

HEART OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 36 NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

FEBRUARY, 2009

Chapter Meeting February 8 —

CLOCK RESTORATION CONTEST and 2009 RIVER CITIES REGIONAL

Come to the Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak, in Lenexa, Kansas at 1 pm, on Sunday, February 8. Friends and guests are cordially welcome.

We begin with refreshments and mart at 1 pm, and the program follows promptly at 2 pm. Please bring clocks and other horological items for the mart, as well as interesting items for Show and Tell.

Display and judging of the 2009 Clock Restoration Contest entries is always a high point in Chapter 36, when each of the entrants has an opportunity to discuss the particular challenges faced and remedies chosen — and, of course, a winning project is announced.

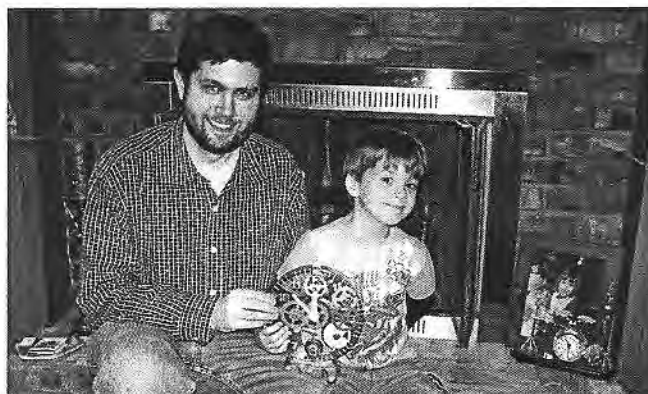
Looking forward to our River Cities Regional this coming March 27-28, committee chairs will brief us on arrangements, plans, and needs to make 2009 a wonderful success.

NATIONAL NAWCC ELECTION

Watch for your copy of the February NAWCC Bulletin, which will contain your official ballot, rules for voting, and biographical information about all candidates.

Several geographically local candidates including Ruth Overton, Joann Orr, Phil Gregory, and Jerry Thornsberry will appreciate your consideration of their qualifications in making your personal choices.

Above all, be sure to cast your ballot!



See page 4 to learn how this father and son built a real working clock together.

NEWS FROM WATCH & CLOCK MUSEUM

The National Watch and Clock Museum has developed an exhibit plan designed to attract a broad audience and to generate greater local, regional and national awareness of the mission of the NAWCC.

Time and Exploration, the first exhibit for 2009, will examine the importance of time and timekeeping from the earliest explorers to modern space travel. A NASA moon rock will be featured along with objects from museums and private collectors.

Sense of Time, follows with one of the finest collections of Asian Fire Clocks in North America, and will explore the use and importance of these devices in Asian culture.

The two exhibits during 2008 were *Time in Office: Presidential Timepieces and Whimsical Clocks*, and *Stanley Clockworks*. Both achieved increased visitation and museum exposure.

Much of the success of these exhibits was the result of financial support from local NAWCC chapters.

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June 14, August 9
October 11, December 13

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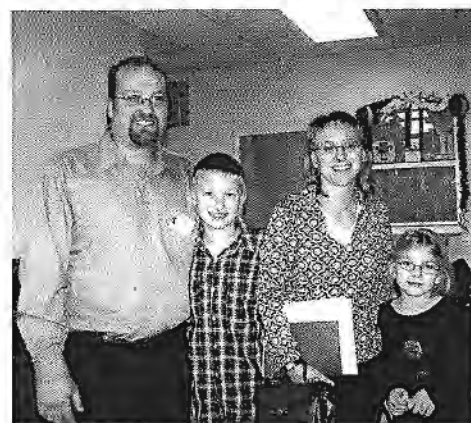
Wayne Herrmann
NAWCC Fellow

Jerry Thornsberry
NAWCC Fellow

The Holiday Dinner chapter gathering at the Lenexa Community Center was a great success, with extraordinary culinary delights at the food tables, and a congenial crowd of at least sixty. The informal nature of the occasion, combined with the brevity of the business session, favored the renewal of many friendships among members, spouses and friends.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

President **Wayne Andrews** welcomed **Mike Millett**, who was visiting with his brother in law **Jerry Van Lanker**. Accompanying **Hugh Overton** from



Carthage were his wife **Ruth** and brother **Alvin Overton**. New member **Tony Mayfield** introduced his wife **Cindy** and their children **Fisher** and **Taylor**.

October minutes and current treasurer's report were adopted. Chapter account balance \$4,771.69; Regional balance \$9,513.49.



