

HEART OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

State of Kansas non profit corporation # 4315222

AUGUST, 2009

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 9 CHAPTER 36 MEETING

This month's program is:

Everyone bring your most unusual / interesting horological item.

We want all members to bring something to the August meeting to share with the chapter. Your item can be a clock, a watch, or anything that is horology-related. The more unusual / scarce, the better! We all like to see these kinds of items. So look under your beds, search the attic and basement, or just bring the clock that is hanging on the living room wall. Come to the meeting and see what shows up!

The meeting begins with mart, refreshments and fellowship at 1 pm Sunday, August 9 at the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, KS. Program starts at 2 pm. Friends and guests are most cordially welcome. Also, please bring clocks and other horological items for the mart, as well as other nteresting items for Show and Tell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSY BETWEEN CHAPTER MEETINGS

As promised at the June meeting, the executive committee has conducted a membership poll to find out interest and willingness to help, should sponsoring a 2010 regional in 2010 be desirable and feasible. Logistics such as dates, place, leadership, costs, NAWCC approval, coordination with Dirk Soulis, etc. are also being investigated. We hope to present a full report and recommendations for chapter consideration at the August 9 meeting.

On behalf of the Chapter, the committee also authorized the president and secretary to submit documents which will result in full charter recognition of Heart of America Chapter 36's affiliation with National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, and our ongoing progress toward compliance in union with national 501.c.3 status.

We note the MKOA regional scheduled for September, and urge Chapter 36 support. (See page 6)

IN MEMORY OF GLENN BLAIR

Charter member Glenn Blair departed this life May 11 at Foxwood Springs in Raymore, MO at the age of 92. In 1939 Glenn and Melva Fajen began married life in Stover, MO and in 1947 along with his father-in-law he co-founded the Fajen & Blair Gunstock factory.

The Blairs celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary shortly before Melva's death in 1996.

Glenn was an avid clock collector and a great friend who will be missed by all his fellow NAWCC members.

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Chapter Meetings:

2009

August 9

October 11

December 13

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NAWCC Fellow
Research Committee

Ruth Herrmann
NAWCC Fellow

Wayne Herrmann
NAWCC Fellow

Jerry Thornsberry
NAWCC Fellow

NAWCC Chapter 36 — June 14, 2009 Minutes

President **Wayne Andrews** opened the business session at 2:00 pm, noting a fine attendance, considering that several regular members had not returned from participating in the **National Convention**.

Upon motion and second (**Florent Wagner** and **Larry Boucher**) the secretary's **minutes** of the April Chapter meeting were unanimously approved as published.

Treasurer **Gayla Morford** presented the following report:

<i>REGIONAL ACCOUNT</i>			
Balance from March 31			\$16,155.99
Deposits		\$701.02	16,857.01
2009 Regional checks	\$2,887.57		13,969.44
Interest received		\$9.27	\$13,978.71

<i>CHAPTER 36 ACCOUNT</i>			
Balance from March 31			\$5,075.59
Deposits		\$1220.50	6,296.01
Supplies & postage	\$194.00		6,102.00
Interest received		\$4.00	\$6,106.09

Following motion and second (**Jerry Van Lanker** and **Clement Wagner**) the **treasurer's report** was unanimously approved.

President Andrews announced the appointment of **Steve Stoecker** as **chairman** of the annual **audit committee**.

President Andrews announced that certified **articles of incorporation** for **Heart of America Chapter 36** as a **not for profit corporation** in the State of Kansas (ID. # 4315222) have been received, and that renewal fees and reports to the Secretary of State are to be submitted by the chapter treasurer each December 31.

"**Chauncey Jerome's up-side-down movements**" was the topic of the day's program, presented by **Greg Arey**. Born 1793 in Canaan, the northwest corner of Connecticut, Chauncey Jerome was the son of a blacksmith and nail maker. As a young man he made clock dials in Waterbury, CT, then moved to New Jersey to fabricate tall cases. In 1816 he worked with Eli Terry making shelf clock cases until 1822 he formed his own company making both 30 hour and 8 day clocks and outselling his competitors by 1837. He served in the legislature for two years beginning in 1834. The Jerome company prospered by the introduction of the circular saw, and by 1841 his income had grown to \$35,000. The business moved to New Haven in 1842, producing 12,500 as many as clocks per month until a fire in 1845 seriously harmed the enterprise. From 1850 he located at New Haven, CT was mayor in 1854-55, and unsuccessfully tried to rebuild his fortune through a venture with P. T. Barnum. In his later years Jerome worked for other clock makers as an itinerant salesman, and died penniless in 1868 at the age of 74.

