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CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

DECEMBER, 2005

Meeting Date & Time: Sunday, December 11 - Mart begins at 1:00
Meeting and Program at 2:00

Location: Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak
Lenexa, Kansas

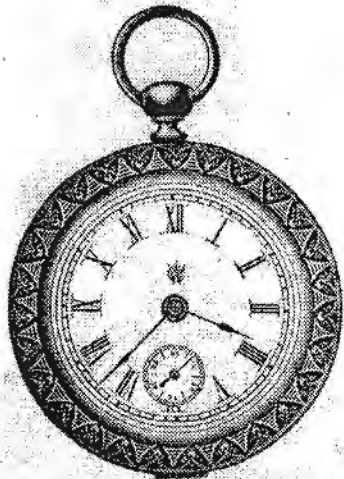
Directions: Exit I-35 at 95th Street, west to Pflumm (3rd light),
right on Pflumm (1 1/2 blocks) to Community
Center (west building)

Reminder: Bring horological items for the Mart to trade or sell
& items for Show & Tell, especially watches you
would like information on from Rolex (real or fake)
to grandpa's antique pocketwatch

Program: Watches - Rolex (is it real or fake?) - and others
Richard Trombla, Watch Maker

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ROLEX WATCHES - "IS IT REAL OR IS IT A FAKE?"

Richard Trombla will present the program at the meeting on Sunday, December 11, on watches and watch-making; more specifically with a focus on Rolex watches.

Richard will illustrate how to tell a real Rolex from a fake Rolex – and there are a lot of fakes out there! He will also include some interesting history on the company.

Richard comes from a watch making family – his grandfather went to watch school in Kansas City in 1910. Richard's father was also a watch maker. Richard attended watch school at

Oklahoma State University in Okmulgee (25 miles south of Tulsa) about ten years ago, and his daughter also learned watch making at OSU.

Last summer Richard began operating a watch repair facility out of his home. Most of his work now is done for retail jewelers, although he does accept some work from individuals. He works on watches only (no clocks), ranging from Rolex to antique pocket watches.

In speaking with Richard about his program, his support and endorsement of the watch school at OSU is clearly evident. He spoke of the shortage of watch makers worldwide, the need for young people to enter the field, and the opportunity to make a good income in this profession.

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Meetings schedule:

February 12, 2006

March 12, 2006

April 9, 2006

June 11, 2006

August 13, 2006

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October 9 HOA Gathering in Sedalia



There are no minutes for the October meeting, as no meeting was held. The regular October meeting date was scheduled as a social at the home of Don and Mona Allen in Sedalia.

A total of about 48 members and their spouses and guests began arriving at the Allen's around 1:00, where they were warmly greeted by Mona and Don, and the wonderful aromas of a multitude of homemade dishes collecting in the kitchen as more and more people arrived.

All of the guests were treated to tours of the Allen's home with identifications and stories of their extensive clock collection. Interest was generated for many of the antique buffs present by Mona's special passion for antique victorian stove flues and antique prints beautifully displayed throughout their home, along with many unique and lovely pieces of antique furniture.

Mona gave several of the ladies some lessons on replicating the faux finishes she has used on some of the walls in their home, along with stories of her trials to finally achieve that special "look."

A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all—way too much food—no way to even sample each dish—for me anyway. Thanks to everyone who prepared their special dish for the meal.

Don and Mona have tackled quite a few large projects in remodeling the home they moved to several years ago. Their humor and stories about these projects were a delightful addition to the afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who attended. I think all would agree the fellowship, meal and opportunity to enjoy the Allen's collection and their home were well worth the drive. And very special thanks to Don and Mona for welcoming Chapter 36 into their home for a very special and enjoyable social event.

Donna Stofer, Chapter 36 Secretary

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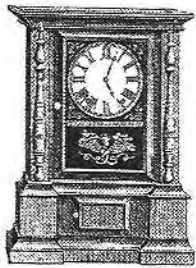
Wayne Herrmann
NAWCC Fellow

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Richard encourages members to invite to this meeting as their guests any sons, grandsons, neighbors or friends who might have an interest in a career in watch making. He always includes an overview of what OSU has to offer and will be glad to speak individually with any potential watch makers about the program at OSU.