Steve Morford announced that clock restoration contest entries will be judged at the February 8, 2009 chapter meeting.

Ballots for **national NAWCC elections** will be published with the February edition of the Bulletin. **Ruth Overton** urged all chapter members to vote for their preferred candidates, and put in her own good natured recommendation for the "**Thornsberry/Overton**" ticket.



Also displayed was the beautifully restored **Ithaca No. 8** library calendar clock which long-time member **Ray Wiggins** donated for auction or sale for the benefit of Chapter 36.

THE PROGRAM

Bill Dugan and **Jerry Thornsberry** displayed side by side "regular" size and "medium" size



Mark Leavenworth pillar and scroll clocks. With the dials removed, the movements (similar to Terry movements in some respects) were compared. These clocks continued to be made until about 1836.

The meeting concluded with good fellowship and wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

EXECUTIVE PLANNING SESSION

Linda and Wayne Andrews hosted an executive meeting at their home on January 10, with Greg Arey, Darrell Carr, Gayla and Steve Morford, Bill Dugan and Harry Firth in attendance.

Highlights: Date of the April Chapter meeting is changed to **Sunday, April 19** at the Lenexa Center. Action authorized to ensure good standing of Chapter 36 **not-for-profit status** in Topeka.

River Cities Regional (March 28-29) — Jerry Thornsberry preparing special regional newsletter mailing, advertising solicited. Volunteer host selected to deal with non-member visitors. Door prizes for breakfast banquet to include a clock and a watch. Silent auction to include a restoration project clock.

10:30 am Friday Chris Bailey. "Mr. Ingraham, his clocks and factories"; 2 pm Brad Wardlow, "Tower Clock Restoration"; 3:30 pm Walking tour of Ingraham display; Saturday 9 am-2 pm Bailey question and answer period.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BUILDS HIS OWN CLOCK!

by secretary Harry Firth

My friend Stephan Casurella had heard about chapter 36 members' desire to help young persons discover the excitement of horology, so I invited him and his 6-year-old son Ryan over for a session of bonding and achievement together.



Ryan is the optimum age for the First Clock kit available from the NAWCC museum gift shop, but when we opened up the package it was clear that little brother Aidan was more than willing to offer his assistance!



Everything necessary to build the clock comes with the kit, but a young person's bright eyes and keen interest are challenged to locate, and then to assemble the components into a smoothly functioning whole.

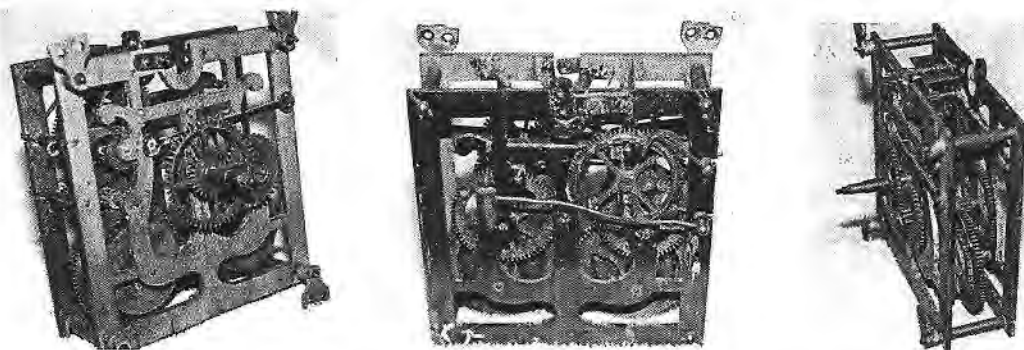
Neither father nor son had any previous experience with clocks. My role was mainly as mentor, guiding and enabling them in a delightful achievement adventure together.



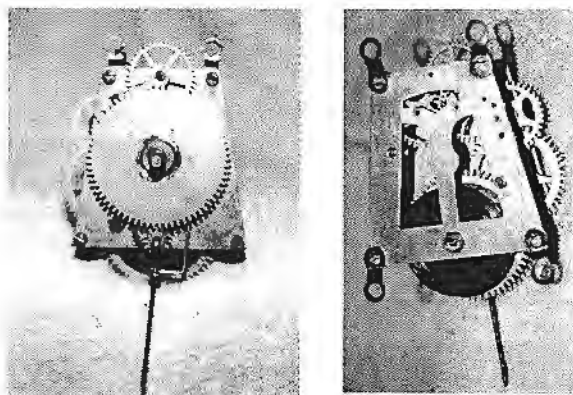
Ryan radiated delight when his project started ticking, and was the envy of his classmates during show and tell at school the following week.

