

HEART OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

JUNE, 2006

Meeting Date & Time: Sunday, June 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

Program: Chapter 36 member, Judge Robert Serra, on the
Winkler Street Clock in Kansas City, Kansas.
Field trip after meeting to view Winkler Clock and
enjoy a group restaurant dinner together.

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RIVER CITIES REGIONAL

We have combined the dates of March 30th and 31st, 2007, for our next regional. We will be in the Business and Technology College Exhibit Hall at 1775 Univer-sal, Kansas City, Missouri. The Host Hotel will be the Intrigue Park Place Hotel near by. These facilities are located near the I-435/Front Street intersection. This is a nice facility with lots of room and should work well for us.

We are starting to make detailed plans and will soon be asking for your help with the various commit-tees. Please put these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. Your participation with table ren-als and attendance can make this event successful as well as being an enjoyable occasion.

Wayne Herrmann
Regional Chairman

How about dinner out June 11?

The program for the June meeting will be about the Winkler Street Clock located in Kansas City, Kansas, and presented by Chapter 36 member, Judge Robert Serra.

After our meeting concludes, we are planning a mini field trip to go see the clock, then enjoy dinner to-gether at a nearby restaurant. We had hoped to have identified the eatery to include in this newsletter, but will have to announce it at the meeting. Plan to attend and enjoy some fellowship, and a reasonably priced dinner with some pretty agreeable folks.

Jerry Thornsberry
Chapter 36 President

Be sure to pick up a newly updated Chapter 36 member roster at the June meeting. Although a roster was included in your April newsletter, we have had quite a few new members added who are now included in the roster. We also still have a few members who have not paid their 2006 dues (due at the April meeting).

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Meetings schedule:

June 11, 2006
August 13, 2006
October 8, 2006
December 10, 2006
February 11, 2007

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Minutes from April 9 Meeting



Jerry Thornsberry called the meeting to order at 2:00. New members welcomed were: Joe Loar, who enjoys clock repair, invited by Sam Kutner; Steven Morford, mainly interested in pocket watches; Greg Moffitt and Craig Fritche mailed in their applications; Ray Shubinski is a director of Science City at Union Station and would host a meeting there with a focus on railroad timekeeping and the rail exhibit.

Jerry introduced the Crafts Contest display materials for the National in Cleveland to be held in June.

The program was presented by Jerry Bamsberger from Derby, Kansas, on Westclox. Jerry has been collecting Westclox alarm clocks for 40 years, and is very knowledgeable about the history of the company and its product lines. He had a very comprehensive and colorful display that included many original Westclox ads mounted for display.

A report was given on the Don Higley Memorial Clock project. Bill Dugan reported Jim Kuhn is working on the molding. The movement was on display on a stand. Wayne Herrmann talked about the work that had been done on the movement. He said the proper 13 lb. weights need to be bought from TimeSavers for the clock.

Bill Dugan reported the gold leaf class is being rescheduled to begin in about three weeks, held at Legacy Christian Church at 102nd and Antioch on Thursday nights. Bill has a list of those who will be taking the class. Anyone else interested needs to contact Bill as the class is limited and supplies are being purchased for those attending.

The reverse glass painting class is being rescheduled for either July 22-23 or September 16-17. Contact Dwain Paugh if you want to take sign up for the class.

Wayne Herrmann reported a very successful lathe class was completed that was taught by Roger Schroeder at his home. The 6 attending were very eager students and all learned a lot from the classes. Wayne moved a gift certificate for dinner for Roger and his wife be purchased as thanks to Roger:

Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer, reported a balance in the checking account of \$1,162.92, and in the Regional account of \$6,913.90. A deposit has been made on the facility for the 2007 Regional to be held in Kansas City.

The meeting was turned over to the Nominating Committee. Harry Firth submitted the unopposed slate of officers: Jerry Thornsberry, President; Dan Ward, Vice-President; Darrell Carr, Vice-President; James Kuhn, Secretary; Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer. Nominations from the floor were solicited; Bob Hill moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Jerry Thornsberry outlined the possible program for June by Judge Robert Serra on the Kansas City Kansas four sided street clock; and for October the possibility of a social meeting with a program at Union Station.

Dwain Paugh and Harry Firth agreed to coordinate coffee and refreshments, setup and cleanup for the meetings.

The agenda for the June meeting needs to include information on the history of the restoration clock (which Bill Dugan will provide) and ideas for the sale of the clock, after its entry into the crafts contest at the National Convention.

Jerry Thornsberry announced a facility has been booked for the 2007 Regional to be held on March 30 & 31. The BTC Exhibition Hall at I-435 and Front Street has 12,000+ square feet and a presentation room, for which we will pay \$1,200. It appears we will be at the facility at the same time as the Dirk Soulis Antique Show, which will greatly enhance attendance. Jerry hopes the chapter will be able to clear \$2,000 with this regional rather than lose money or break even. Jerry also proposed that the exhibit for the Regional be a memorial to honor Harry Bellis.

Jerry also mentioned considering the group going out for dinner after the June meeting, near the location of the Kansas City KS street clock.

Donna Stofer, Outgoing Chapter 36 Secretary

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Update on Clock Restoration Project

A task force including Tom Foster, Joe Gensheimer, Wayne Herrmann, Bob Hill, Lucky Mason, Charles McBride, Dwain Paugh, Jerry Thornsberry, Jerry VanLanker and Harry Firth gathered at Jim Kuhn's Shawnee Woodwork factory in Topeka, May 11 to create an authentic footing for the chapter's tall case project clock.

