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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

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Notice of Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 2014, 2 PM
(Doors open 1:30PM)

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



Program:

*Trends in Pocket Watch &
Wrist Watch Collecting*
By Jim Byrne

We Won!

2014 NAWCC National Convention Milwaukee, WI Crafts Competition Class 24, Chapter Restoration

Last summer members Greg Arey, Steve Stoecker, Darrell Carr and Florent Wagner picked up a very forlorn Vienna Regulator donated to our Chapter by Fellow NAWCC member, Dave Falke, owner of The Clock Shop (Kansas City, MO). The Kienzle 2-weight regulator had been stored in a basement for over three years. It was in rough shape with missing pieces of trim, weights, finials, and a top crest. Its wood case was dry and had sanding-scratches on the base area.



Photo by Greg Gould

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Loar Soars! (with flying rotary pendulums)

Joe Loar presented our June program and his topic was Briggs Rotary Clocks.

While these curious little timekeepers with "conical pendulums" were named after John C. Briggs, the name "Briggs" was not associated with this type of clock until nearly 100 years after Mr. Briggs filed his patent in 1855 for its design.



Photo by Greg Gould

Indeed, it is not even known if Mr. Briggs lived to see his design in operation for it was not until the early 1870's that the E. N. Welch Manufacturing Company introduced a clock named "Rotary" using Briggs patented pendulum.

These clocks by Welch did not use the words "Briggs" or "conical," but referred to it only as the "Rotary." However, an illustration in an 1878 catalog describes the timepiece as "Brown's Rotary Clock."

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Milestones



The following Chapter 36 members during calendar 2013 have maintained continuous membership in the NAWCC.

40 Years

Jerry VanLanker

30 Years

Dorma Olson

10 Years

Jim Kuhn

Congratulations!

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CHAPTER 36

Member Meeting

Minutes

Sunday June 8, 2014

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 8 June 2014 by Wayne Andrews, *President*.

Attendance

In attendance were 28 members and 4 guests (sign-in sheet attached). With more than ten members in attendance, a quorum was established.

Minutes

The minutes of the last bi-monthly member meeting as published in the June 2014 Newsletter were approved by the members.

President's Report:

Special Announcement: Ruth Herrmann, *Fellow*, has resigned her position as Treasurer. The Executive Committee appointed Greg Gould to serve the remaining term of office.

Expression of Gratitude: Ruth Herrmann will be presented with flowers and a card in thanks for her years of service to Chapter 36. In honor of Ruth, cake and coffee were enjoyed by the members after adjournment of the meeting.

NAWCC National Convention: The Vienna Regulator restored by Chapter members this past year has been entered in the Crafts Competition Contest at the NAWCC National Convention.

Announcement: Steve Humphrey, *NAWCC Executive Director*, and Ruth Overton, *Chair, NAWCC Board of Directors, NAWCC Silver Star Fellow*, sent letters of appreciation to the Chapter in recognition of the Chapter's contribution of \$1,500 in response to the NAWCC Annual Appeal Campaign.

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was presented by Greg Gould, *Secretary/Treasurer*, and approved by a vote of the members.

Presentations:

Harold Englehaupt, *Chapter 36 Regional Committee Chairman, NAWCC Convention Committee Member*, announced that National has approved the dates of April 17-18, 2015 for the Chapter's 2015 River Cities Regional.

Steve Stoecker, *1st Vice President*, announced that Jim Byrne will present the August program, *Trends in Pocket and Wrist Watch Collecting*, and Bob Jewett and Bob Hensley will present the October Program, *Nistory of Alarm Clocks*.

Larry Boucher, *2nd Vice President*, held another well-received clock "clinic." Especially of interest was the demonstration of a method for enhancing and preserving clock labels.

Greg Gould reported on the progress of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for amending and restating the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws in response to the Chapter's change in organization from a 501(c)(3) to a 501(c)(7).

Program

Joe Loar presented the June program. The topic was Briggs Rotary Clocks and mainspring servicing of Horolovar 8 day rotary clocks.

