

Heart of America Chapter 36

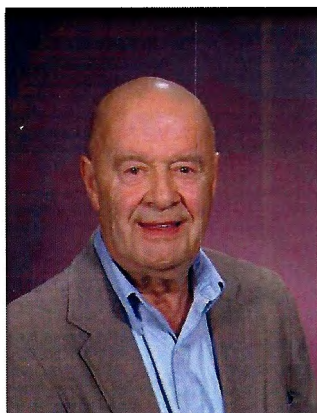
MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2011 MEETING

President Wayne Herrmann called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM.

Guest were: Rex Studebaker with Dwain Paugh; Steve Short; Ron Yaffey; Karen and "Sonny" Tom Wallace.

Minutes of the April Meeting as published in the June Newsletter were approved as written upon motion made by Harry Firth and Seconded by Bill Maune.

Treasurer, Ruth Herrmann, reported that the Chapter April 10 balance of \$4,016.95 had grown by \$420 in membership dues and \$32 from April drawing, but expenses paid were \$176.85 leaving a present balance at this August Meeting of \$4,292.10. The Regional Account in April was \$17,992.49, less \$51.50 printing for 2012 Regional Flyers, but added to by interest of \$25.81 bringing the August Regional Account balance to \$17,966.80.



George Phelps

Jerry Thornsberry introduced George Phelps, Mike McNichols and Ron Gerlt, of the Omaha Chapter # 58 who presented the program on Studebaker Watches and quality watches manufactured by the Columbus and South Bend Watch Companies. Detrick Gruen started a watch manufacturing company in 1850, later changed the name to Columbus Watch Company when the business moved to Ohio, making high quality watches, many railroad models. Two Studebaker Bros. and siblings started a wagon manufacturing business in 1850 which was very successful. Columbus Watch Co. went broke in the Panic of 1893, and late in 1890s Studebaker purchased the Co. assets and continued manufacturing quality watches. In the 1920s Studebaker developed the wrist watch and a protective cover. The marketed watches through Sears Roebuck under the name "Studebaker" and sold quality watches under the name "South Bend," where the factory was now located. Their

best model was named the "Polaris." The Watch Company went out of business in 1929.

Bill Dugan, Chairman of the 2012 National Convention at Overland Park, Kansas, reported on a very successful convention. We may use some of our net proceeds to provide Suitcase Workshop Programs if the members will tell Bill what programs they want.

Jerry Thornsberry reported that 45 new members were enrolled in NAWCC, some permanent and about 40 special.

Don Allen, Three Rivers Regional Chairman reported all arrangements are made to host this Regional April 20 – 21, 2012, in the large building next door and the hotel at Crown Plaza in Lenexa, Kansas.

The Ozark Chapter Tailgate Mart was announced for October 2, 2011, at Joplin, Missouri.

Bill Maune announced our Chapter Restoration Contest for February Meeting, 2012.

The Russell & Vickers, Lansing, England, Tall Case Clock, which won First Prize at the recent National Convention would now be auctioned. The Clock went to the high bidder, Wayne Herrmann and Ruth Herrmann, for a good price.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Rick Stofer \$25.00 . Two table decorations from National Convention were drawn for also.

Show and Tell produced a small Japanese Pillar or Stick clock restored to running condition by Harry Firth. This table clock dated from the 18th Century.

Jerry Thornsberry showed a Baby Iron Patti # 9.

Bob Hill showed a 9 Millemeter Round clock with a St. Bernadette Chime, both very unusual clocks

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM, and cookies and coffee were still available to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
Florent Wagner, Secretary