Arey was able to demonstrate Jerome's "up-side-down" concept by means of three excellent examples provided by **Bill Dugan**, who had not returned from the National Convention.

**WAYNE HERRMANN AND DARRELL CARR
WIN AWARDS AT
NAWCC NATIONAL CONVENTION**
by Jerry Thomsberry

Wayne Herrmann won first place in the Clock Restoration Class of the National Crafts Contest at the 2009 NAWCC National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



His entry, a rare Seth Thomas "King Jewett" model hanging kitchen clock, needed extensive case and movement restoration when first purchased. The excellent veneer work and rich color application made the clock a uniquely handsome timepiece.

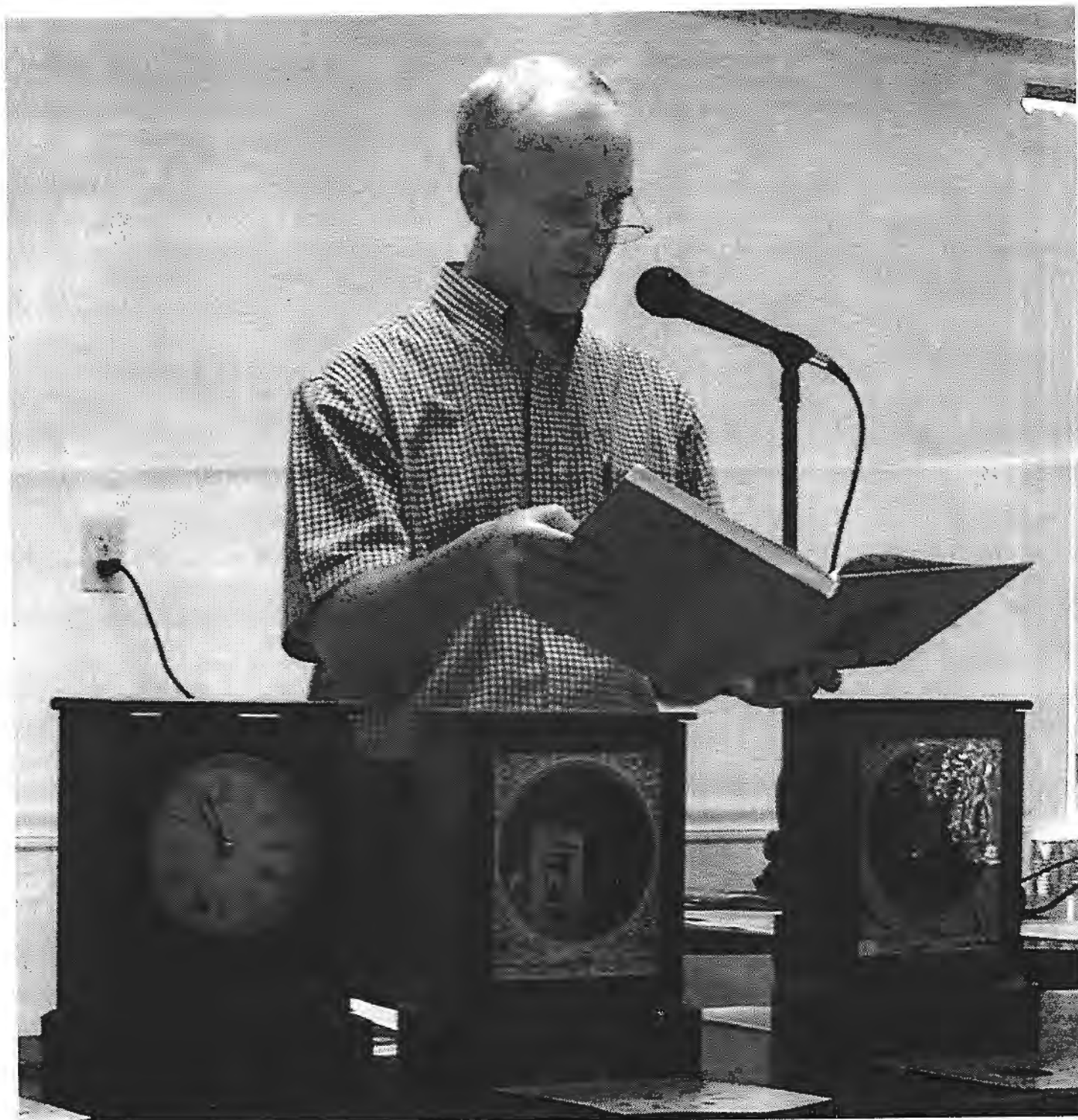


Darrell Carr won second place in the same class of the National Crafts Contest with his Ansonia "Nubia" model cast iron shelf clock. Darrell restored the case and movement of the clock that was much admired by fellow NAWCC members at the convention.