Show and Tell

Digger Odell showed off two rather rare Ansonia models: "Bamboo" and "Nonpareil." Bill Maune brought in a 30-hour Brewster and Ingraham steeple clock case with very good veneer and an Atkins wall clock. Lisa Shepard brought in a 17 jewels, "bulls-eye" clock, probably Swiss-made.

50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing to benefit the chapter's education funds was won by Tim Busenbark. Jerry VanLanker handled the drawing. The chapter's education fund has been increased by \$25.

Announcements:

The next bi-monthly member meeting of Heart of America Chapter 36 of the NAWCC will be Sunday, 10 August 2014.

Adjournment:

Motion: Made by Wayne Andrews, seconded by Greg Gould: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

/s/ Gregory D. Gould

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

In The News

Heart of America, Chapter 36 at the 2014 National Convention

In The News

Ednabelle Menditto was singled out by Ruth Overton, Chair, NAWCC Board of Directors, for her enthusiastic and exuberant greeting of public guests at our River Cities Regional, and as an example of how the organization should be innovatively working toward the recruitment of new members. **Harry Firth** was personally invited by Steve Humphrey, NAWCC Executive Director, to deliver the invocation at the Awards Banquet.

Harold Engelhaupt's report to the NAWCC Convention Committee was very well-received, so much so that the NAWCC Membership Committee has requested its availability for use in its recruitment efforts.

Florent Wagner was announced at the Awards Banquet as a recipient of the Golden Circle Award for his 50 years of continuous NAWCC membership (more on this in an upcoming issue).

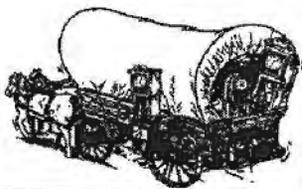
~ UPDATE ~

2014 Heart of America Membership Roster



The new roster will soon be available (in print and on-line on our website). Until then, here are two changes for the current roster: Al Scott, 32517 Rockville Rd (all other info stays the same); Bill Slaughter, 5205 Schuyler Dr, Carmichael, CA 95608, 785-375-3467 (cell), horizonyams@yahoo.com.

Please let us know if your information needs to be updated!



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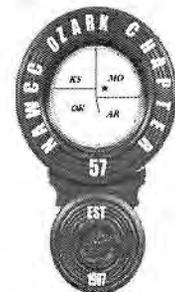
September 11 - 13, 2014

Biltmore Hotel Oklahoma

401 S. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73128
405-947-7681 (Mention NAWCC for Special Rate)

For more information, see the ad in the July/August issue of the *Mart & Highlights*, page 7.

Cherokee Chapter 30



Al Qaeda Threatens Chapter 36!

How's that for a provocative headline? Sensational? Yes! Preposterous? Not really!

Before 9/11, small non-profits such as Chapter 36 were not required to file tax returns, and thus, were flying "under the radar" of the IRS. For this reason, many chapters (including Chapter 36) did not bother to seek a determination from the IRS of their tax-exempt status.

The U.S. Government passed laws in 2006 requiring all non-profits, no matter how small, to report annually to the IRS because it determined that some terrorist groups utilized U.S. non-profits to fund their terrorism. No more "flying under the radar!"

All non-profits, even small ones such as Chapter 36, now became "known" to the IRS. For this reason, many NAWCC chapters (and hundreds and hundreds of small non-profits across the country) that had not previously applied for (and received) a tax-exempt letter of determination from the IRS were now "exposed" and had to apply for this "letter of determination."

Various tax-exempt designations are available from the IRS. Most chapters who have a designation are either 501(c)(7) or 501(c)(3). Chapters that are 501(c)(7) are determined to be **Social and Recreation Clubs**. This is a fairly broad category and meets the needs of many chapters. Chapters that are 501(c)(3) are determined to be **Charitable Organizations**. Contributions to a 501(c)(3) are deductible. Contributions to a 501(c)(7) are deductible only if the non-profit is part of a group exemption letter (see below). [Editor's Correction: contributions to the Chapter will not be tax deductible.]



