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CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

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OCTOBER 8th MEETING AT UNION STATION — DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Parking and all other fees will be waived, courtesy of Ray Shubinski and the Union Station, when Chapter 36 members and friends gather for a special meeting and tour beginning at 1 pm on Sunday, October 8th in the Town Hall Meeting Room of Union Station.

Once we have parked our cars in the covered parking lot, we proceed through the west door of Union Station, where a chapter member will direct us to our conveniently located meeting room on the ground floor.

We will not have a Mart this time, owing to the panoply of events planned for the afternoon:

1:00 to 1:30 — Gathering and Refreshments in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Please try to be on time, so that the program can begin promptly at 1:30.

1:30 — Afternoon Program begins: Welcome, Introductions, Orientation

Train museum tour, conducted by Ray Shubinski

Talk: "Marketing Strategies of Railroad Watch Manufacturing," presented by Fr. Bradley Offutt, followed by brief committee reports

Clock tour concludes the formal program — (famous hanging clock, see photo, and the Howard sidewalk clock now on display indoors.)



Scene from "Under the Clock" at Union Station

Members may wish to visit one of the fine restaurants at Union Station, such as the new Harvey House and the Pierpont Restaurant.

Before going home, some may wish to walk across the historic bridge connecting the Station with restaurants to the north. (This bridge was recently moved to its new home by APAC, the firm where Bill Dugan works.)

See ya! Be sure to invite a friend!

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Minutes from the August 13 Meeting

Jerry Thornsberry called the meeting to order at 2:00. Sherry Loar, visiting for the first time, was introduced by her husband Joe.

Chairman Jim Kuhn, Charles McBride, and Wayne Herman presented Chapter 36's nearly completed restoration project. Estimated age of the English tall



clock is 1825-30, 8-day movement with rack-and-snail strike counter. Before restoration the clock was purchased for \$500. New 14# weights cost \$114, the iron dial has been carefully cleaned and the chapter ring and numbers restored at a cost of \$260. Top and corner art is all original. Beyond the \$874 outlay, labor and materials used by chapter members have been contributed without charge. We hope to auction the clock on Friday afternoon, March 30, 2007 during the River Cities Regional for the benefit of Chapter 36. Charles McBride presented a new skills demonstration, showing how unsightly nail or other holes can be filled with the use of an electric knife and colored shellac sticks, a technique used in restoration of the project clock.

The 2006-2008 program plan presented by president Thornsberry was positively received. Wayne Herrmann discussed River Cities Regional progress (next March 30-31 in the BTC Exchange Hall on Front Street). Displays will include a collection of Waltham car clocks and a dozen or more tall clocks from the period of 1850 and earlier, with Tom Spitzer our guest speaker on the topic. Goals include at least 75 registrations and 25 table rentals from within our chapter. Night security guards will be enhanced with volunteer security teams during the daytime.

Darrell Carr reported that he will arrange transportation assistance for tall clocks to the Regional if needed. \$12 fees for Steve Craddock's wood finish touchup class on September 30 are needed to secure participation. Those enrolling for the wood spindle turning class on November 18 need to pay their \$50 fee by mid October.

Duane Paugh reported that Phil Gregory's reverse glass painting class will have to be postponed, possibly until January, and that the date of the gold leafing class will soon be announced.

Don Allen announced that entry forms will be available at the October 8 meeting for anyone wishing to enter a clock restoration contest. Contest entries are due not later than the December chapter meeting, and will be judged at the February meeting, in time for display at the Regional. Please supply an advance photo, or simply bring the project clock along and we will help you get a picture for your application.

Bob Hill and Lucky Mason reported on the **Public Clocks Inventory project** for Joe Gensheimer. A map quest tour is being targeted for completion with digital photos and information within the next 2 years as part of a larger archive to be reported in the Bulletin. Please call Joe if you have information about public clocks within a 70 mile radius of Kansas City.

Charles McBride requested input and interest toward a proposed **2007 restoration project**.

Plans for **future Chapter 36 programs** include:

October — Union Station tour and program (see page 1.)

December — Rose Michael from Dick Michael's shop will present a program on restoration of metal surfaces.

February 2007 — Bill Dugan will speak on the works of Silas Hoadley.

April — A program on watch restoration led by a member of Special Watch Activities team.

Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted as published. **Treasurer's report:** In addition to \$6,913.90 in the regional account, current checking account balance was \$1,389.64. In accepting the treasurer's report, the chapter also authorized reimbursement of Jerry Thornsberry's expenses to date on the project tall clock.

Show and tell — **Joe Loar** displayed a London model Atkins clock with unmarked movement and cast brass gong base. Historian **Clement Wagner** shared a new photo display album.

