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Notice of Meeting

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 2 PM
(Doors open 1:30PM)

Lenexa Community Center
Room AB
13420 Oak Road, Lenexa, KS



Program:
Flex Shaft Rotary Tools
by
Jim Williams

What We Did on Our Summer Vacation

Fifteen members of Chapter 36 made the trip to York and Columbia, Pennsylvania for a multi-day party officially known as the NAWCC National Convention. Events were held in Columbia and York, Pennsylvania.

The kick-off was a Wednesday evening reception for donors of the "For All Time Campaign." It was announced that the goal of \$7.5 million had been reached due to an anonymous benefactor from New Hampshire.

Thursday was an all-day event at headquarters to celebrate the NAWCC 75th anniversary. Tours and lectures of the museum were conducted, ending with a U.S. veterans' presentation and an outdoor dinner with absolutely perfect weather.

On Friday some members played hooky by taking a trip to Merritt's Antique Clocks, with a drive-by afterwards of the old Hamilton Watch Factory. Back at the convention, an auction was held in the evening.

Saturday saw the Annual Meeting, the opening of the mart, and the convention's banquet.

All in all, a very good time.

"The Beat Goes On"

Sonny and Cher (1967)

Jim Williams discussed the concept of the "beat" of the movement of a timepiece and demonstrated the regulation of a movement's beat.

Very simply, a movement's beat is an even (i.e., balanced) "to and fro" of the pendulum as heard by its tick and tock. One can hear a clock's beat and determine if an adjustment needs to be made. The easiest adjustment is the raising of one side of the clock until it has a nice even-sounding tick-tock.



Devices exist that can accurately measure the beat (and provide other meaningful information) of a movement in order to aid in its correct setting. Jim demonstrated two of these devices.

The first, "Timetrax Model 50," (\$60 retail) by *Adams Brown Co.*, is a beat amplifier with high gain sensitivity and amplification. It has a volume control on/off slide switch and rechargeable battery (with charger).



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HEART OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS CHAPTER 36

Member Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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 PM on June 10, 2018 by Harry Firth, President.

Attendance

In attendance were 25 members and 2 guests (sign-in sheet attached). Given that more than ten members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

President Firth welcomed new member Steve Pierce.

President Firth welcomed guests Anne Woods and Lana K (accompanied Bob Hensley).

Minutes

The minutes of the February member meeting, as published in the June/July 2018 newsletter, were approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report, as printed in the June/July 2018 newsletter, was approved by the members.

President's Report

President Firth expressed his thanks to members for their participation in a successful regional.

President Firth recognized Larry Boucher for attaining the status of "Fellow" and Florent Wagner for his 55 years of NAWCC membership.

Members were encouraged to attend the 2018 national convention in York, Pennsylvania. Special, free museum and NAWCC headquarters tours are planned because of the NAWCC's 75th anniversary.

Members were reminded that time still exists for making a pledge to the For All Time 75th Anniversary Endowment Campaign.

A discussion was held regarding the chapter's annual contribution to the NAWCC. This has usually been done at the June meeting upon finalizing the financial success of the regional.

Motion: That a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 be made to the NAWCC Endowment Campaign.

Motion carried.

River Cities Regional Report

General Chairman Greg Arey was not in attendance due to illness. In his absence, Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to regional volunteers who were not in attendance at the regional's banquet.

Presentation

Jim Williams demonstrated the use of two different types of beat amplifiers in the setting of the beat of a clock movement. Also, a bench lathe utilizing long-lasting 3M buffers was demonstrated that showed the ease with which it removes rust and polishes metals.

50/50 Drawing

No 50/50 drawing was held.

Show and Tell

Harry Firth exhibited a large Swiss carriage watch in its original traveling case with complications that include day of the week, date of the month, month of the year, phases of the moon, and second hand.

Other

A reverse auction of clocks donated to the chapter by a generous table holder from our regional generated \$167 for the chapter's Education Fund. Joe Loar conducted the auction.

Meeting Announcement

The next chapter meeting is Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS, Room AB.

Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

/s/ Gregory D. Gould

Gregory D. Gould, Secretary

Heart of America

NAWCC, Chapter 36

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances on 31 July, 2018:



- ◆ \$2,246.50—"chapter" checking account, and
- ◆ \$24,015.02—"regional" checking account.

Comments, suggestions, questions are welcome.

- Lisa Shepard

CARS, CLOCKS, AND WATCHES

The NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium
September 20-22, 2018

Henry Ford Museum
Dearborn, Michigan

www.carswatchesandclocks.com



Milestones



For the period from July through August 2018, the following have maintained continuous membership in the NAWCC:

45 Years

Jerry VanLanker
Brad Wardlow

20 Years

Judge Robert Serra

15 Years

Jim Kuhn

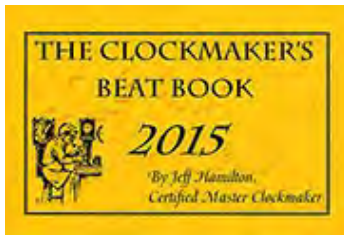


The second device, the "MicroSet Precision 2," by *Mumford Micro Systems* (retail \$275 for the clock version) is an electronic timing device for clocks and watches. It provides extremely accurate beat information, eliminates false readings from extraneous noise, finds the correct rate of a pendulum clock, records the pattern of strikes over many hours to find intermittent problems. The MicroSet has a computer interface (Mac and