Applying for (and receiving) a tax-exempt determination was easier and much cheaper before the change in tax laws in 2006. Three options now exist for NAWCC chapters (such as Heart of America) that do not currently have a letter of determination from the IRS and now must receive a tax exempt designation:

- Apply for an exemption determination under the small organization exemption. This only requires a phone call. Unfortunately, this is not available to Chapter 36 since it receives more than \$5,000 of annual receipts.
- Apply for an exemption determination by filing IRS Form 1024. This form is 20-some pages in length, takes approximately 52 hours to complete, costs (at least) \$400 to file, and results in months of waiting for a positive determination entailing many follow-up queries and correspondence. The large amount of time for IRS approval is because the chapter must prove to the IRS that 80-90% of what it does has a public benefit.
- Apply for an exemption determination by being included within a group exemption letter of an affiliated parent organization. This is the path of least resistance and the one that Chapter 36 has chosen to pursue. National has received approval for a tax-exempt group exemption letter. Chapters desiring to be added to this group exemption need to notify National and provide it with required documentation.

Before submitting required documentation to National, a chapter needs to complete the following actions:

- Resolve to become organized as a 501(c)(7), and
- Change its Constitution and Bylaws to reflect this change.

The Chapter 36 Executive Committee signed a Corporate Resolution to become organized as a 501(c)(7) in January. The membership ratified this resolution in April.



Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are largely complete. Because a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws needs to be provided to National in order to maintain our inclusion within the group exemption letter, the committee working on this project is taking this opportunity to review and recommend other changes to the Constitution and Bylaws (the Chapter's last rewrite of its Constitution and Bylaws was nearly five years ago).



So, to "connect the dots:"

- Al Qaeda utilized U.S. non-profits to fund their operations. All non-profits now must file a tax return with the IRS.
- Sweet, sleepy, little NAWCC chapters like Heart of America who did not have one must now acquire a tax-exempt letter of determination.
- Heart of America must (**quickly**) be added to National's tax-exempt group exemption letter of determination or else it will be recognized as a taxable organization and be required to pay income taxes on its income (both in the past, the present, and the future!)

We must quickly take the necessary steps or risk having our organization treated as an ordinary corporation subject to income taxes. We are already late by more than a few years.

Thus, Al Qaeda threatens Chapter 36.

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Thanks to the many talents of the following members, another beautiful timekeeper has been saved:



Photo by Greg Arey

- Dwain Paugh donated two Vienna Regulator Weights. He buffed and polished them for us!
- Wayne Hermann cleaned the movement, pendulum and replaced the weight cords. Steve Stoecker and Greg Arey participated in this process.
- Mac Dressler designed/created, and hand-carved the top crest. He also made new vertical "stretchers" in the top crown.
- Mike Haines and Dan Haines replaced a side glass, supplied finials, sanded and filled holes, and refinished the case. Mike additionally put the movement back in the case to finish out the clock.
- Lastly, we hung and tested the clock for final inspection. Greg Arey participated in this process.



Photo by Greg Gould

Thanks also to Harry Firth and Greg Gould who transported our entry to the NAWCC National Convention in Milwaukee and brought back a 1st Place Ribbon!

We will proudly auction our Kienzle 2-weight Vienna Regulator winning entry at a later Chapter 36 meeting.

- Greg Arey

Three Chapter 36 Members Examine Outstanding Automaton Clock

Dirk Soulis has acquired a massive 37" x 22" Champlevé enameled bronze Winterhalder & Hofmeier clock, made for sale by Bailey Banks & Biddle of Philadelphia in the late nineteenth century. It was auctioned on June 29th.



This magnificent timepiece rings Westminster chimes at the quarter hours with a deep gong hour strike, plays a variety of tunes at the beginning of the hour, and features a colorful singing bird automaton whose head, beak and tail move convincingly.

In preparation for the sale, the firm's Jody Moore got in contact with Harold Engelhaupt to ask if members of Chapter 36 would be willing to inspect the clock and determine the working order or possible needs of the various mechanisms.

So on May 23rd Harold, Florent Wagner and Harry Firth drove to Lone Jack and met with Charles Keller, who was preparing a careful evaluation and appraisal.