Bill Knouse invited chapter members to the auction of his collection in Sabetha, KS on Labor Day. **Steve Morford** was the proud winner of \$50 in the 50/50 raffle organized by **Bob Hill**. A great chapter meeting was enjoyed by all.

Jim Kuhn, Secretary

Best Wishes for Swift Recovery

Chapter members are hoping that our former secretary Donna Stofer will recover well following brain surgery at Saint Luke's hospital earlier this month.

Donna and Dick are deeply appreciative of the many expressions of thoughts and prayers they have received, and their Chapter 36 brothers and sisters are proud to be a part of this supportive, caring community.

Nebraska Regional October 20-21 to be Co-hosted by Heart of America Chapter 36

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Regional which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, jointly sponsored by Great Plains Chapter 58 and Heart of America Chapter 36.

Phil Gregory is our national representative at the regional, which will take place at Ford Hall, and hotel accommodations are offered at the Omaha Holiday Inn Central.

Clock Restoration Contest Rules

Chairman Don Allen invites all interested chapter members to enter a clock restoration contest timed so that the winning entries can be displayed at our River Cities Regional held in Kansas City next March 30-31.

Entry forms will be distributed at our Union Station meeting on October 8th, deadline to enter December 10. Remember the necessary documentation of clock condition prior to restoration. If you need help with the photo, bring the clock and Don will help you at the meeting.

Projects must be completed for presentation and judging at the February 11 chapter meeting.

Chapter 36 Membership Application

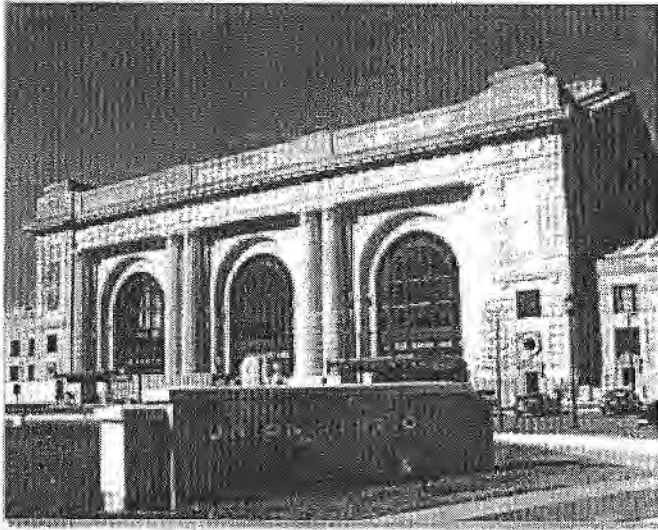
Please complete this form with a \$10.00 check made payable to NAWCC Chapter 36 and mail to: Jerry VanLanker, Treasurer, 1715 S. Vermont, Independence, MO 64052. Or better yet, come to the next meeting and join in person.

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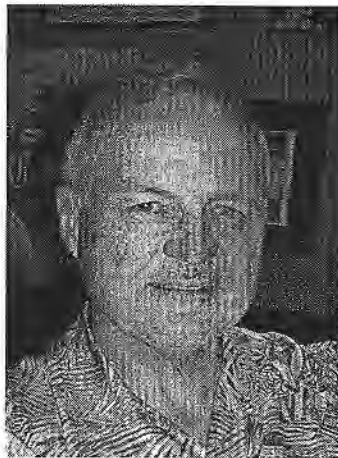
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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 36



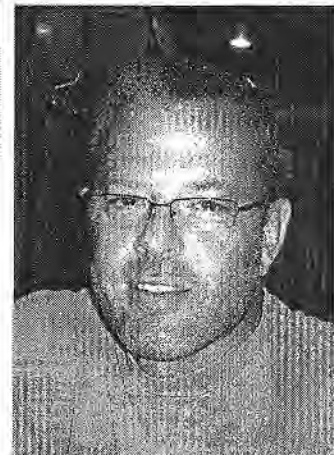
Curt Coffman (above)
— Hails from 12329 Westgate, Overland Park, Kansas 66213, telephone 913/681-2694. Curt is active in watch club gatherings.

Ron Dunaway (below)
— Operates Ron's Clock Repair Service from his home at 2413 Merlot Place, Excelsior Springs, Missouri 64024, telephone 816/530-1435.



Michael Morris (above)
— An economist with the US Department of Labor, Michael resides at 7429 Belleview, Kansas City, Missouri 64114, telephone 816/506-8181 and is regular at watch club gatherings.

