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## HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER 36

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 2 PM  
(Doors open 1:30PM)

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

**Wagon Spring Clocks**  
**Accelerating and Equalizing Lever Springs**

by

**Jim Price**  
Wichita, KS



*DON'T MISS THIS ONE!*  
**A Stellar Assemblage of Wagon Spring Clocks!**  
(more info on pages 3 and 4)

## Election of Officers

The current term of the officers of the Executive Committee ends 31 December 2019. Officer elections for the 2-year term beginning 1 January 2020 will be held at the December meeting.

**The responsibilities for each office can be found on page 7.**

Harry Firth, Jim Williams, and Greg Gould have announced that they will not serve as officers during the next term. They will, however, remain involved in other leadership roles within the chapter.

The chapter needs ***you*** to insure continuity of the chapter's leadership.

### New Members

Welcome to Heart of America, NAWCC Chapter 36:

*IT'S ABOUT TIME!*

Thaine Damman



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for members and friends of

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NAWCC CHAPTER 36**

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## NAWCC NATIONAL LEADERS

### **NAWCC Director**

Tim Orr

Jim Price

### **NAWCC Committee**

Greg Gould, Convention

Tim Orr, Membership

Jim Price, Convention

Jerry Thornsberry, Nominating

### **Star Fellow**

Hugh Overton

Ruth Overton

Jerry Thornsberry

### **Fellow**

Don Allen

Mike Bailey

Larry Boucher

Ruth Herrmann

Wayne Herrmann

John Martin

Tim Orr

Jim Price

### **Old-Timer**

Ron Dickinson

Don Mills

Florent Wagner

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

Member Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, August 11, 2019

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 August 11, 2019 by Harry Firth, President.

### **Attendance**

In attendance were 29 members and 1 guest (sign-in sheet attached). New NAWCC member Thaine Damman was welcomed. Given that more than ten members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the June member meeting, as printed in the August-September 2019 newsletter, were approved by the members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report, as printed in the August-September 2019 newsletter, was approved by the members.

### **President's Report**

At this year's National Convention, Heart of America Chapter 36 was recognized as the 2019 Chapter Donor of the Year. Subsequently the chapter received a certificate from the John Harrison Society, signed by Board Chairman Rich Newman, as recognition of significant donations both past and current, to the NAWCC endowment funds which will make a lasting impact. In celebration, a decorated cake was served by Roberta and Ed Reupke, Barb and Larry Boucher, and Lisa Shepard.

A Nominating Committee is needed to prepare for the December election of officers.

A General Chairperson needs to be identified, soon, **IF** we are to hold our next Regional – tentatively scheduled for April 3 – 4, 2020. While we have tentative dates chosen and an understanding with the Lenexa Community Center as to our needs, *a regional cannot be officially scheduled or advertised until we have a general chairperson.* Therefore, in order to avoid rushed planning and preparation, someone needs to “step up” to the task very, very soon. We cannot have a regional without a General Chair.

Members were encouraged to attend the MKOA Regional next month in Wichita. Each meeting attendee received an ad for that regional.

**Motion**-That a memorial contribution of \$100 in the name of long-time member Darrell Carr be sent to the NAWCC with a designation for the Education Fund of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the “For All Time” endowment campaign.

**Motion carried.**

## Report

Wayne Andrews reported on the chapter's history of responsibility for the maintenance of the Winkler Clock in Kansas City, KS. Photos were distributed of Wayne's maintenance visit of this past week. Judge Robert Serra spoke about the history of the refurbishment of the clock and shared some of his experiences caring for the clock, both before and after the restoration.

## Program

Jim Williams presented a program entitled, "Tips, Tools, Creative Maintenance, and Repairs." This was followed by a discussion.

## Show and Tell

Chris Malik showed a shelf clock and informed members of the benefits of the website [antiqueclockspriceguide.com](http://antiqueclockspriceguide.com) for the identification and pricing of clocks.

Joe Loar showed an extremely old movement in which everything was made of wood. Upon careful use of cleaners on a darkened board, an old dial was revealed!

Wayne Andrews explained the present, sorry state of the production of chime rods. No longer can the rods be easily removed from the seating board and replaced. Wayne shared his solution for removing and replacing the chime rods.

## 50/50

Wayne Andrews officiated the 50/50 drawing. The winner was Al Scott. The chapter's Education Fund increased \$25.

## Other

Florent Wagner spoke about the Overland Park Historical Society and their 25<sup>th</sup> gala anniversary.

## Meeting Announcement

The next chapter meeting will be Sunday, 13 October 2019, at the Lenexa Community Center, Lenexa, KS, Room AB.

The program, by Jim Price of Wichita, will be on wagon spring clocks: specifically, accelerating and equalizing lever springs.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Gregory D. Gould, Secretary  
Heart of America  
NAWCC, Chapter 36

## WAGON SPRING CLOCKS

From their invention in the 15th century, steel coiled springs were the preferred way to power clock movements: they permitted a clock to be small and portable. However, American clock makers did not have ready access to these springs until the latter half of the 19th century. This unavailability was due to the expense of importing the springs from Europe and the lack of production facilities in America. As a response, the American clock makers ingeniously devised the use of weights in order to power their movements. The weight movements proved to be accurate, reliable, and compact.

