

HEART OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

LATE JANUARY, 2007

February 11 Meeting and Mart

Come to the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, Kansas on Sunday, February 11. We begin with refreshments and mart at 1 pm, and the program follows promptly at 2 pm.

A double focus program is planned, presentation for examination of the 2007 project tall clock, and an open opportunity for membership participation ("show and tell"). Those who have unusual or rare timepieces are invited to bring and present them as part of the program.

Mark your calendar now so that you won't miss this important and informative meeting. Also, remember to bring clocks and other horological items for the mart at 1 pm on Sunday, February 11, 2007. Also, be sure to bring interesting items for Show and Tell.

Auction Opportunity

On Saturday, February 10, Iowa NAWCC member Lyle Segelberg's large collection of Ansonia clocks will be auctioned at the St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO. A number of these clocks are featured in Tran Duy Ly's book Ansonia Clocks and Watches.

The entire listing and photos can be viewed in advance at www.woodyauction.com (#127 through 300). A color brochure may also be obtained by calling Woody Auction at 316-747-2694. Online bidding can be accomplished at www.proxibid.com

The Convention Center is located 7 miles west of St. Louis Airport, just off Interstate 70 at exit 229.

Hugh Overton Asks For Your Vote

Fellow Chapter 36 member Hugh Overton is running for the position on the NAWCC Nominations and Elections Committee. He will greatly appreciate your support and vote.

Hugh has also served on Membership and Publicity and Crafts committees. He will be serving as General Chairman of the NAWCC National Convention to be held in Springfield, MO in June of 2008.



A Star Fellow, Hugh has served as chairman of numerous regional conventions, and has held various offices on the chapter level.

During the past thirty years, Overton has attended 15-18 regionals each year.

His six years of experience on the NAWCC Board of Directors, his 35 years in the horological field as ownere of Southwest Clock Supply, Inc., and his acquaintances through the regionals attended, should qualify him to make good judgments on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

CORRECTION! The telephone number listed for the Intrigue Park Place Hotel in earlier River Cities Regional announcements should be changed to 816-483-9900 Newsletter of the N.A.W.C.C.

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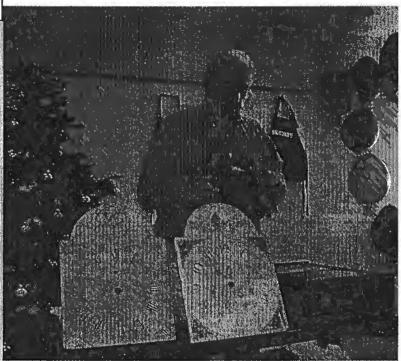
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Wayne Herrmann NAWCC Fellow

Minutes from the December 10 Meeting

Jerry Thornsberry called the meeting to order at 2 pm in the meeting hall of the Lenexa Community Center. New member Gayla Morford was welcomed into Chapter 36. Dwain Paugh explained procedures for the special Silent Auction to be concluded at the end of the meeting; items included a triple chime tall clock, 19th century kitchen clock, modern clock/barometer combination, and iron weights for a grandfather clock.

Our December program, The Life and Times of Silas Hoadley, was presented by Bill Dugan. Chapter members enjoyed a fascinating chronicle



of Hoadley family members and the influence that various associates contributed, including geographical references from enlarged map of Massachusetts. Referring to an impressive array of Hoadley tall clock movements. shelf clocks, and other wooden and brass movements.

Bill compared and contrasted techniques employed by Hoadley and associates during his heyday as a prominent colonial period clock manufacturer.

Team Reports

A. River Cities Regional — Wayne Herrmann described preparations that are moving ahead well for the regional to be held this coming March 30-31 in the BTC Exchange Hall on Front Street..

Advance registrations from chapter members so far have reached approximately 20% of goal, and chapter table reservations about 25%, a fine beginning. Hopefully, total member responses may exceed the estimates.

Security arrangements were reviewed, with special reference to tall clocks and other holological displays that will be set up the day before.

Those who will need transportation assistance for tall clocks were reminded that Darrell Carr will help as much as possible, but will need to know and schedule carefully in advance.

Wayne Andrews displayed colorful escort and security aprons to be used by chapter volunteers during the regional.

Two categories of non-NAWCC visitors may take part in the regional as follows: a) sponsored guests are those who are sponsored by a chapter member and have paid an entry fee of \$50. These guests will be allowed to purchase items, and may apply a portion of the fee toward NAWCC

membership should they decide to join. b) escorted visitors will be accompanied through the exhibition by apron-clad volunteers, to look but not purchase. Should any of these visitors desire to buy something, they would have to pay the fee and qualify as a sponsored guest.

