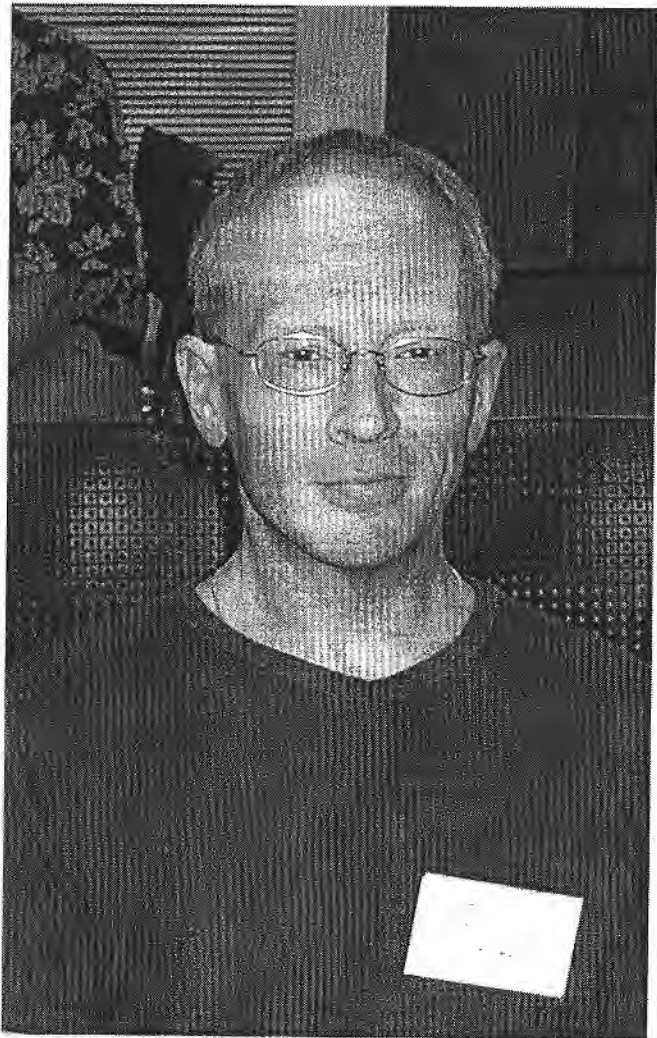


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CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

JUNE, 2007



David Kephart keynotes the June meeting

June 10 Meeting and Mart:

Elements of Properly Restoring an Antique Clock Movement

Come to the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, Kansas on Sunday, June 10. We begin with refreshments and mart at 1 pm, and the program follows promptly at 2 pm.

Presenter David Kephart will utilize two screens to illustrate his program. With one he will show before-and-after close-ups slides illustrating correct and improper restoration efforts that are commonly found. Overhead projection on the other screen will help demonstrate the need for and problems of meshing, burnishing, restoring recoil pallets, etc.

Born and raised in Saint Joseph, MO, David received his associate degree from the school of horology at Gem City College, Quincy, IL. For the next decade he operated a clock sales and repair shop in Saint Joseph before moving to a position in Boston with the Chelsea Clock Company, during which he achieved certification as an AWCI clockmaker. Learning of the retirement of the person to whom he had sold his former business, David returned to Saint Joseph last year, opened Kephart's Clock Restoration and joined Heart of America Chapter 36. The process of becoming reacquainted with their roots is very satisfying to the Kephart family.

If possible, bring clocks and other horological items for the mart at 1 pm on Sunday, June 10, 2007. Interesting items for Show and Tell are always welcome.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tennessee Valley Chapter 42 will host the 2007 NAWCC Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee June 6-9, just prior to our Heart of America Chapter 36 meeting on June 10.

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MINUTES FROM OUR APRIL 22 CHAPTER MEETING

President Jerry Thornsberry opened a full agenda at the April business meeting promptly at 2:00 pm in the Lenexa Community Center.

We'll be hearing more clearly

A new, portable public address system, including two elevated speakers, with hand-held, lapel and headpiece microphones has been ordered thanks to donors Bill Knouse, Jim Kuhn and Harry Firth, and we hope the new equipment may be delivered in time for the June meeting.

In memory

Chapter members shared notes and news clippings during a moment of remembrance for departed members Bill Donegan, Lucky Mason and Anthony Menditto.

The River Cities Regional

Wayne Hermann presented a report on the successful 2007 River Cities Regional, held March 30-31 at the BTC Exhibition Hall. There were 266 registrations, of which 79 were chapter members, and table rentals exceeded expectations, with 35 from chapter members.

Mention was made of the excellent work done by all the chairpersons, including the fine color brochure prepared and mailed in advance by Jerry Thornsberry, and printed at no charge by Dwain Paugh, security under the leadership of Wayne Andrews, set-up led by Mike Haines and Dwain Paugh, hospitality team under Mona Allen, Ruth Herrmann's organization and registration skills, transportation assistance by Darrell Carr.