Initially, Wayne and Darrell submitted the restored clocks in the 2009 Chapter 36 Clock Restoration Contest where they placed first and second, respectively.

Congratulations to Wayne and Darrell for their success in displaying their excellent talent for all members to admire at the national convention. Your colleagues of Chapter 36 express our admiration of your skills and share vicariously in your outstanding achievement.

JUNE PROGRAM — JEROME'S UPSIDE-DOWN MOVEMENTS

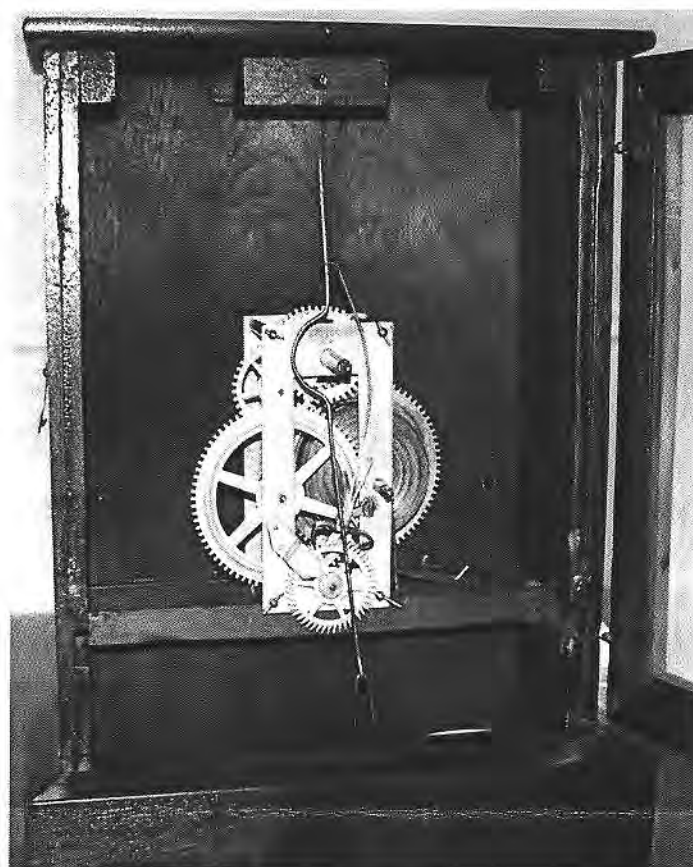


Three examples of Chauncey Jerome "upside-down" movements from Bill Dugan's collection were featured in the June program, which was presented by vice president Greg Arey.

At left, Arey discusses the rise and fall of Jerome's career as an innovative clock maker and businessman, which has been characterized as "from rags to riches to rags."

An early model (right) shows the pendulum rod and suspension spring front mounted (between the movement and dial) from the top of the case. The escape wheel is at the bottom of the movement, with the pallet fork and crutch extending upward to interact with the pendulum rod.

Note the brass mainspring which drives the 30 hour movement.



CHAPTER 36 MEMBERS FEATURED IN AREA AND NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Larry Boucher's article, "Turning Back the Hands of Time" (*Rural Missouri*, March 2006) has catapulted him from area to national notoriety, thanks to a featured reprint of his work on pages 27-29 in June, 2009's *THE MART* supplement to the Bulletin! The article includes five photographs of Larry at work in his shop located in Peculiar, Missouri.

Four other chapter members were featured in the May, 2008 issue of *Discover Mid-America*, a source for information about antiques, collectibles, unique home décor and historic tourism.

"Time for a History Lesson" by reporter Vicki Walker includes insightful comments from **Darrell Carr**, **Bill Dugan**, **Harold Engelhaupt** and **Jerry Thornsberry** and features a photo of Darrell Carr surrounded by many historic timepieces in his workshop.

Chapter 36 congratulates these illustrious members!

MKOA REGIONAL — CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

September 24, 25, 26

General Chairman Hugh Overton
417/358-5861

Memorial Hall — 407 South Garrison (Downtown)
Host: Ozark 57 Co-hosts: Cherokee 30 — Sunflower 6 — Sooner 74

Visit the beautiful Precious Moments Chapel, Carthage's Victorian Homes Driving Tour, Civil War Museum, Historic County Courthouse, shop the Historic Carthage Square (3 blocks from Memorial Hall).