Please bring any watches you may have in your collection – especially Rolex – real or fake. You're also encouraged to bring any other interesting watches you may have for Show and Tell, or that you would like to discuss with Richard.



**Update on
NAWCC
Crafts Contest**
Cleveland, Ohio

The NAWCC Crafts Contest Committee is initiating a new category for local chapters to restore a clock as a chapter activity and enter it in the Chapter Clock Restoration Contest at the National Convention. The NAWCC Crafts Contest will be held at the 61st National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 21-23, 2006.

Your Executive Committee met on October 24 and approved the participation of Chapter 36 in this contest. It will give chapter members the opportunity to bring together the individual skills learned in the educational programs to complete a common project. Jim Kuhn has agreed to be the project team leader. It was proposed to attempt to identify a restorable tall case clock for the project; and several leads on clocks have been followed. There will be an update at the meeting on whether or not a clock has been found. The clock chosen must be pre-1920, and preferably pre-1900; and have reasonable potential for restoration. Your ideas about the project are welcome. If you know of a potential clock for this project, please contact Jerry Thornsberry.

The Chapter Clock Restoration Project promises to be a lot of fun and has the potential to involve several Chapter 36 members.

We will also have a progress report at the December meeting on the 2007 River Cities Regional, and other agenda items from the Executive Committee meeting.

Winter Educational Program Planning Finalized

A lot of time has been spent finalizing the courses and instructors for the proposed offerings. The Educational Programs that will be offered beginning in March are:

Gold Leafing, Reverse Glass Painting
Intermediate Lathe Skills, and other possible topics not yet nailed down.

Cost will be from \$25 to \$35 depending on the facility cost for each course. For these offerings your reservation will not be held without payment. Last winter we had classes that were not full because of late cancellations, an occurrence we want to avoid this year. Be at the December meeting for updates on the courses to be offered.

Silent Auction at December Meeting

As many of you are aware, Al and Fran Moses moved to Green Valley, Arizona (1139 N. Laurel Glen Drive 85614) in November. Al will stay in touch and remain on our mailing list, and Al and Fran have issued an invitation to members to visit "soon as they get settled in."

Al has gifted the Chapter 36 Education Fund with his collection of NAWCC Bulletins. These will be auctioned off at the December meeting in a silent auction, which Dick Stofer has agreed to oversee. The oldest issue is #170 from 1974 and they run up to current issues. So go over your library of Bulletins, make a note of the missing issues, and come to the meeting with a little extra cash or your checkbook. This is also an opportunity for newer NAWCC members to obtain these invaluable resources at what will probably be a nominal cost. Most of the newer issues will be grouped and sold in larger lots. All proceeds will benefit the Chapter 36 Education Fund.

Chapter 36 Membership Application

Please complete this form and a \$10.00 check made payable to NAWCC Chapter 36 and mail to: Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer, 1715 S. Vermont, Independence, MO 64052. Or better yet, come to the next meeting and join in person.

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Start Now!

Gold Leafing

to prepare your item to enter the
 NAWCC Crafts Contest.

Enamel Dials



24 Categories

Reverse Glass Painting

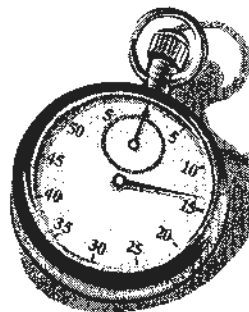
Clock and Watch Cases

NAWCC National Convention
 Cleveland, Ohio
 June 21-23, 2006

Rules and Entry Form in December Mart!

Mart Man sez:

Bring clocks and horological items to the December meeting for the Mart tables. We're especially focusing on watches for this meeting—show your stuff watch people!



Please pass this newsletter on to any friend or acquaintance who has horological interests or potential, and encourage him/her to attend the next meeting. Or call your chapter secretary to request a newsletter be mailed to a prospective member.