We hope to gain more knowledge and skills for working with young people in a forthcoming chapter program. I hope we can reach out to many more future horology enthusiasts.

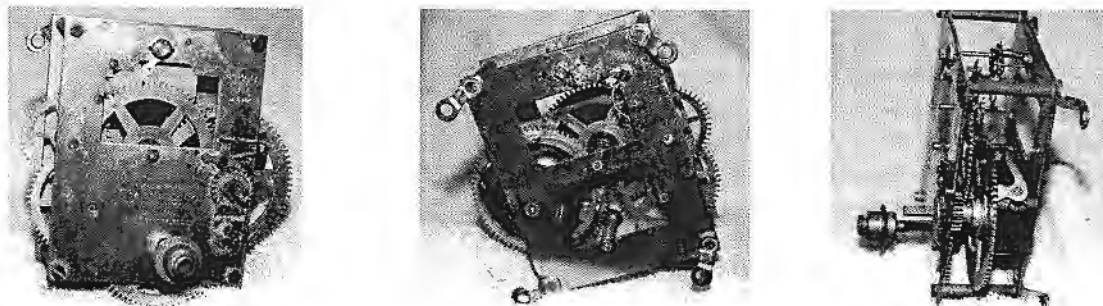
Can you help to identify these movements?



This movement was part of a box of movements that I acquired. It is a weight driven movement and VERY heavy. The front and back plates are very thick and are attached with pins instead of screws and nuts. Single hammer chime. Verge and some parts are missing. No names or markings can be found. Can you help identify what it may go to? Thanks, Bill Maune



This movement was part of a box of movements that I acquired. It is a Pendulum movement and VERY heavy for it's size. Large gear on front of movement with arbors about 1 3/8" center to center. Time only. Seth Thomas and 3 1/2 are the only markings. Can you help identify what it may go to? Thanks, Bill Maune



This movement was part of a box of movements that I acquired. It is a hair spring movement. The front has a very large (Chuck) for the hands. Arbors are about 1 1/4" center to center with the winding arbor about the 2 o'clock position. Hair Spring and some parts are missing. It says made for The Bristol Co. Waterbury Conn by Seth Thomas. Also No. 402 BB 24H. Can you help identify what it may go to? Thanks, Bill Maune

CLOCK LOAN PERMISSION FOR INGRAHAM CLOCK EXHIBIT AT RIVER CITIES REGIONAL 2009

NOTE: THIS INCLUDES ANY INGRAHAM FAMILY OF CLOCKS, INCLUDING WATCHES AND ALARM CLOCKS – SUCH AS: BREWSTER AND INGRAHAM, OR E & A INGRAHAM, OR E INGRAHAM AND COMPANY.

YOUR CLOCK IS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE BTC EXHIBITION HALL, 1775 UNIVERSAL AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO, FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2009.

CLOCK ON LOAN BY _____ TELEPHONE _____
(NAME)

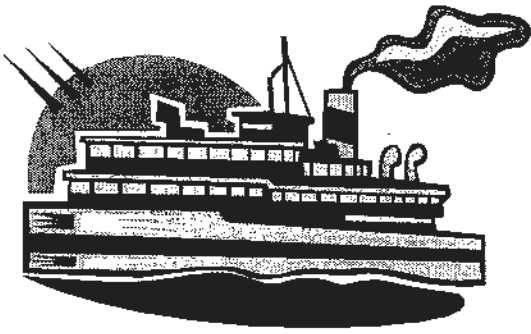
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH CLOCK ON LOAN FOR THE EXHIBIT:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PLEASE GIVE OR MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO DARRELL CARR, 12407 WEST 100 STREET, LENEXA, KS (913-888-7569). YOUR CLOCK IS TO BE PICKED UP AT THE END OF THE SHOW, 3:30 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 28. WE ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION AS THIS DISPLAY WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER ON INGRAHAM.

