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Smiles and good fellowship were plentiful as members gathered for the holiday covered dish social at Shawnee Woodwork in Topeka, Kansas on a cold but sunny Sunday, December 16th

February: Elections, Contest Results

Come to the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, Kansas on Sunday, February 10.

We begin with refreshments and mart at 1 pm, and the program follows promptly at 2 pm.

In addition to Nominating Committee Report and election of new officers, entries in the clock restoration contest will be judged, and contestants will be invited to tell about their various projects.

If possible, please bring clocks and other horological items for the mart! — And remember, interesting items for Show and Tell are always welcome.

Reverse Glass Painting Class

Phil Gregory will present this class Saturday and Sunday, February 16-17 at Donegan's Optical, 15549 West 108th Street, from 8:30 am through 5:00 pm. Enrollment fee is \$45.00

Please call Dwain Paugh (913-239-8134) to enroll.

From Steve Morford —

THERE'S STILL TIME

In order to allow for additional clock restoration contestants, the deadline of December 9 has been waived. The entry and judging will take place at the February 10, 2008 meeting.

The contest is restricted to horological items only. Each contestant should explain the extent of needed and planned restoration. Beginning "as is" condition of each entry shall be properly documented by appropriate photos.

The contestant, to the extent possible, should accomplish restoration, but it is understood that assistance may be needed in some areas, such as dial painting, stenciling and woodcarving, etc. Judging shall be based on quality of work, complexity of overall restoration and percentage of work performed by the contestant.

The contest winner shall be awarded one year chapter dues free.

For contest entry forms, email Steve at morford4@fairpoint.net

Happy New Year 2008!

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February 10, 2008 in Lenexa
April 4-5 River Cities Regional (Omaha)
April 13, 2008 in Lenexa
June 11-14 Convention (Springfield)
March 27-28, 2009:
River Cities Regional (KC)

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MINUTES FROM OUR OCTOBER and DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETINGS

THE OCTOBER 14 MEETING, held at the Lenexa Community Center.

Keynote speaker was Mr. Brad Wardlow, who described the tower clock restoration project undertaken by Hawkeye Chapter 91 for the Appanoose County Courthouse in Centerville, Iowa.



President Jerry Thornsberry introduced Heather Eagan-Sutton and Bill Maune, two new Chapter 36 members. Everyone appreciated being able to hear clearly, thanks to the inaugural

use of the chapter's new sound system. Sponsors are needed for the National Convention in Springfield, MO next June 11-14, 2008. Jim Kuhn has given \$500 in the name of Chapter 36. Letters of intent and hotel contract are in place for the next River Cities Regional in Kansas City to be held March 27-28, 2009. Nominating Committee arrangements for 2008 were announced, providing for elections to be held in February, and terms beginning in April. Steve Stoecker will head up the Audit Committee.

Two 19th century shelf clocks, one donated by Sam Kutner and the other by Ednabelle Menditto were displayed. A gathering was announced to promote wide membership participation in the restoration of these 2008 Project Clocks. The Kutner gift will be restored as a memorial to Lucky Mason, and Ednabelle's gift will be restored as a memorial to Anthony Menditto.

The Chapter's completed 2007 tall clock restoration project is slated for auction in the near future, proceeds to benefit Chapter 36. A gift to the chapter of a small ogee clock was also thankfully accepted.

Dwain Paugh announced enrollment opportunity for a stencil and reverse glass painting class to be held February 16-17, 2008.

Steve Morford distributed entry forms for the Heart of America clock restoration contest, to be judged at the February 10, 2008 meeting.

Bob Hensley displayed a recently acquired miniature purse clock for show-and-tell, and Brad Wardlow showed a prototype E.N. Welch 3-weight calendar and striking clock which he had obtained from a descendent of the Welch family.

Jim Kuhn will host the December 9 gathering at his workshop in Topeka, KS, including a holiday luncheon, mart, show and tell, and displays of figural clocks and black cast iron clocks.

THE DECEMBER 16 MEETING held at Shawnee Woodwork in Topeka, Kansas (postponed because of icy weather)

A crisp, chilly but sunny day with good driving conditions prompted a fine, festive turnout for Chapter 36's Holiday Gathering at Jim Kuhn's woodwork factory in Topeka. Members brought many delicious covered-dishes, salads, and desserts to complement the savory turkey, ham and beef, coffee and cold beverages provided by our host.

Guests present included Leyden Drury, brother of Ednabelle Menditto, George Davis, neighbor of Darrell Carr, Al Kuhn, Jim's cousin, and Dorma and Roger Olson. Dorma is a new member of the chapter.

President Jerry Thornsberry presented a commemorative plaque and



lapel pin to Tom Foster, in honor of his 40 years as a valued member of Chapter 36.

"Digger" O'Dell presented a fine program, illustrating his talk with some of the 407 black iron case Ansonia clocks in his collection — which includes all but 17 of the known models produced by Ansonia. The examples were remarkable for their original statuary or urns and including arch tops, flat tops, front-mounts, rear-mounts, and many mysterious variations, even a back-mounted visible escape movement. The entertaining talk provided many helpful tips for aspiring clock restorers.



Tom Foster displayed a number of high quality investment-grade Ansonia clocks from the col-



lection he and his wife began several years ago, including "Columbia with Shepherd Boy," "Virginia with Boar Hunter," "Florida base with Spring statue," "Art and Commerce," "Lydia," and

an "Apex" crystal regulator. Stories of the Fosters' growing passion for these beautiful clocks, and of serendipitous adventures in the quest to find them captivated the interest of all present.

Steve Morford announced that advance entry requirements for the February 10, 2008 clock restoration contest were being relaxed. If you want to submit a project for judging, bring your entry form, along with photographs showing the original condition, so that the judges can better recognize the merits of your work.

Mark Bradfield heads up the 2008 Project Clock effort, and invites participation from all who would like to help.

Bill Dugan is chairman of the Nominating Committee, which will present the proposed slate for election at the February 10 meeting in Lenexa.

Dwain Paugh repeated an invitation to join the February 16-17 Reverse Glass painting class.

In response to interest expressed at the meeting, Darrell Carr will look into forming an Adamantine repair class.

— Jim Kuhn, *Secretary*

Larry Raines, Rest in Peace

NAWCC members fondly remember our fellow chapter member Larry Raines from Versailles, Missouri, who passed away on November 11th, 2007. We offer our sympathy to his wife Fonda and their daughters.

ROSTER ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

New member

Dorma Olson — 2741 SE 45th Street — Topeka, KS 66609 — 785-862-1563

Corrections

Mark Bradfield — 717 Spruce Circle — Gardner, KS 66030 — 913-938-5179

Heather Eagan-Sutton — phone 816-431-0365
Steven and Gayla Morford — 816-862-6383

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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A friendly chat during the December meeting in Topeka

In Loving Memory of Donna Stofer

The hearts of all Chapter 36 members were saddened by the death, on December 25, of Donna Stofer, much beloved friend to all of us. Our deep sympathy is with Dick and their family.

COMING EVENTS

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

April 4-5 *River Cities Regional*, Omaha, Nebraska — hosted by Great Plains Chapter 58

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.

June 11-14 *2008 NAWCC 63rd Convention*, Springfield, Missouri — hosted by Ozark Chapter 57

March 27-28, 2009 *River Cities Regional*, Kansas City, Missouri — hosted by Heart of America Chapter 36