Please contact Charlie McBride if you have horologically-related door prizes to contribute.

President Thornsberry shared several advance public relations efforts to invite wider participation, and discussed plans for a special regional edition of a River Cities Newsletter, partially funded by advertising, that would be sent to about 1,100 households in adjoining states.

- B. Educational Programs Darrell Carr, Dwain Paugh, Bill Dugan. Gold Leaf classes are currently in progress; another new class will start in January. Glass painting class will be held in March or April (\$35 registration fee). Seven members enthusiastically reported on their experience in the finial turning class with words like worth-while, educational, very positive experience.
- C. Clock Restoration Contest Don Allen. Applications were handed out to chapter members who plan to submit restoration projects for judgment at the February 11, 2007 chapter meeting. The winning entry or entries will then be displayed at the River Cities Regional March 30-31.
- D. 2006 Tall Clock Restoration Project Jim Kuhn. This beautifully completed English tall clock will be auctioned at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 30 during the River Cities Regional.
- E. 2007 Tall Clock Restoration Project Charles McBride. Work is beginning on another English tall clock purchased from charter member Glenn Blair. Wide participation of chapter members is invited ... contact Charles to arrange for your own hands-on involvement!

- F. Upcoming Chapter Programs Dan Ward. Unfortunately, Dan was unable to be present at the December meeting. Watch for information about future programs!
- G. Watch Activities Committee. We look forward to a report from this committee, serving under the chairmanship of Richard Trombla, as we begin a new year together.
- H. Tower and Street Clock Project Joe Gersheimer. Joe shared some of the documents and photos he has received to date. We are expanding our study zone to a 75 mile radius, and encouraging all chapter members to be alert for potential tower and street clocks.

October 8 Minutes from the Union Station meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer Jerry Van Lanker reported a \$579.32 balance in the Regional bank account (plus \$5458.85 CD), and \$1,530.34 in the Chapter treasury. The report was approved, and the treasurer instructed to reimburse \$450 to Charles McBride for 2007 tall clock expenditure. Decision concerning a chapter gift to NAWCC will be deferred until a later date.

Show and Tell

Art Didion displayed and discussed a book recently purchased that traces the exciting history of the quest for determining longitude, which led to the first successful marine chronometers.

Joe Loar displayed an outstanding example of a mid-19th century iron-cased E. N. Welch shelf clock. A careful cleaning of the iron case revealed abalone insets and beautiful multi-color paint work that had been obscured by many decades of accumulated grime.

Jim Kuhn, Secretary

	Chapter 36 Membership Application
	ith a \$10.00 check made payable to NAWCC Chapter 36 and mail to: Jerry 5. Vermont, Independence, MO 64052. Or better yet, come to the next meeting
Name	NAWCC#
Street Address	City/State/Zip
Phone	Email address



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Late January, 2007



In Memoriam: Bill Donegan

Heart of America Chapter 36 members were saddened by the death of William J. Donegan on December 25, 2006. To his wife Bonnie, his two brothers, eight children, step-daughter, twenty-two grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren, we offer deepest sympathy.

Born January 26, 1923 in Kansas City, KS, Bill was an Air Force combat veteran of World War II. a founder and president of the Donegan Optical Company, and member of the Church of the Nativity in Leawood, KS.

Nearly sixteen years ago Bill became a member of Heart of America Chapter 36 in April, 1991. He will be remembered for his strong support of our chapter.

Around and About

Ron Dunaway presented a program on clock repair to his Gladstone, MO Rotary Club meeting

on January 23rd.

Barbara Hohendorf would like to sell a homemade and guite convenient watchmaker's bench with two drawers and one flat surface that can be pulled out to prevent dropped items from falling to the floor. She is asking \$10 for the bench.

Miscellaneous cuckoo weiahts clock are available at 2 for \$5. Barbara also has several years of NAWCC Bulletins and Mart publications. Bulletins 5 for \$1, and Mart magazines free. Inter-



ested? Call Barbara at 913-299-3670.

Chapter 36 members Richard and Trombla, John Putnam and his son Chase, Robert Firth and Harry Firth were present for the January 2 watch club meeting at Paul and Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay in North KC. coming dates are first Tuesdays February 6 and March 6 beginning around 5 pm.