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ample Parking
- Professional Security
- In Mart Hospitality
- Silent Auctions
- Workshops
- Exhibit
- Friday Evening Banquet
- RV Parking—Electric Hook-up-\$3

REGIONAL SCHEDULE

Thursday	Registration	2 pm — 5 pm
	Mart Set-up (No Mart Sales)	2 pm — 5 pm
Friday	Registration	7 am — 5 pm
	Mart Set-up	7 am
	Mart Open	8 am — 5 pm
	Banquet	6 pm
Saturday	Registration	7 am — 3 pm
	Mart Open	8 am — 3 pm

Tables reserved by Groups must be received in one envelope. Tables will be assigned on a first paid basis and must have display of horological items. Maximum of two registrants per table. Only horological items may be bought/sold in the Mart. Pre-registrations received by September 10 will be confirmed by mail. Only members of NAWCC and spouse and family members under 18 will be admitted to the Mart. The NAWCC, its officers and members, and the MKOA Regional are not responsible for any loss, injury, or tort during this meeting.

HOTELS — Please mention NAWCC for special rates.

- Precious Moments Best Western (3 miles) — 417/259-5900 — \$63.99
- Econo Lodge (1 mile) — 417/358-3900 — \$56.99
- Super 8 Motel (3 miles) — 417/359-9000 — \$57.95

NAME (print) _____
NAWCC Number _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE # _____
SPOUSE'S NAME _____
CHILDREN'S NAMES _____

REGISTRATION	_____ \$20.00 ea \$ _____
Children under 18 free.	
Food functions require payment.	
(Registration at door \$25.00)	
MART TABLES	_____ \$25.00 ea \$ _____
(Mart tables require registration)	
BANQUET	_____ \$15.00 ea \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Make checks payable to: MKOA REGIONAL. Mail to Ruth Overton, 1335 S. Main Street, Carthage, MO 64836 (417) 358-5861 — rwoverton@att.net

Chapter members congratulated **Larry Boucher**, now an **international celebrity** thanks to publication of "**Turning Back the Hands of Time**" in the June edition of the **Mart** magazine.

The chapter members considered whether it would be desirable to host a **River Cities Regional in 2010**, since we understand Omaha's Great Plains Chapter has decided not to. A "straw poll" of those present revealed a fair degree of interest, but more information would be necessary. The **executive committee** was asked to study the pros and cons and to present a **possible plan of action** for the August meeting. Meanwhile, **Edna-belle Menditto** and **Harry Firth** will attempt to contact the membership by email or telephone to assist the executive committee as to members' degree of enthusiasm and personal willingness to volunteer.

Show and Tell

Joe Loar displayed an outstanding and hilarious example of a **distressed** clock that had been the object of a disastrous "**loving-hands-at-home**" repair effort.



Wayne Andrews displayed a mid 19th century **Chauncey Jerome New Haven** shelf clock case and 8-day movement which he had bought at a picnic meeting in Carthage, MO along with the 1986 "**Rags to Riches**" NAWCC supplement publication about Jerome.

Future **programs being considered** for 2009-2010 chapter meetings include:



Hosting a December carry-in Holiday Dinner

Promotion of Youth Horological Motivation

Bring Your Most Unusual Clock

Clock Pendulum Theory

You Thought Studebaker Was a Car!

Collectable Wrist Watches

The Life of a Connecticut Clock Maker (drama)

Pocket Watches: Yes, You Can Restore Them

Statue Clocks

How Many Different Clock Labels Can Be Found Using the Name Jerome?

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 9th.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Firth, *Secretary*

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NIFTY SET OF WHEELS

In this photo, taken after the June Chapter meeting, Harold Engelhaupt admires Greg Arey's beautifully restored Model A Ford.

Naturally, the automobile is equipped with a rear view mirror that includes a working, pull-string-wind clock!

The display timepieces used in the day's program had been transported in the antique car.

KANSAS CITY WATCH CLUB

You're apt to run into fellow chapter 36 members at the KC Watch club.

Forthcoming Tuesday are August 4, and September 1 at Paul and Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay, North KC. Come at 5:30 and stay for supper if you have time.

From Highway 9 (Burlington) turn east 2 short blocks on Armour to Clay, then 1/2 block south.

Chapter 36 Membership Application

Please complete this form with a \$10.00 check made payable to NAWCC Chapter 36 and mail to: Gayla Morford, 31010 South Little Road, Garden City, MO 64747. Or better yet, come to the next meeting and join in person.

Name _____ Date submitted _____ NAWCC # _____
Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email address _____

Annual dues cover the term from April through March of the coming year, payable on or before the day of the April meeting. If dues remain unpaid after the August meeting the member shall become automatically suspended. A member may be reinstated by paying the current year's dues.