAWCC Chapter 124 One Day Show and Clock Auction, June 21, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main, 8 am

Pocket Watch Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), June 28, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Dial and Reverse Glass Painting Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), July 12-13, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

AWCI Convention and Educational Symposium, July 31 – August 3, Clayton, MO (St. Louis)

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, JW Marriott, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

Advanced Lathe (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), September 27-30, Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

NAWCC Tri-Chapter One Day Show, October 18, Texas Ranger's Hall Of Fame Museum's Knox Hall at Fort Fisher, on the south side of the Brazos River, exit 335B at the Texas Ranger Museum, Waco, Texas

Reminder: 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.