The Wichita Watch & Clock Collectors Mart will take place 9 am to 5 pm Saturday, March 24 at Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 W. 21st Street North (21st & Ridge Road). For registration forms or other information contact Paul Metsker, 2608 Sennett, Wichita KS 67211 (phone 316-263-0449).



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Special Edition Newsletter

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Tom Spittler to Speak at RCR Regional-March 30-31

Tom Spittler, nationally known researcher, author, and speaker will headline the educational programs at the River Cities Regional to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 30 & 31, 2007.



Tom Spittler

Early European and American Tall Clocks

Spittler has had a longtime interest in grandfather clocks, both American and British. He is fortunate enough to have lived in England twice, gaining firsthand knowledge of both the clocks and the places where they were made. He is a Star Fellow of the NAWCC, one of 65, and the 7th recipient of the NAWCC James W. Gibbs Award for Literary Achievement. Tom writes a monthly column in the British magazine Clocks and he has written numerous articles for the NAWCC Bulletin as well as every other major horological publication written in English. Tom, along with his late wife Sonya and Chris Bailey, authored the major reference American Clockmakers and Watchmakers. Tom lives in Ohio and always welcomes any inquiries about grandfather clocks.

The River Cities Regional provides an excellent opportunity for NAWCC members in the Midwest and the general public to hear from, and visit with, one of the leading experts in the field of tall clocks. Plan now to attend the regional meeting in Kansas City.

Please Patronize Newsletter Advertisers while Attending the River Cities Regional

Antiques and Collectibles Show to be Held in Conjunction with **River Cities Regional**

The River Cities Regional will share a facility with the Kansas City Market of Antiques and Collectibles show at the BTC Exhibition Hall located at 1775 Universal Avenue in Kansas City (I 435 and Front Street). The antique show set-up and early bird attendance begins at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30 and reopens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31.

The regional and antique show will have separate entrances and a wall-to-ceiling partition will divide the convention hall floor space for the two events. However, regional attendees will want to avail themselves of the unique opportunity of attending the antique show as well. The cost for attending the antique show is \$5.00 for the Early Bird session (also good for Saturday session) and \$2.50 for the regular Saturday session.

The antiques show is sponsored by Mr. Dirk Soulis, owner of the Great Plains Gallery and Dirk Soulis Auctions, companies located in Lone Jack, Missouri. He is also a member of Chapter 36. Mr. Soulis will conduct a two item auction, one of which is a European Tall Clock restored as a project by members of Chapter 36, on the Mart floor at 1.00 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

Public May Attend Regional

Some Conditions Apply

For the first time since the inception of the River Cities Regional, the general public will be able to attend the Mart portion of the event. The conditions under which non-NAWCC members may attend Mart and educational programs are explained below.

Educational Programs

As in the past, the educational programs presented at the 2007 regional will be open to the public. Educational programs will be presented on both March 30 and 31. See Non-Member on Page 2

Non-Member Attendance-from page 1

Sponsored Visitors

Under the provision of the Sponsored Visitor Program, any current NAWCC member may invite family members, friends, and acquaintances who are nonmembers to attend regional activities, including the Mart. The cost for each sponsored guest is \$35.00 plus the \$15.00 regional registration fee. Several benefits accrue to guests who choose to attend the regional under this provision. Guests: (1) are eligible to attend regional activities throughout the duration of the event, (2) may buy items in the Mart, but cannot sell items, and (3) will receive a certificate that allows him to apply the \$35.00 portion of the registration fee toward a one year membership in NAWCC. The partial credit toward a national membership is available to the guest for a thirtyday time period. The annual NAWCC membership is \$65.00.

Their attendance badge will appropriately identify guests attending under this provision. Individuals who have questions about this program should contact Wayne Herrmann, General Chairman for the River Cities Regional at (913) 432-6374.

Escorted Guests

Members of the general public who would like to view the Mart may do so under the Escorted Guests program. Escorted Guest attendees may have read about the regional in the local newspaper or noticed the signs advertising the regional while attending the Kansas City Market Antiques show. By making a request at the registration desk to view the Mart, they will be provided a visitor's badge and receive a personally escorted tour of the Mart by a Chapter 36 member.

The above attendance programs offer an excellent firsttime opportunity for members to bring guests to the regional. Please invite relatives and friends to join in the activities of the River Cities Regional.

