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WATCHMAKER & CLOCKMAKER

GUILD NEWSLETTER

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 23rd – at 5:15, the Mini-Mart begins, the Meeting begins at 6 pm – Kim Son Restaurant (10901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite A1-501, (N. Lamar at Kramer), Austin, (512) 832-0500)

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From the President:

As I write this month’s newsletter – we are emerging from the effects of Hurricane Ike. The fifty mile per hour winds in Brazos County knocked down plenty of tree limbs and some trees (a couple in my yard), however we are very fortunate compared to our neighbors to the south and east. Three friends from Seabrook (near Kemah) are staying with us. Their house fared

ok however electricity may not be available in that area for weeks – so they'll be with us for a while. I wish the very best to our watch and clock friends in the Houston area and hope that damage to their homes and collections is minimal!

In August, the Guild tried out its new meeting location at the Kim Son Restaurant. There were a few glitches but all in all, it looks like Kim Son is going to work out ok. Dan Havlik is talking with the manager to see if we can get the order taking and pay process worked out similar to that used at Tien Hong. The current process is taking too long but we hope to have that smoothed out in time for the September meeting. I appreciate Rob Putney filling in for me as I was running late for the meeting.

Dave Arnold led a lively August program of horological items beginning with the letter "T". As usual, members brought some fascinating items – a few had to explain how their "treasure" qualified as a bona fide "T" item and of course a few others had to fork over some "Nino Quarters".

Coming up in September will be another quarterly "Mini-Mart". Remember, this is a good time to clean out some of those old watches, clocks, parts, books and tools that keep "getting in your way". Convert them to \$\$\$ at the September Guild meeting. The "Mini-Mart" rules appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'll see you at the September meeting!

Don

Mini-Mart Prior to September Guild Meeting:

We will have our third "Mini-Mart" prior to the September Guild meeting. This one will use a silent auction format. 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 are 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 (or lots) 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.

Guild Member David Langston Passes Away:

We want to express our condolences to David Langston's family. David was a Guild member who worked for Bob Larson. Below is an excerpt from his obituary.



David Allen Langston fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, August 18, 2008, a short time after being diagnosed with lung cancer. David was born in Austin, Texas on January 21, 1953. He was a loving husband to his best friend, Lillian, and the dedicated father of his son, Warren. His employments included antique clock repair and machinist.

David was a faithful and devoted member of Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Parish, volunteered for many years at the Church Food Pantry, was involved with the Boy Scouts of America with his son, and a volunteer to PADAP. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, giving to others through numerous church functions, and entertaining his family and many friends at his home. He will be remembered by so many as a faithful friend who accepted everyone as they are and made them feel like an important part of his life and as a man who loved God and served him with all his heart. It is requested that memorial contributions be made to Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Parish, 1320 E. 51st St, Austin, TX 78723; Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd, Ste 100, Austin, TX 78759; or to the Boy Scouts of America, 7540 Ed Bluestein Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.

Kim Son Order Taking and Pay Process:

The order taking and pay process, for the upcoming Guild meeting at Kim Son, will be similar to that used before at Tien Hong. When you first come into Kim Son, place your order at the bar and also pay at that time. (A 15% gratuity will be charged.) Then enter the banquet room, sit on the far right this time, and give your order receipt to the waiter.

Education:

Mary Ellen Bell: A Basic Clock Repair Course will be held on Oct. 25, Saturday. The course will be 1 full day. Twelve identical American kitchen clock time and strike movements (with count wheels) have been purchased from Merritt's for the class. Among items covered will be disassembly, assembly, getting your clock in beat, etc. The course will be \$50 per person. The course will be held at the Westover Hills Church of Christ (Steck at Mesa), Austin. There were still openings in the class as of 8/26. You will be able to register for the class and pay your money for it at the upcoming Guild meeting, or contact Mary Ellen Bell at salembridge@yahoo.com There will be more advanced courses in the future, building on this introductory class, which will cover subjects such as bushings and repairing teeth.