Darrell Carr thanked all those who provided tall clocks for an outstanding exhibit, and acknowledged the use of music stands from Dwain Paugh's church.

A Vienna regulator donated by Chuck Skoog brought \$550 at auction, along with \$40 from the Bill Donegan estate and \$434 in book sales from the Bill Huber estate. The net cost of hotel comp rooms was zero, thanks to a gratifying number of registrations.

Preliminary totals of \$10,860 receipts and \$7,400.63 expenses suggested a net gain of at least \$3,459.37. Congratulations to all.

[Please note: the secretary begs forgiveness if names of helpers have been left out!]

Post-Regional Sharings

Comments offered at large in the post-regional discussion included the following:

Appreciation of refreshments available on the main floor.

Very pleased with Wayne Andrews' escorted visitor program — 7 new or renewal memberships and 6 sponsored guests — possibly review procedures, set time limits next time?

Favorable review of regional breakfast

Much better participation in mart floor programs this year

Excellent attendance at educational programs

Facility: lighting, cost very favorable; excellent table set-up.

There was some congestion at loading dock, possibly can be improved next time.

Future Gatherings

Upcoming regional plans: Omaha 2008; National in Springfield 2008; next KC regional 2009.

Restoration Projects

The 2006 Tall Clock, auctioned at the regional, realized a net gain of \$1,146 to the chapter, after expenses were paid.

The 2007 Chapter 36 Tall Clock will be entered in the June national contest at the national convention in Chattanooga, TN. It was agreed that the clock will be offered at public auction for the benefit of the chapter at some time in the near future.

There was a unanimous "Yes" response for a 2008 restoration project.

Various Reports

In lieu of Joe Gensheimer's report on public/institutional clocks, Jim Kuhn presented photos from a clock in Winchester.

There were several suggestions in response to an invitation from Darrell Carr for new educational project ideas: a new reverse glass painting class with Phil Gregory (\$35.00), a wood touch-up class — matching, touch-up, refinishing with Steve Craddock, and possibly look into the feasibility of suitcase classes.

No report from Richard Trombla's Watch Activities Committee.

Dan Ward presented a handout sheet outlining future chapter program plans. (Summary on newsletter page 4.)

Change of date for the June meeting was considered in recognition of the National Convention's date, but alternative date conflicts necessitated keeping the date of June 10.

Minutes

Secretary Jim Kuhn's minutes of the February chapter meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Congratulations, new Fellow

A congratulatory ovation was offered to president Jerry Thornsberry, who is now a NAWCC Fellow!

Treasury

Treasurer Jerry Van Lankered reported new balances of \$3,001.39 in the regular chapter account, and \$11,413.20 in the special account which includes regional funds. In approving the treasurer's report, the chapter also voted to contribute \$300 to the NAWCC Appeal.

Show and Tell

Bob Hill displayed his sense of humor as he solicited restoration advice on a long buried rusty alarm clock recently unearthed by a farmer's plow.

Darrell Carr showed a Lindskirk (sp?) shelf clock which he plans for his next restoration project.

Steve Waitzmann displayed a recent effort to replace a missing figural hand.

Clement Wagner offered his 1983-1991 scrapbook of Chapter 36 history for examination following the meeting.

Jim Kuhn, *Secretary*

For printing assistance with this Newsletter we are grateful to fellow chapter member, Phil Wilson

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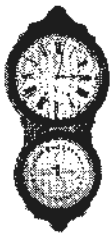
Chapter 36 Membership Application

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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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN CHAPTER 36

Here is a list of programs now in planning stages for upcoming chapter meetings.

Coming in June — David Kephart presents *Elements of Properly Restoring an Antique Clock Movement*.

August 12 *Restoration of Metal Clock Surfaces*, Rose Michael.

October 14 *The Centerville, Iowa Tower Clock Restoration Project*, Brad Wardlow.

December 9 *Holiday Covered Dish Social Event and Figural Clock Presentation* held at Shawnee Woodwork in Topeka, Kansas, Jim Kuhn, host.

February 10, 2008 *Chapter 36 Watch and Clock Restoration Contest*, presented by the contestants.

April 13 *The Manufacturing and Ownership History of the Truman Home Tall Clock*. With permission from the US Department of Parks and Recreation, a group of NAWCC members who researched the Gates-Wallace-Truman family tall clock will share their work at the April meeting.

NEW ROSTER READY IN AUGUST

A complete Heart of America Chapter 37 roster, listing all members in good standing as of publication date, will be available at the August 12, 2007 chapter meeting.

Please remember, dues for the 2007-08 chapter year have been payable since April.

You'll want to be included in the roster, so if you haven't already done so, please bring your \$10 to the June 10 meeting, or mail to Jerry VanLanker, 1715 S. Vermont, Independence, MO 64052.