

# HEART OF AMERICA

## CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

APRIL, 2008

**Meeting Date & Time:** Sunday, April 9 - 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 Westclox

**Program:** Jerry Bamsberger from Derby, Kansas, on  
Westclox clocks and history, with a focus on  
Big Ben and Little Ben clocks

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### Election of Officers to be Held at April Meeting

As required by the Constitution and By-Laws of NAWCC Heart of America Chapter 36, the biennial election of officers will be held at the regular April meeting, to elect a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office is two years, to commence at the adjournment of the April meeting.

If you would like to serve, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Wayne Herrmann, Harry Birth, Lucky Mason, or Dwain Paugh. Nominations may also be made from the floor (with the prior consent of the member being nominated).

### In Addition to Chapter 36 Members Honored

We have been notified that Hugh Overton and Ruth Overton both received silver certificates from NAWCC in recognition of their new member recruiting efforts and of sharing the vision of NAWCC. Their names were included in the notification letter from NAWCC to Ozark #57, but not in the letter to Chapter #36, where they are also members. Congratulations Hugh and Ruth!

### NAWCC 45 Year Pin to Clement Wagner



Glenn Blair, Sam Kutner, Clement Wagner, Jerry Thornsberry

At the February meeting, President Jerry Thornsberry presented Clement Wagner with his NAWCC 45 Year Pin and 45 Year Club certificate. 45 Year Club members Glenn Blair and Sam Kutner assisted in honoring Clement. Clement serves as Historian for Chapter 36.

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Meetings schedule:

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June 11, 2006

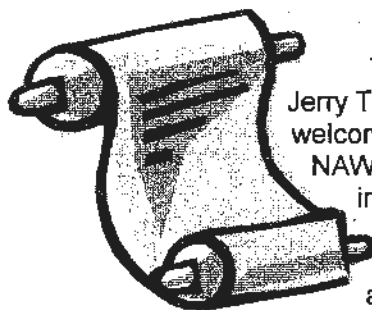
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October 8, 2006

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## Minutes from February 12 Meeting



The meeting was convened early at 1:45 by President Jerry Thornsberry, with a good crowd of 58 attending. Jerry welcomed several visitors who indicated intention to join NAWCC and Chapter 36. Jerry encouraged early enrollment in the two education classes being offered March 17-18 and April 1-2. The February newsletter was mailed to all NAWCC members in the surrounding areas, with an invitation to participate in the classes.

Jerry Thornsberry, with 45 Year Club'ers Sam Kutner and Glenn Blair, presented Clement Wagner with his 45 Year Club certificate and NAWCC 45 year pin.

The program presented by Art Didion and Bill Dugan generated a lot of interest. Art demonstrated gear cutting using a horizontal bed Atlas Milling Machine from the 1940's he purchased on eBay. Bill Dugan demonstrated a similar end result using an Atlas lathe with a milling attachment. Bill purchased his machine on the way back from the Fort Thomas Regional. There were a lot of specific questions from members answered and demonstrated by both Bill and Art. The program wrapped up with additional questions held until after the business meeting.

The tall case clock purchased from Glenn Blair for the Don Higley Memorial Clock chapter restoration project was on display at the meeting. Jim Kuhn, team leader, asked for members who would like to assist on the restoration. Wayne Herrmann volunteered to restore the movement. Jim Kuhn said he would create the missing molding pieces. Jim is setting a time to meet to evaluate and assess what needs to be done. Joe Gensheimer offered to drive the group to Jim's shop in Topeka.

Wayne Herrmann introduced Roger Schroeder, who spoke about lathe work. Roger has agreed to hold a lathe class for 5 or 6 at his home. He will demonstrate using the lathe, assign homework, and the group will meet again several weeks later to continue. Interest sheets were passed out to those wishing to attend for names and email information.

April is officer election month. Jerry announced the nominating committee consists of Harry Firth, Wayne Herrmann, Lucky Mason and Dwain Paugh.

Jerry mentioned that although clocks prevail, the chapter also looks for high interest watch programs to present. He is presently looking for someone to present programs on the South Bend Watch Co. and on keywind watches. A program coming in the future is Jerry Bamsberger from Derby, Kansas, on Westclox history with a focus on Big Ben and Little Ben clocks.

Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer, reported a balance in the checking account of \$1,132.80, after a donation to NAWCC of \$200, and a balance in the Regional account (currently earning interest in a CD) of \$7,033.90.

During Show and Tell, Bob Hensley talked about his recent entry into the Howard Banta Alarm Clock chapter, and illustrated the new turn his collection may be taking using the recent Banta newsletter. Harry Firth created a nice display of new car clocks he has acquired since his program presentation last summer. Dick Stofer requested that members recycle their duplicate and unwanted bulletins in the Mart to sell to newer members.

Jerry closed the meeting with a few announcements. He has reserved the first week in April for the 2009 River Cities Regional, and is still working on finalizing the facility for 2007. Phil Gregory asked Jerry to relay the news of an increase this year in NAWCC dues from \$50 to \$65, and spouse memberships from \$10 to \$20.

