

# It's About Time!

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# HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER 36

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## President's Letter

So many were present at the February member meeting that we may have set a new attendance record! And wasn't the Restoration Contest an exciting experience? (Photos and details on pages 4 and 5.)

At the February meeting we welcomed our newest chapter member, Don Hellstern of Overland Park.

Our new executive committee (Bill Maune, Greg Gould James Williams, Lisa Shepard, Wayne Andrews, and I) got off to an excellent beginning on a cold January evening, and about the time this Newsletter goes to press Harold Engelhaupt will meet with us to work on every foreseeable way we can make April 15-16 another memorable Regional experience!

By the way, be sure to get your Regional registration form into the hands of Greg Gould by Thursday, April 14 so that you will qualify for the \$15 pre-registration fee instead of \$20 if you wait until Friday.

As you know this year we inaugurate a new program of Youth Education (See "Kids' Corner" on page 6). For the Gift Basket we still need quite a few more wind-up alarm clocks, and/or "dollar" watches that will stand out in these young people's memories for years to come. If you can donate such items, please call me (913-64B-3711) so I can collect them from you and make sure they are in good running order in time for the Regional. And thanks!

Lisa Shepard, our silent auction chairperson, urges all of us to set aside some auctionable items and bring them with you on Friday, April 15. She has ambitions to make the silent auction a very exciting and profitable experience for everybody, with your help.

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And now for some "BREAKING NEWS." Two nationally known leaders taking part in our Regional are Tom Spittler and Earl Harlamert, both NAWCC Star Fellows and Mart tableholders. Earl has organized many national, regional, & satellite conventions; Tom is the winner of the NAWCC James W. Gibbs Literary Award, most noteworthy among which are the books written with Chris Bailey on American Clock-makers and Watchmakers. All of us will want to attend Earl and Tom's presentation, "Western Migration of Wooden Movement Clocks" at 12:30 pm on Friday, April 15th.



Tom Spittler

Many thanks to each and every one of our members for all you do to make our chapter programs the very best they can be!

Harry Firth, President



### Milestones



From February thru May 2016, the following members of Chapter 36 have continuously maintained membership in the NAWCC:

**40 Years**  
Harold Engelhaupt  
Don Hellstern  
Ron Schorr

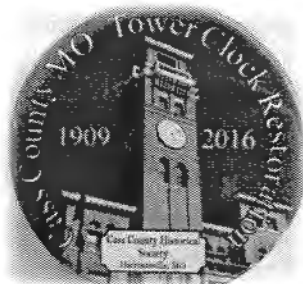


### No April Meeting!

Please Attend and Support Our  
River Cities Regional  
April 15-16, 2016



Commemorative  
Souvenir Button  
Cass County, Missouri  
Tower Clock Restoration  
1909—2016  
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## **HEART OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS CHAPTER 36**

### **Member Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**Sunday, February 14, 2016**

**Room AB, Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS**

#### **Opening**

The bi-monthly meeting of Heart of America Chapter 36 of the NAWCC was called to order at 2:00 PM on February 14, 2016 by Fr. Harry Firth, President.

#### **Attendance**

In attendance were 42 members, including new member Don Hellstern, and 3 guests (sign-in sheet attached). With more than ten members in attendance, a quorum was established.

Fr. Harry Firth welcomed all and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He especially recognized three guests to the meeting and new member, Don Hellstern.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the December bi-monthly member meeting, published in the February/March 2016 Newsletter, were approved by the members.

#### **President's Report**

Announcement #1: Thank you to those who brought/ and or prepared refreshments for the meeting.

Announcement #2: Congratulations to Larry Boucher for completion of work on the Cass County, Missouri, Courthouse tower clock.

Announcement #3: Florent Wagner's sale of items to take place the day after the regional.

Announcement #4: Requested prayers for Denise Bradford.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The financial report, published in the February/March 2016 Newsletter, was approved by the members.