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Harry Firth

(Be sure to view Harry's photos of the evening's project at the June chapter meeting.)

Executive Committee Meeting Results

Chapter 36 Executive Committee planning session convened at Linda and Jerry Thornsberry's home at 7 pm on April 24. Present were President Jerry Thornsberry, Vice Presidents Darrell Carr and Dan Ward, Secretary James Kuhn, Treasurer Jerry VanLanker, Dwain Paugh and prospective newsletter editor Harry Firth.

After a review of officer roles and expectations, the committee worked toward a proposed Plan for 2006-08 to be presented at the June chapter meeting for discussion, possible revisions, and (hopefully) ratification.

Members were suggested as possible chairpersons and members of a number of responsibility areas, including educational programs, communications, meeting programs, travel, special chapter events, clock restoration project(s) including possible street or tower clock restoration, special watch-related programs and activities, River Cities Regional, etc., to be detailed in the June report.

Communications issues including newsletter, photography, and reports for the NAWCC Bulletin were reviewed. Harry Firth will be assisting Jim Kuhn as newsletter editor. The approach and 11"x17" format which Donna Stofer introduced will be continued, with the possible addition of color photography from time to time.

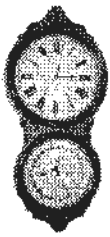
Essentially, the 2006-08 Plan aims for enrichment of the Chapter through presentations from fellow collectors with local, regional, and national reputations for expertise in their horological field of interest; through programs which provide a balance of history and research, including practical clock and watch restoration; opportunities for group travel not only to regional and national NAWCC activities, but also outings to convenient historic sites; and through enjoyable and creative participation in chapter activities.

Harry Firth

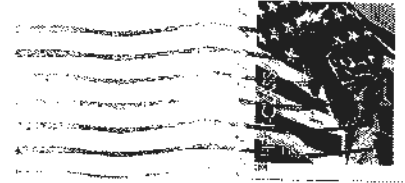
Chapter 36 Membership Application

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.

Name _____ NAWCC # _____
Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
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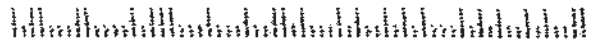


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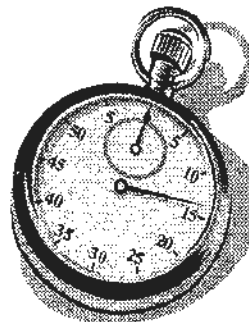
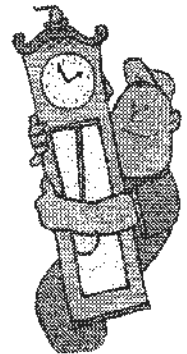
Sympathy to the Wagner Family

Our sympathy to Clement and Florent Wagner and all in the Wagner family on the passing of their mother, Margaret E. Wagner, on April 29. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Caspar Wagner, a founding member of Chapter 36.

Over the years, many of us frequently spoke with, became acquainted with, and were welcomed into her home. Mrs. Wagner was often seen viewing the wares at local auctions and antique shows, being an avid lover of antiques, especially her particular favorite collectibles. She was a gracious hostess and devoted collector, and lived her long life fully and well.

Mart Man sez:

Bring clocks and horological items to the June meeting for the Mart tables. Our program will be on the Winkler Street Clock. Be sure to bring any related clock items for show and tell!



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.

TEAM MAKES PROGRESS ON CLOCK PROJECT

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Picnic Fun in Carthage

A fine group from Heart of America Chapter 36 made the trip to Carthage to participate in the Ozark Chapter 57 picnic on Sunday, August 6th at the home of Ruth and Hugh Overton.

Towering shade trees afforded comfort for picnic guests on an otherwise hot Missouri day!



Among the numerous displays of horological items for sale, this couple had set up shop near the front entrance to the Overtons' lovely home.



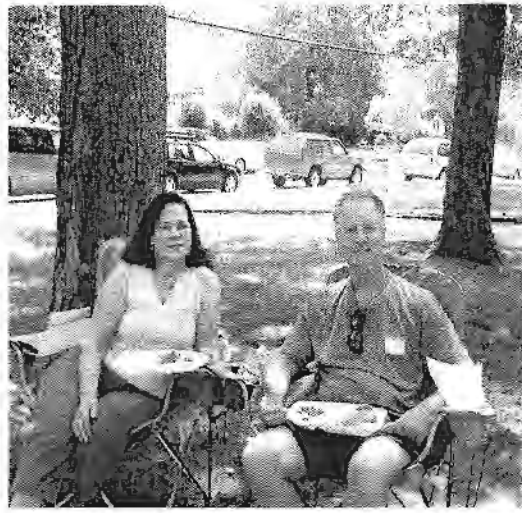
A neighbor with her wheelbarrow-load of horological items poses with Hugh and Ruth Overton during the picnic luncheon. The orange signboard read: "Agnes Overton's Rare and Exquisite Neat CLOCKS!"



This was a day of cordial fellowship, in which members of both NAWCC chapters could renew friendship, and also catch up on latest information concerning developments in the world of horology enthusiasts.



Perhaps, browsing these picnic photos, you may be able to recognize many of the participants.



Tours were provided to examine the outstanding collection in Ruth and Hugh Overton's home. In the main hallway was a tall flute clock whose tunes accompany the striking of the hours. Guests also admired Hugh's mirror clock, which was his blue ribbon entry in the Cleveland convention contest.





Everyone enjoyed fun, food, fellowship at the Carthage picnic!