*Donna Stofer, Chapter 36 Secretary*

P.S. We welcome three new chapter members by mail-in application and they are included on the enclosed roster: Ron Dunaway, Robert Firth, and Doug Kantro.

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## NATIONAL LEADERS

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Ruth Herrmann  
NAWCC Fellow

Wayne Herrmann  
NAWCC Fellow

## Update on Clock Restoration Project

The Don Higley Memorial Clock was in display at the February meeting in its "before" condition. Chapter 36 members decided in December to restore a tall clock for the purpose of entering it in the Chapter Clock Restoration Contest at the NAWCC National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, this June.

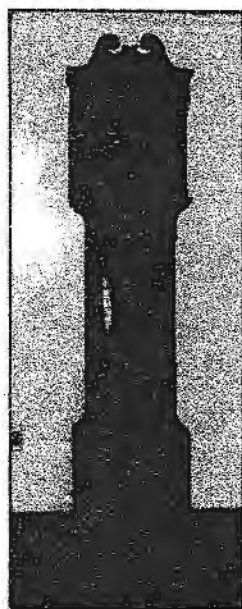
Wayne Herrmann reports that work was started on the restoration clock with cleaning of the movement. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Harry Firth, Mark Bradfordfield, and Steve Waitzmann met at the Herrmann's home, where much cleaning, polishing and determining of repair needs was done. Dwain Paugh came later in the afternoon and picked up the crutch to repair. The movement should be ready by the April chapter meeting.

Jim Kuhn, the project team leader, reports that Bill Dugan is doing some veneer work and Wayne Herrmann is working on the movement and is ready for weights and pendulum so he must be ready to run on test stand. Jim has received some photos that confirm what the base should look like, to guide him in making the missing wood trim pieces.

After the clock is displayed at the NAWCC National convention, it will be sold, with any accrued revenues above expenses going to the chapter educational fund.

## Lathe Class Conducted by Roger Schroeder

The first two hour lathe class was held February 25<sup>th</sup> at Roger Schroeder's home with six chapter members and one new NAWCC member who plans to become a chapter member in April. The second and third classes will be held March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. These classes will include the same members and will provide additional information. A hearty "thank you" to Roger for sharing his knowledge, opening his home, and making this class possible.



## Education Classes to Be Rescheduled

The Gold Leafing on Wood and Reverse Glass Painting classes planned for March 18-19 and April 1-2 were cancelled and are being rescheduled for times that will enable more people to participate.

Bill Dugan suggests the gold leafing class be held on several week nights over a week or two. Phil Gregory has offered the dates of July 22-23 or September 16-17 as options for the reverse glass painting class, and can work with new as well as repeat students in a combined class. Please come to the April meeting with your calendars, ready to discuss and set new class dates for these two classes.

## Gear/Wheel Cutting Program in February



Art Didion (left) demonstrated gear cutting using a horizontal bed Atlas Milling Machine from the 1940's he purchased on eBay.

Bill Dugan (right) demonstrated a similar end result using an Atlas lathe with a milling attachment. Bill purchased his machine on the way back from the Fort Thomas Regional.



## 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.

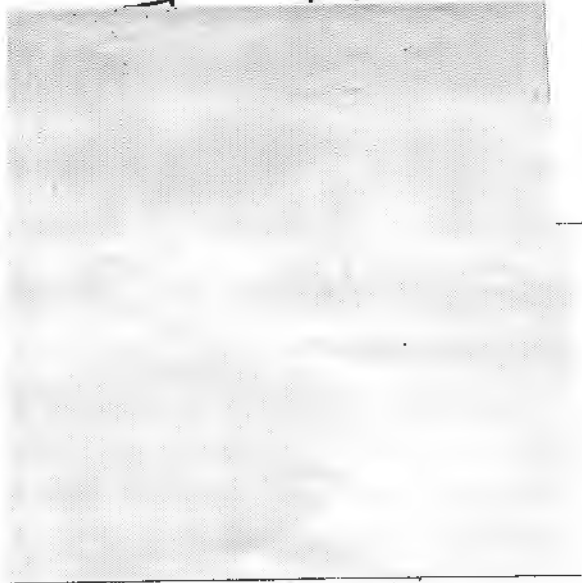
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**Sympathy to Lance Burton and Family**

For those of you who remember Lance and Rosalie Burton as members of our Chapter, we regret to pass on news of Rosalie's death in February after a very courageous fight with pancreatic cancer.

Information from the Kansas City Star:  
 "Rosalie Burton, 55, Raymore, MO, passed away Feb. 25, 2006. She will be greatly missed by her husband, 2 children, and 4 granddaughters. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m., March 5 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 1200 SW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO; with a memorial service to follow. Children welcome; casual dress. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to K.C. Cancer Center or the family suggests teddy bears be donated at the time of services."

**Mart Man sez:**

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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.