#### **Presentations**

Harold Engelhaupt reviewed the plans for the upcoming regional to be held April 15-16, 2016, mentioning that scheduled road construction will offer a challenge for access. Several committee members requested assistance from the members for tasks needed by circulating sign-up sheets. Lisa Shepard reported an Inventory List of clock items, donated to the chapter by Micheal Roberts, was offered for sale to members via email and realized \$1,011; remaining items to be sold at the Regional Silent Auction. (It is Mr. Roberts' intention that the sale of these items will benefit the chapter's educational efforts.)

## **50/50 Drawing**

The 50/50 drawing to benefit the chapter's education fund was won by Gene Grimes. The chapter's education fund increased by \$33. Jerry VanLanker handled the drawing.

Bill Maune displayed the new camera and other equipment for the chapter's use in augmenting presentations to the chapter members and the public.

## **Program**

Restoration Contest was well attended with great participation from nine Chapter members with eleven restoration projects.

Members entering the contest for judging were:

Don Allen - Gilbert Oak Wall Clock and a vintage 1900's Quail/Cuckoo clock

Digger Odell - Ansonia Cast Iron mantle clock and Custom Movement stand

Mike Haines - Gustav Becker Single Weight wall clock

Ed Reupke - Wall clock and a Chauncey Jerome case w/Gilbert movement

Joe Loar - Dial re-silvering

For show and explanation only:

Jerry Thornsberry - Charles Kirk 1844 Steeple clock Spring wind Movement (which changed clock making in the US from weight driven only).

Wayne Andrews - Cottage clock with veneering and reverse painting

Bill Maune - Mission Wall clock

### **Winners—Wood Case Clocks**

1st Don Allen, Gilbert Regulator #10

2nd Mike Haines, Vienna regulator

3rd Ed Reupke, Chauncey Jerome clock with Gilbert movement

### **Winners—Non-Wood Case Clocks**

1st Digger Odell, Ansonia Madeira

2nd Joe Loar, dial re-silvering

3rd Digger Odell, custom clock movement holder

## **Show and Tell**

Chris Malik brought a cast iron desk organizer clock, hoping to learn more about its unusual features from other members, all of whom were as mystified as he was. The base of the clock, produced by Service Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, provides space to install a large dry cell. A label identifies it as "The Secretary" model. Larry Boucher displayed a late 19th century animated Austrian clock which features Cupid sharpening an arrow on an anvil.

## **Meeting Announcement**

The next bi-monthly member meeting of Heart of America Chapter 36 of the NAWCC will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** By Florent Wagner with a second by Larry Boucher: That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

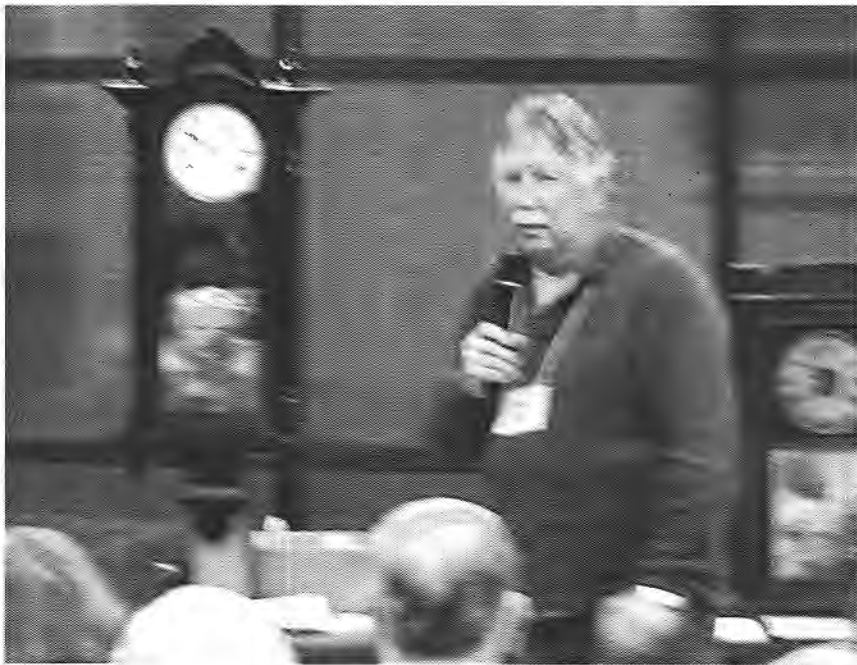
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Lisa A. Shepard, Secretary  
NAWCC Heart of America Chapter 36

## 2016 Restoration Contest

A high level of members' talent and experience was evident as Bill Maune presided over the 2016 Restoration Contest with great participation of eleven restoration projects by nine members.