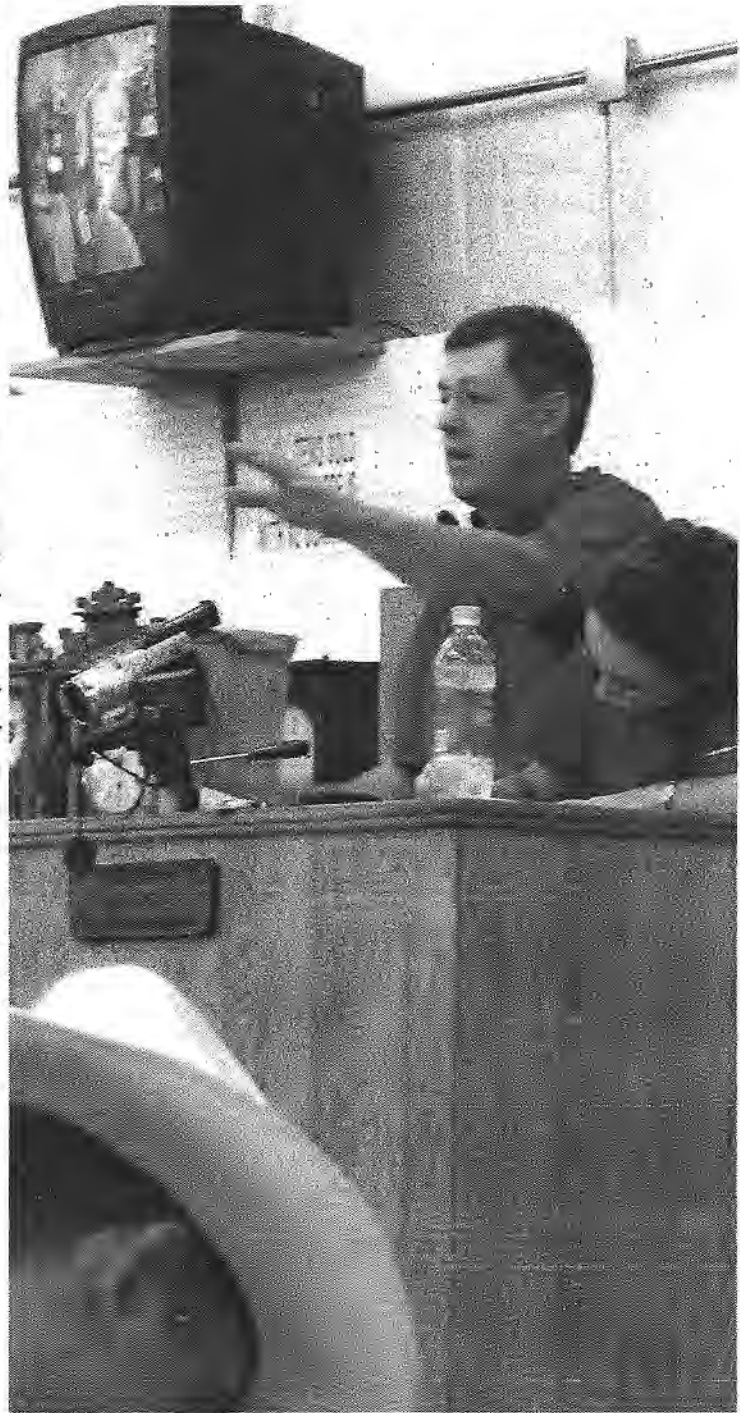
John Putnam (below), lives at 5510 NE Antioch Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64119, telephone 816/420-9085. His website for vintage watches is jput@coolvintagewatches.com



GOING PLACES, DOING THINGS



Bill and Dorothy Knouse Clock Auction a Great Success!



On Labor Day, September 4th, many Chapter 36 members took part in the auction of close to 400 clocks, representing Bill and Dorothy Knouse's lifetime collection.

Participants were in the mood for vigorous bidding, especially for such items as Sonora chime clocks, a skeleton clock (below) and the 72" Waterbury (left) from Liberty Theatre in Horton, Kansas.

This was a very successful and happy event for all who attended the auction.



Did you know?

A MONTHLY GATHERING IN NORTH KANSAS CITY FOR WATCH ENTHUSIASTS

At about 5:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, Paul and Jack's Tavern in North Kansas City hosts a gathering of watch collectors and enthusiasts.

Some of these people are local NAWCC members, some from other chapters, and some just interested friends who come to browse.

Items for sale are arranged on display tables and many prices are negotiable.

All are welcome at the "watch club," and many friendships are nourished when those who have time remain to have supper together afterward.

Paul and Jack's Tavern is located at 1808 Clay, which is about 1/2 block south of Armour, and one block east of northbound Highway 9 (from the north Oak Street exit leaving downtown Kansas City). The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd.