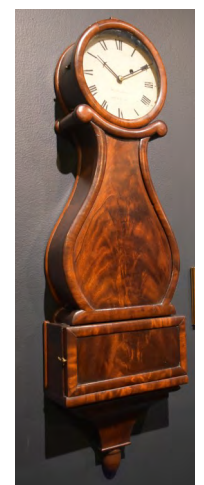
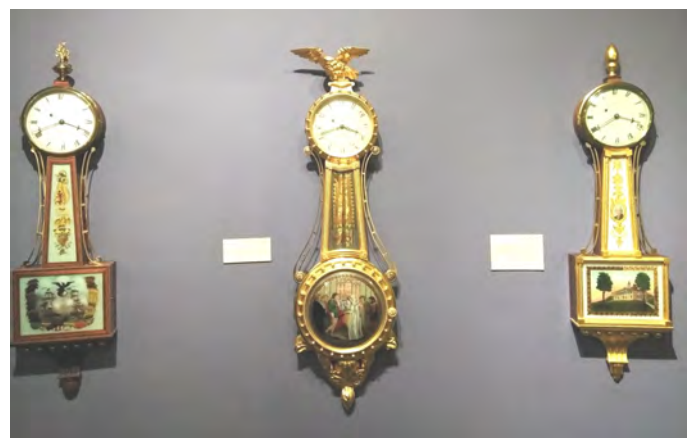
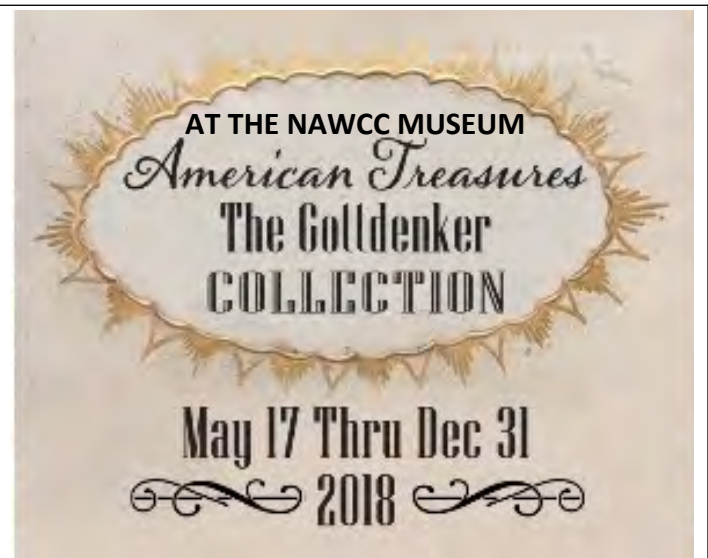


Windows) that allows the recording and storing of the movement's data. A version of the MicroSet exists for use with watches.

Also useful to determine the beat of a clock is the *Clockmaker's Beat Book*, by Jeff Hamilton (\$19.95, direct from the author at www.clockmaker.com).



Switching gears, Jim also demonstrated the ease of polishing of metals and removing rust with a bench lathe by *Foredom Electric Co.* (\$215 retail, from www.foredom.net) using 3M radial bristle discs (extra). Many attachments and tools are available for sanding, grinding, and polishing such as brushes, mandrels, discs, drills, burs, chisels, etc.



2018 NAWCC National Convention



Chapter President Harry Firth & NAWCC Executive Director Tom Wilcox



Tim Orr, Jim Williams, Steve Pierce, Justin Overton, Wayne Andrews, Greg Gould, Harry Firth, and Jim Price at the Annual Meeting



Wayne Andrews, Harry Firth, Greg Gould, and Jim Price
"For All Time" Donor Reception



One of Many, Many Astounding Displays
NAWCC Museum



Jerry Thornsberry
"For All Time" Donor Reception

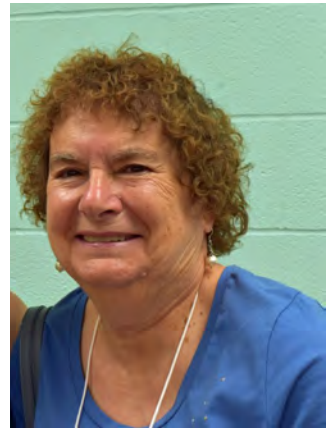
National Convention Chapter 36 Attendees

Sham Agayev
Wayne Andrews
Tim Busenbark
Harry Firth
Greg Gould
Mike Norris
Tim Orr
Justin Overton
Steve Pierce
Jim Price
Jerry Thornsberry
Linda Thornsberry
Brad Wardlow
Bonnie Williams
Jim Williams



Jim Price
United States Veterans Presentation

June Meeting



Playing Hooky at Merritt's



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August/September 2018



"SOME CARTHAGE HOMES"

The Luke/Overton home (upper right), as pictured in a 1906 promotional brochure of Carthage, Missouri

Snack Alert!

August Meeting:

**We will be serving
NAWCC
75th Anniversary
Cake!**



We're Invited!

October 6, 2018 at 11AM

**Chapter 57 Meeting
and Potluck Meal**

1335 S Main St, Carthage, MO

Let's join our friends from Chapter 57, Ozark, at the historic home of Ruth and Hugh Overton. The meeting and mini-mart (11AM) and meal (noon) will be outside. Conducted tours of Hugh's clocks and the home will be after the meal.

The Overton home, and matching carriage house, were built for James Luke in 1900, in the Classical Revival style, of golden yellow brick imported from England. Mr. Luke was a native of Cornwall, England. He came to Missouri in 1874 and became a prominent Carthage property owner, mine operator, and philanthropist.

W.H. Woestman purchased the home in the 1940s and raised his family. Mr. Woestman was a vice president of the Steadley Co., a manufacturer of springs for the bedding and furniture industry in Carthage. His widow lived in the house until the 1980s.

The Overtons purchased the home from the Woestman family in 1985 and have restored it to its former grandeur.



Historic Luke/Overton home in Carthage, Missouri

Upcoming NAWCC Events

October 5, 2018
Chapter 57 Social

October 26-27, 2018
MKOA Regional
Oklahoma City