Treasurer's Report:

The operating account currently has \$4,132.06. The education account has \$9,456.70 in it

Upcoming CAWCG Mini-Marts, Meetings, and Classes:

CAWCG Mini-Mart, Program, and Meeting (Dave Craft will conduct the program on **"The Theory of Gears"** -- to quote David, "I plan to try to do it without any serious mathematics. I will first show how a wheel and pinion with a radial tooth form will NOT work in clockwork by looking at the torque variation, show how this is also directly related to the velocity ratio,

and how for no torque variation, a constant velocity ratio is necessary. Then I'll show how the cycloidal and involute tooth profiles can meet this”), September 23, Tues., Austin, Texas, Kim Son Restaurant, 10901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite A1-501, (N. Lamar at Kramer), mini-mart setup begins at 5, bidding starts at 5:15 and is over at 5:45, meeting begins at 6 pm followed by program.

Basic Clock Repair Course, Oct. 25, Sat., Austin, Texas, Westover Hills Church of Christ (Steck at Mesa). The course will be 1 full day. Twelve identical American kitchen clock time and strike movements (with count wheels) have been purchased from Merritt's for the class. Among items covered will be disassembly, assembly, getting your clock in beat, etc. The course will be \$50 per person. There were still openings in the class as of 8/26. You will be able to register for the class and pay your money for it at the upcoming Guild meeting, or contact Mary Ellen Bell at salembriidge@yahoo.com

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

Micro Lathe Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), September 20, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

“It’s About Time” (features Austin artists Kara Bliss McGregor and Austin Haller performing music from Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and more, with gourmet ice cream from Lockhart’s Boca Chica Micro Creamery), September 27, Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches, Lockhart, Texas, 101 E. San Antonio St., (proceeds benefit the Museum; call 512-376-4266 for ticket information and reservations)

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

Wood Clock Case Restoration Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), October 4-5, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

Repair and Replacement of an American Strip Recoil Escapement Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), October 11-12, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

NAWCC Annual Tri-Chapter One-Day Show, October 18, Lockhart, Texas, First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 313 W. San Antonio St., 8 am – 1 pm

Chime Clock Repair Workshop (NAWCC Chapter 124 Class), November 8-9, 15-16, Grapevine, Texas, 701 S. Main

NAWCC Chapter 139 One Day Mart, November 22, Houston, Texas, St. John's Presbyterian Church

Introduction to Basic Time & Strike ... The American Kitchen Clock (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), January 15-18, Houston, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 139 is the sponsor)

Time & Strike Clocks with Spring Barrels (NAWCC Field Suitcase Workshop), January 24-27, Grapevine, Texas (NAWCC Chapter 124 is the sponsor)

Reminder:

Please bring door prizes to be given to some lucky individuals at our meetings. And also please bring your used watch batteries to our meetings. These batteries will be sold to benefit the Guild.

Time by Sam Carruthers

Who do we think we are, the makers of time?

Time, we think we know it

That must be how we came to show it.

What purpose does time serve?

Time goes around then it comes around

Yet we struggle how best to use it.

Where must time go?

Time waits for no one, this too shall pass

Oh my I'm late, for a very important date.

When did time begin, where shall it end?

Mother Nature, Father Time

We always seek and hope to find.

How do we know it's about time?

After all it was once upon a time amid the sands of time

We are here, but we are not all there.

Why must we know time that will escape us?

Like the tic toc winding down we slow and stop

Yet time remains the illusion without any conclusion.

So be it about time and how it may shape us?

Too much, too little, too late

Each of these carries its own weight

Go ahead and try to create

A timepiece, a clock, a watch, or a timer

It consumes your time and then it's your reminder.

Perhaps you're having the time of your life?

If only for a while, or for the time being

Try to explain how time provides you with meaning.