The April Meeting of Chapter 36 will be held at the Lenexa, Kansas Senior Center on April 22nd. Visit with Chapter 36 members at the chapter table located near the Regional Tall Clock Exhibit.

Tall Clock and Waltham Car Clock Exhibit

Harry Bellis Memorial

The exhibit at the 2007 River Cities Regional is presented as a memorial to former member and Chapter Treasurer Harry Bellis. Harry lived in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and became interested in collecting clocks later in life. After being introduced to clock collecting by his brother-

Because of anticipated attendance accruing from the Kansas City Market Antiques Show and the new public admittance programs, it is suggested that table holders remain for Saturday Mart hours.

in-law, Bob Hill, Harry displayed a zest for the hobby. Harry enjoyed attending regionals and visiting with friends about clocks. His wife, Irene is an active member of Chapter 36.

Tall Clock Theme

In keeping with the theme of the 2007 regional, a tall clock exhibit will be on display for all to enjoy during the meeting. While the exhibit may have a few clocks of museum quality, the preponderance of the display will consist of clocks as found in the collections of Chapter 36 members. An attempt will be made to have as many manufacturers and styles as possible on display. Thus the focus of the exhibit will be on "learning about tall clocks", rather than having only clocks of museum quality. Tom Spittler will review information about each clock during his Walking Tour of the Tall Clock Exhibit on Friday afternoon. Anyone who would like to lend a clock to the exhibit should contact Darrell Carr at (913) 888-7569.

Waltham Car Clocks

The Reverend Cannon Harry Firth is a Waltham Car Clock aficionado. An avid collector of the Waltham 17 size automobile timepieces, Harry enjoys sharing his collection with others. Cannon Firth will have his collection on display and appropriately labeled in the exhibit area of the mart floor. Check the schedule on page 3 of this newsletter for the time of the Walking Tour of the Firth Waltham Automobile Collection presentation.

Tall Clock and Vienna Regulator to be Auctioned

Don Higley Memorial

Don Higley was a member of Chapter 36 for only a short time before his untimely passing. Don became interested in clocks while stationed in Europe during his military career. Don always enrolled in all restoration classes offered by Chapter 36 and was never content with only one way of doing a skill as taught in the class. He had to experiment to see if he could find a better way to accomplish the task. It is fitting, therefore, that the first Chapter 36 Clock Restoration Project be a memorial to Don.

Chapter 36 Project to be Sold at Auction

Chapter 36 members have donated their time and expertise to restore a European Tall Clock, a project originally initiated for the purpose of entering it in the Chapter Clock Restoration Contest at the 2006 NAWCC National Convention. The project was not completed in See Chapter Clock-page 2

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time to be entered in the contest as planned. However, the clock will be auctioned to the highest bidder at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30th on the mart floor at the regional. A two-weight Vienna Regulator recently donated to Chapter 36 will also be auctioned at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30.



Chapter 36 Members with European Tall Clock

High Interest Educational Programs Scheduled for Regional Participants

Friday, March 30

10:30 a.m. Early 19th Century Ohio Wood Myt Tall Clock Makers,

Tom Spittler, New Carlisle, Ohio

Restoration of Wooden Clock Cases, 1:30 p.m. Don Allen, Sedalia, Missouri

Clock Mvt. Assembly and Disassembly, 2:30 p.m.

Larry Boucher and Chapter 36 Members Walking Tour of Tall Clock Exhibit, 3:30 p.m.

Tom Spittler, New Carlisle, Ohio

Saturday, March 31

National Origin of British Isle Tall Clocks, 9:30 a.m. Tom Spittler-New Carlisle, Ohio

Clock Mvt. Assembly and Disassembly, 11:00 a.m. Larry Boucher and Chapter 36 Members

Walking Tour of Waltham Automobile 11:00 a.m. Clocks, Reverend Cannon Harry Firth.

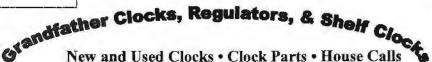
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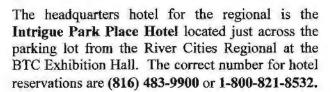
PHILIP WILSON

106 Saddlebrook Drive Lee's Summit, MO 64082 (816) 524-8250 E-mail: WilsonClocks@gmail.com

Stop by and see our samples at Table C-3 at the River Cities Regional-Bring Your Dial!