Thanks to the entrants for sharing their expertise and accomplishments with a clearly appreciative audience and to Bill Maune for organizing the event!



### Members and their entries for judging:

Don Allen—Gilbert Regulator #10 and a vintage 1900's quail cuckoo clock

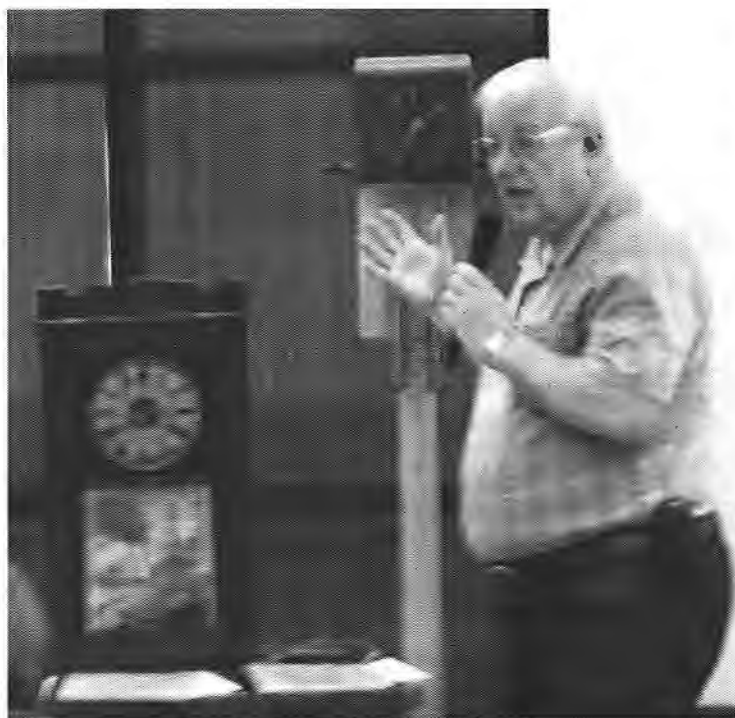
Digger Odell—Ansonia "Madeira" and a custom-made clock movement stand

Mike Haines—Gustav Becker single-weight Vienna regulator with dwarf movement

Ed Reupke—Chauncey Jerome clock case with Gilbert movement

Joe Loar - re-silvering of a clock dial





**Winners in the wood-cased category were:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Don Allen, Gilbert Regulator #10

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Mike Haines, Gustav Becker Vienna regulator

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Ed Reupke, Chauncey Jerome clock case with Gilbert movement

**Winners in the non-wood-cased category were:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Digger Odell, Ansonia Madeira