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## In Memoriam

# DARRELL CARR

JULY 10, 2019

Darrell was born April 28, 1934 in Wagoner, Oklahoma. He graduated from Wagoner High School in 1952. In 1954, he married Georgia, also from Wagoner. Darrell received his engineering degree from Northeastern State University and began working at Crane Carrier Corporation in Tulsa, Oklahoma as a designer of off-highway mining trucks. He and Georgia moved to Overland Park, Kansas in 1963 where he took a job as a product manager at Dart Truck Company, from which he retired.

Darrell served his country in the Army National Guard, coached his sons in basketball, baseball, and football, and helped develop the Johnson County 3 & 2 baseball program. He was a charter member and deacon of his church and served in various ministries.

Darrell became interested in clocks from going on family vacations in Vermont. He became a member of NAWCC in 1974, and later joined Heart of America, Chapter 36. As a member of Chapter 36, Darrell became a leader and worked tirelessly in many areas over the years. He:

- held the offices of Vice President-Kansas, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President,
- coordinated and taught several educational programs, including repairing movements with ball-bearing bushings, determining when bushings need to be replaced and how to do it, holding a beginning wood lathe class, and teaching touch-up techniques for wood finished cases,
- chaired our regionals' Exhibit Display for several years, and
- served as auditor of the chapter's financial records.



1st Prize  
2011 National Craft  
Competition,  
Clock Restoration

Darrell's skills shone in other areas. He was a winner of our annual restoration contest in 2010 (1st prize), 2011 (2nd prize), and 2012 (honorable mention). In Class 13, Clock Restoration, at the National Craft Competition, he was awarded 3rd place in 2008, 2nd place in 2009 (Ansonia "Nubia"), and the grand prize in 2011 (Seth Thomas "Umbria").

Darrell is survived by his wife, two sons, two grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a sister, and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a son.



Photo by Steve Stoecker

### *Continued from page 3*

A variation of the weight-driven movement were those receiving power from "wagon springs." In this usage, the strings that ordinarily would have held the weights were connected, through intermediary pulleys, to the free ends of what looked like a wagon-spring on the bottom of the case. This mechanism exerted a downward pull just like two weights.

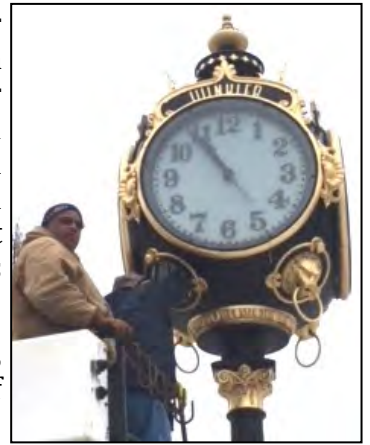
Learn about these curious movements at our October meeting. Jim is a member of Chapter 36, President of Chapter 63, a Fellow, and recently elected member of the NAWCC Board of Directors. Jim will be driving to our meeting from his home in Wichita to share his passion for wagon spring clocks with examples from his collection.

Use this opportunity to learn about wagon spring clocks and talk with a NAWCC board member!

## Winkler Clock

Wayne Andrews distributed photos of a maintenance visit to the Winkler Street Clock, below, in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. It is a four-dial, Seth Thomas, Movement No. 4. The clock was ordered in 1915 by Frank Winkler of Winkler's Jewelers at a cost of \$477. Seth Thomas records of the order and shipment of the clock can be found on the NAWCC website. Wayne reported on the chapter's responsibility for the maintenance of the clock, which began with the clock's restoration and re-dedication in August, 2013. Judge Robert Serra spoke about the history of the clock's restoration as well as some of his experiences caring for the clock, both before and after the restoration.

Wayne is offering members an opportunity to see the clock's movement, explain its control of the four dial faces and show lubrication access points. If interested, contact Wayne at (913) 782-8893 or wayne.andrews@att.net.



### MILESTONES



For the period October through November 2019, the following have maintained continuous membership in the NAWCC:

**40 Years**  
Digger Odell

**15 Years**  
Craig Unruh

**Congratulations!**

### Treasurer's Report

Bank balances on 6 September, 2019:

- ♦ \$2,221.72—"chapter" checking account, and
- ♦ \$25,196.34—"regional" checking account.



The balance of the "regional" checking account is unchanged since the last Treasurer's Report.

The "chapter" checking account reflects proceeds of the 50/50 drawing at the August meeting, the purchase of address labels, and a memorial contribution to NAWCC in honor of Darrell Carr.

The balance of the Education Fund is \$2,682.00.

Comments and questions are welcomed.

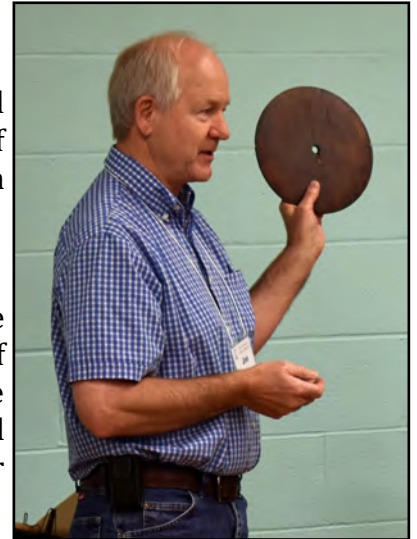
- Lisa Shepard

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### Late, Breaking News!