See photos at www.WilsonClocks.com

Headquarters Hotel and Breakfast



A plated breakfast banquet will be held at the headquarters hotel on Saturday morning at 7:30 а.т.. Joanne От, a member of the NAWCC Board of Directors, will speak at the breakfast. A Welch Schoolhouse clock with a Rosewood case will be one of several door prizes at the hreakfast. Buy your tickets early as space is limited.

No Fee Silent Auctions • Outstanding Door Prizes

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The educational program lineup for the River Cities Regional promises to be of great value and high interest to watch and clock collectors. A short review of some of the programs is presented below.

Wood Works Tail Clock Makers of Southern Ohio: This program covers the manufacturing of Luman Watson and associates. The cabinetmakers who made the cases are covered in detail. The forty-five minnte program will take the audience through the development and history of these clocks with time for questions. A very interesting program with new material and many photographs. *Tom Spittler* (Friday, 10:30 a.m.)

Wooden Clock Case Restoration: This presentation demonstrates how to restore that old wooden clock case while retaining the original finish. The presenter displays cases in various stages of the restoration process while providing a hands-on demonstration. The product used in the restoration process is New Life Furniture Masque. *Don Allen* (Friday, 1:30 p.m.)

Clock Movement Assembly and Disassembly: This popular program is brought back to the River Cities Regional by request of past participants. The fundamental elements of how to correctly take a movement apart and put it back together are covered in this program. This is an excellent program for those individuals who are considering taking up clock repair as part of their hobby. Also, this is a popular program for children and young adults beginning at about eight years of age and older. Larry Boucher and Members of Chapter 36 (Friday, 2:30 p.m. & Saturday, 11:00 a.m.)

Walking Tour of Tall Clock Exhibit: Tom Spittler will explain interesting and unique facts about each clock in the exhibit. A variety of tall clocks will be included in the exhibit to be reviewed and questions will be encouraged. *Tom Spittler* (Friday, 3:30 p.m.)

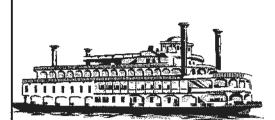
National Origin of British Isle Tail Clocks: Mr. Spittler will enumerate the various unational characteristics that differentiate the clocks of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. This program will be most helpful in helping one recognize the country of origin of tall clocks made during the 18th and 19th centuries in Britain. A most helpful tool when estimating the age and originality of a clock. *Tom Spittler* (Saturday 9:30 a.m.)

Walking Tour of Waltham Automobile Clock Exhibit: This display includes an extensive collection of Waltham size 17 automobile clocks. The manufacturing history of automobile clocks will be reviewed as the presenter compares the similarities and differences of each model. Reverend Cannon Harry Firth (Saturday, 11:00 a.m.)

Wanted

Seth Thomas Office Calendar No. 12, or 13, in any condition. Must have time mvt. I have calendar mvt.

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River Cities Regional March 30-31, 2007 Kansas City, Missouri

BTC Exhibition Hall at I-435 and Front

Host Chapter: Heart of America No. 36 Co-Host: Great Plains No. 58

Hotel Accommodations - Intrigue Park Place Hotel - 1601 Universal Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 483-9900 or 1-800-821-8532. Special NAWCC Rate \$75.00 Single/ Double until March 15th (The hotel is adjacent to the regional-no driving required). Make reservations directly with the hotel.

Convention Theme: Early European and American Tall Clocks. Mr. Tom Spittler will be the featured speaker at the meeting.

Other Lecture, Workshop Topics and Activities: Watham Car Clocks, Wooden Clock Case Restoration, Clock Movement Assembly and Disassembly and Silent Auction.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 30
7:30 a m.-Registration Open
8:00 a m.-Mart Set-Up
9:00 a m.-Mart Open
1:00 p.m.-Auction, English
Tall Clock (Chapter 36
Restoration Project)
5:00 p.m.-Mart Closes

Saturday, March 3 I 7:30 a m.-Breakfast Banquet 8:30 a m.-Mart Opens 3:30 p.m.-Mart closes Meetings and Workshops scheduled throughout the regional

The hotel and regional are conveniently located for easy access to the Truman Library, Riverboat Casinos, Plaza Shopping, Steamship Arabia Museum, Truman Sports Complex, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and Union Station. During the regional Union Station will be hosting a special exhibit featuring The Dead Sea Scrolls-early reservations recommended, (816-460-2020 or www.unionstation.org).

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Pre-Registration Closes March 20, 2007 Table holders wishing to be together must register to gether in the same envelope.			General Chairman: Wayne Herrmann (913) 432-6374