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Joe Loar, dial re-silvering

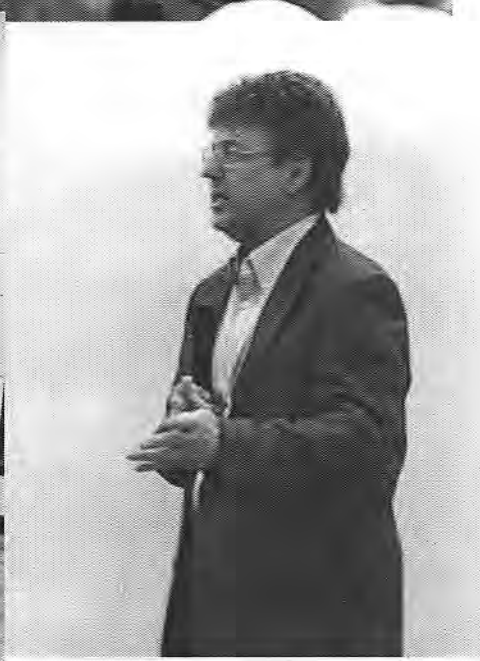
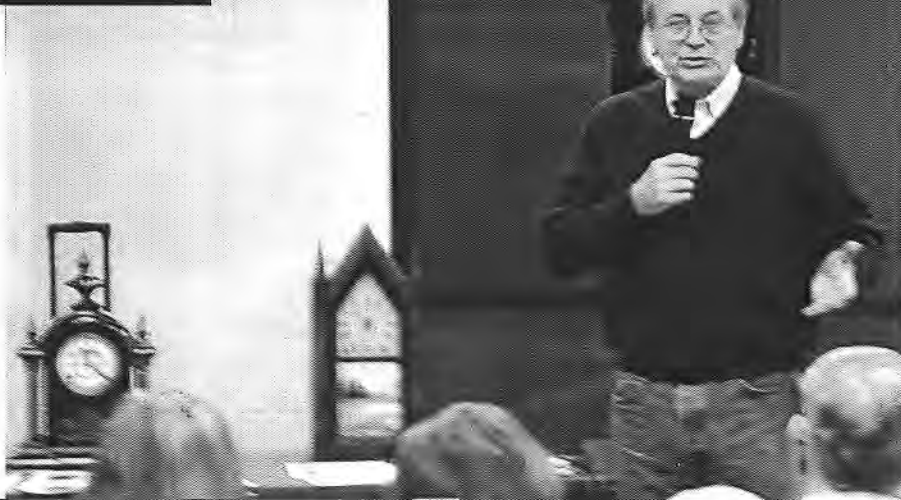
3<sup>rd</sup> place—Digger Odell, custom clock movement holder

**Members and their entries for non-judging:**

Jerry Thornsberry—1844 Charles Kirk steeple clock with spring wind movement

Wayne Andrews—cottage clock with veneering and reverse painting

Bill Maune—Mission wall clock



## "KIDS' CORNER" SATURDAY AT RIVER CITIES REGIONAL



### *New program for youth education ...*

A new horological education program for young people is scheduled from 9:30 am—1 pm on Saturday, April 16, in a special youth classroom area designated as the "Kids' Corner".

A generous gift from TimeSavers will enable children 6 years and older to build their very own working clock (at no charge) under the supervision of experienced mentors.

Fun supervised, age appropriate activities for other children will include art projects, mart tours, and "scavenger" hunts.

Upon leaving, every child will also choose a special, wrapped package from the Gift Basket to take home and cherish as a souvenir of the event.

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### Job Well Done

The Cass County Courthouse Clock in Harrisonville, Missouri was recently rededicated following the clock's renovation.

The Seth Thomas No. 16 Tower Clock movement was installed in 1909, purchased after a fund-raising drive by women of the community. Cost was \$1,231. The restoration project was spearheaded by Larry Boucher and the Cass County Historical Society. Horologist Chuck Roeser of New York performed the renovation of the tower clock movement.

On display at the dedication were weights, hands and other pieces of the original clock, along with boards of the packing case from the Seth Thomas Company. Cost of the restoration, which included the removal, fabrication, and re-installation of the clock dials and hands, was \$130,000, not counting the many hours of volunteer work - including (but not limited to) the carrying of the assorted pieces of the movement up and down the tall, narrow staircase of the clock tower. [With special thanks to Joe Loar!]

Early 20th century innovations met the 21st century as a drone photographed the proceedings both inside and outside the courthouse! The ceremony ended at the stroke of noon, with those attending counting the twelve strikes of the 2,000 pound bell.

Congratulations, Larry, for your ten-plus year dedication of seeing this project completed!