Take a look at page 438 of the current (September/October) issue of the *Watch & Clock Bulletin*! You will find a beautiful, 17-page, color spread by Jim Price about Chauncey Jerome's Oversized Steeple Clocks.



## UNWIND IN TIME MEETS WORN AND WOUND



A regular vendor at our regional is Jarrett Harkness. He owns *Unwind in Time*, which specializes in Hamilton Electric watches. His website, [unwindintime.com](http://unwindintime.com), describes the business with incredibly beautiful photos of watches for sale.

Founded in 2011, [wornandwound.com](http://wornandwound.com) is a leading resource for in-depth content on watches. The website features news, reviews, guides, videos, and podcasts. One can view over 150 hi-def videos, peruse the catalog of over 1,000 published articles, explore more than 100 featured brands, and listen to more than 100 podcasts.

Episode #103 of the Worn & Wound Podcast released 4 September is an interesting and informative episode with Jarett. Vintage is undeniably hot right now, but the focus of most enthusiasts is given to vintage *mechanical* watches. The watches that interest Jarett, however, are of a different sort, and this all began when he fixed a non-running Hamilton Electric Pacer. In this podcast Jarett tells how he came about loving watches, why he's specifically drawn to electric watches, and how his one-time hobby and now full-time business really goes beyond just the watches themselves.

Give it a listen!



## Officer Responsibilities

The **President** shall:

- Provide active and responsible leadership to the Chapter,
- Conduct regular meetings of the Executive Committee and the Chapter,
- Coordinate activities of the Executive Committee and appoint members to Regular or Special Committees,
- Be the chair of the Executive Committee and the Chapter membership meetings, and an *ex-officio* member of all committees except the Nominating Committee,
- Compare actual practices of the Chapter for compliance with NAWCC requirements and the Chapter's bylaws and Standing Rules,
- Provide the Secretary with copies of all records received from committees or other sources, and
- Provide all records and training to the succeeding President.

The **First Vice-President** shall:

- Preside at all Chapter meetings in the absence of the President,
- Be responsible for the planning and scheduling of programs to be presented at the chapter's meetings,
- Be responsible for other duties as determined by the President, and
- Provide all records and training to the succeeding First Vice President.

The **Second Vice-President** shall:

- Preside at all Chapter meetings in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President,
- Be responsible for planning and scheduling educational opportunities for the chapter's members (which may or may not take place at the chapter's meetings),
- Be responsible for other duties as determined by the President, and
- Provide all records and training to the succeeding Second Vice President.

The **Secretary** shall:

- Provide proper notice of meetings to the members,
- Record the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Chapter membership meetings,
- Maintain all previous Chapter minutes and incorporation documents,
- Oversee the Chapter's correspondence including *Chapter Highlights* to the NAWCC for its publication,
- Report new officers to NAWCC,
- Make minutes available to the Executive Committee and the editor of the Chapter's newsletter,
- Provide annually to the NAWCC all files and documentation necessary to maintain the chapter's inclusion within the Group Exemption Letter received by the NAWCC from the Internal Revenue Service,
- File timely all state regulatory filings (including, but not limited to, Annual Registration Report, Certificate of Amendment, etc.),
- Maintain the Chapter's membership roster,
- Maintain the Chapter's website, and
- Provide all records and training to the succeeding Secretary.

The **Treasurer** shall:

- Be responsible for all Chapter funds,
- Maintain checking and saving accounts as directed by the Executive Committee,
- Change the authorized signatures of the Chapter's bank accounts as directed by the Executive Committee,
- Pay all normal operating expenses and other necessary expenses as directed by the Executive Committee,
- Provide regular reports to the Executive Committee and an annual report to the members,
- Prepare annually the Chapter's budget under the direction of the Finance Committee for approval by the Chapter's members at the Annual Meeting
- Prepare financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) at the end of each fiscal year for an annual audit,
- File timely tax statements with the Internal Revenue Service, and
- Provide all records and training to the succeeding Treasurer.

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**October/November 2019**



## Snack Alert!

### October Meeting:

Please bring a tasty treat if your last name begins with the letters "G" thru "L."



## Upcoming Events

**March 6-7, 2020**

Lone Star Regional  
Mesquite, TX

**May 15-16, 2020**

50th Annual  
Wichita Clock Show  
Wichita, KS

## Cake for Everybody!

In celebration of receiving the award of 2019 Chapter Donor of the Year, a decorated cake was served by Roberta and Ed Reupke, Barb and Larry Boucher, and Lisa Shepard. Below, members of the Executive Committee.



(l) to (r): Harry Firth (President), Greg Gould (Secretary), Lisa Shepard (Treasurer), Wayne Andrews (Immediate Past-President), and Jim Williams (VP-Programs).