REGIONAL 2009 INFORMATION

1. Please use the above form to enter your Ingraham clock for the Regional exhibit.
2. We encourage everyone to participate in this regional to make it successful. Several volunteers will be needed to help with security, mart room set-up, visitor escorts, etc. The various committee chairs will be soliciting your help. A chapter goal has been set for a minimum of 75 registrations and 40 table rentals from Chapter membership. The success of our regional will greatly depend upon your participation and support. This is your opportunity to attend a good regional without traveling out of town, and to learn from our truly eminent speakers Chris Bailey and Brad Wardlow. We strongly encourage you to participate in the Breakfast Banquet on Saturday morning, where you will hear a National Representative report on the state of the organization. You will also enjoy the fellowship of other NAWCC members.
3. We will need lots of food, preferably home made (cookies, nut breads, etc.) and also cheeses, crackers, vegetables and other snack foods you might like to furnish. Monetary offerings would also be gladly accepted. Please bring your contributions to the Regional. For further information, contact Hospitality Chairwoman Mona Allen (660-827-0584).
4. Horological items only will be accepted for Door Prizes. We hope to present a nice clock and a watch to lucky attendees at the Breakfast Banquet. Please contact Wayne Andrews (913-782-8893) if you have donations.
5. Registration Chairman Steve Morford will be set up at our February 8 meeting to accept your early pre-registration. Please complete the form on page 7 of this newsletter, and present with your payment to Steve.



River Cities Regional

March 27-28, 2009

Kansas City, Missouri

Host Chapter: Heart of America No. 36

BTC Exhibition Hall at I-435 and Front Street

Hotel Accommodations—Intrigue Park Place Hotel—1601 Universal Drive, Kansas City, MO
64120

(816-483-9900 or 1-800-821-8532. Special
NAWCC Rate \$76.00 Single/Double until March
15th

(The hotel is adjacent to the regional—no driving
required). Make reservations directly with the
hotel.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 27

7:30 am—Registration Open
8:00 am—Mart Set-Up
9:00 am—Mart Open
10:30 am—Chris Bailey,
“Ingraham clocks, factories”
2:00 pm—Brad Wardlow,
“Tower Clocks”
3:30 pm—Bailey: Walking
Tour of Ingraham Display
5:00 pm—Mart Closes

Saturday, March 28

7:30 am—Breakfast Banquet
8:30 am—Mart Opens
9 am-2 pm—Question and An-
swer with Chris Bailey
4:00 pm—Mart Closes

Featured Speaker

Mr. Chris Bailey, Curator, American Clock and Watch Museum, Bristol, CT.

In addition to Mr. Bailey's presentations featuring the impact of Elias Ingraham's contributions to early clock manufacturing, additional workshops will be presented on a wide range of topics.

The hotel and regional are conveniently located for easy access to the Truman Library, Riverboat Casinos, Plaza Shopping, Steamboat Arabia Museum, Truman Sports Complex, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Historic Union Station and the new Liberty Memorial World War I Museum.

Registration *Registrations are available to NAWCC members, spouse and children under 18*

The NAWCC, Inc., its officers and members of the River Cities Regional are not responsible for any loss or tort during this meeting.

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Pre-Registration	@ \$ 15.00 per person	\$ _____
Breakfast Banquet	@ \$ 12.00 per person	\$ _____
Mart Tables (8 ft.)	@ \$ 35.00 per table	\$ _____
Mart Tables (Buy 4 get 5th one free)		\$ _____
(Individuals only)		\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Table holders wishing to be together must register in the same envelope.

Pre-Registration Closes March 18, 2009

(Registration at the door \$17.00 per person, children under 18 free)

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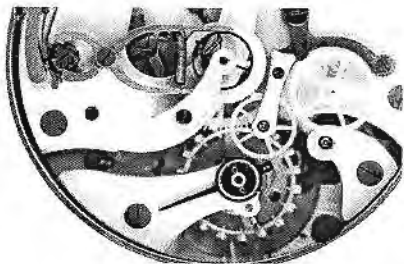
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WATCHES?

You're apt to run into fellow chapter members at the KC Watch club. Coming meetings will be on Tuesday, February 3 and March 3 at Paul and Jack's Tavern, 1808 Clay, North KC.

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

Come at 5:30 and stay for supper if you have time.

UPCOMING CHAPTER 36 EVENTS

February 8, 2009 — Chapter meeting and Restoration Contest.

March 27-28 — River Cities Regional in Kansas City, hosted by Heart of America Chapter 36 with Great Plains Chapter 58 co-hosting.

April 19 — Chapter meeting (please note change of date).

RADIO AMBASSADOR FOR HOROLOGY

On a recent broadcast of Walt Bodine's popular talk show, with the theme of *Time and Timekeepers*, the guest experts included Richard Trombla, a former member of Chapter 36.

The panel traced the history of humanity's quest for accuracy and the technological breakthroughs achieved. Trombla's expertise as a professional watch repairman and easy clarity of description contributed to a fine program on a sometimes difficult subject.

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.