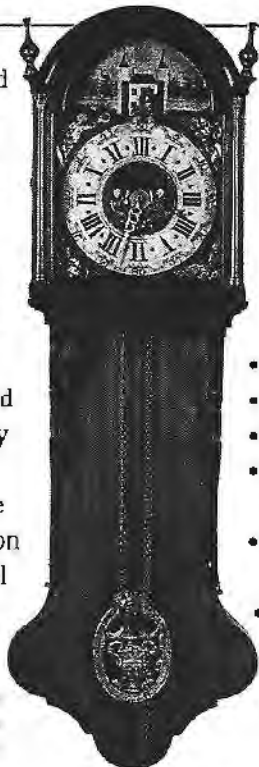
*Photo by Max Londberg, The Cass County Democrat Missourian*

# Selections From A Second Generation Clock Collection

At Auction Sunday, April 17th Beginning at 11am

Preview: Saturday, April 16 from 2pm to 5pm and Sunday, April 17 from 9am to 11am

**F**lorent Wagner and his parents began collecting Clocks and Music Boxes in the 1940s. They traveled the U.S. and purchased through the mail to assemble their impressive collection which Florent has added to and maintained in the family home all his life. As he must now downsize, we will offer items at auction that will include but will not be limited to:



- Over 100 Rare Antique Clocks
- A Collection of Antique Cylinder Music Boxes
- A Collection of Antique Disc Music Boxes
- A Collection of Antique Bells
- Singing Bird Music Boxes
- A 27-inch Regina Automatic
- Upright Disk Music Boxes
- Antique Clocks with Grande Sonnerie Music Boxes
- Interesting Mechanical Bell Ringing Devices
- Early Clocks with Unusual Mechanism
- Much More

This will mark the first time that these fresh-to-the-market pieces have been offered for sale in more than 70 years.

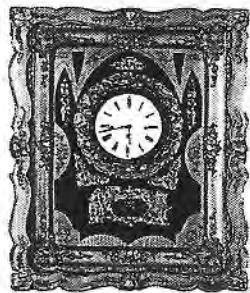
Telephone, Absentee and Live Internet Bidding will be available before and during the live auction.

*Don't miss the NAWCC River Cities Regional on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 just up the road in Lenexa Kansas, 35 minutes away.*

Early Friesland with Animation of Troops Going to Battle



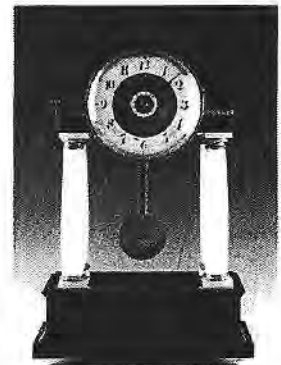
Ansonia #2 With Original Doll



Austrian Picture Frame with Grande Sonnerie Music signed F. Rzebitscheck



Black Forest Clocks and Music Boxes



Early Silk Thread with Calendar

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## Upcoming NAWCC Events

**April 15-16, 2016**  
River Cities Regional

**May 13-14, 2016**  
Arkansas Razorback  
Regional

**June 3-4, 2016**  
Greater St. Louis  
Regional

**June 12, 2016**  
Chapter Meeting



## The Greater St. Louis **Regional** Chapter 14

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Co-Sponsor Chapter 78 - Electrical Horology Society

**Fri., June 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

### Wentzville Community Club

500 W. Main St. Wentzville, MO 63385

Just one mile west of the intersection of Interstates 70 and 64!

### Official Regional Hotel

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 130 Crossroads South Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385  
636-887-2854 Be sure to mention the NAWCC for the special room rate!

### Friday Events:

#### America's **LARGEST** Tailgate Mart!

Over 500 Tailgate Spaces Available!

Lot Opens at 10 a.m. and Closes at 5 p.m.

FREE Tailgate Space included with Regional Table or Outdoor Space Purchase

Outdoor Event! Rain or Shine!

Member Sponsored - Free to Attend

### Saturday Events:

#### Official NAWCC Regional

Indoor and Outdoor Marts from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Setup and Load-in from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Current NAWCC Membership Required - New members can register at the event!

Large, Well-lit Indoor Tables available!

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