Although the mechanisms were a bit sluggish and will benefit from a good cleaning and lubrication, they were in working condition and a joy to behold. The three Heart of America members were especially happy to offer their assistance because Dirk Soulis and his associates have been very kind and generous to Chapter 36, providing effective publicity for our regionals in recent years.

Besides, who doesn't enjoy a good, close look at an outstanding and valuable clock?

At auction, bidding took roughly ten minutes. Fourteen phone bidders (four international) kept the gathering spellbound. Bidding opened at \$60,000! And the final "hammer" price? **\$165,000!** And no, it did not sell to a member of Heart of America! Actually, sources indicate that the "little" guy went to California to one of the telephone bidders.

-Harry Firth



Thank you!

... to Tim Busenbark,
who has graciously agreed to take charge of
providing coffee at our Chapter meetings.

New & Improved!

Wondering when your current Chapter 36 membership expires? For your convenience, that information now appears in the upper right-hand corner of your Newsletter's address label!

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet June 30, 2014

	Chapter	Regional	Total
Cash ¹	\$ 2,038.37	\$ 21,285.31	\$ 23,323.68
Prepaid Expenses	600.00	300.00	900.00
Total	\$ 2,638.37	21,585.31	\$ 24,223.68
Payables	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00
Members' Equity	2,618.37	21,585.31	24,203.68
Total	\$ 2,638.37	\$ 21,585.31	\$ 24,223.68

¹Bank account signatories: Wayne Andrews, President, and Greg Gould, Secretary/Treasurer.

Income Statement January 1 through June 30, 2014

	Chapter	Regional	Total
Mart	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,685.00	\$ 7,685.00
Banquet	0.00	855.00	855.00
Dues	760.00	0.00	760.00
Hospitality	0.00	350.60	350.60
Other	10.00	297.00	307.00
50/50	75.00	0.00	75.00
Revenue	\$ 845.00	\$ 9,187.60	\$ 10,032.60
Rent	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,131.58	\$ 2,506.58
Donation	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Advertising	0.00	1,295.00	1,295.00
Education	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Banquet	0.00	869.70	869.70
Hospitality	68.28	771.06	839.34
Supplies	107.54	541.06	648.60
Security	0.00	570.00	570.00
Prizes	200.00	350.00	550.00
Insurance	0.00	537.50	537.50
Other	40.00	267.20	307.20
Postage	147.43	21.90	169.33
Expenses	\$ 2,138.25	\$ 8,855.00	\$ 10,993.25
Net Income/<Loss>	\$ (1,293.25)	\$ 332.60	\$ (960.65)

Treasurer's comments: This first *published* Income Statement covers the period from the beginning of this calendar year through 30 June 2014. Subsequent Income Statements will only cover the two month period from the previous chapter meeting to the current chapter meeting.

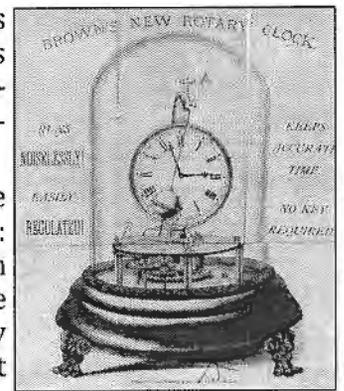
Comments, suggestions, questions, are welcome!

-Greg Gould

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Speculation abounds as to whether this is a typographical error or if another individual is involved.

Two models were produced by Welch: the wheel and pinion train between the two were completely redesigned and not interchangeable.



Only Type 1 has plate markings indicating the patent. Type 2 has no plate markings. Type 1 has "club" hands; Type 2 has "spade" hands.

The clocks originally retailed for \$2.50 (brass) and \$3.50 (nickel). Both models were 30 hour and the time is set not by the hands but by "key fingers" on the base of the clock! Type 1 has 12 key fingers while Type 2 has six key fingers.

Owing to poor records, no one knows how many of these original clocks were made, let alone how many of each model. Fewer than 500 are known to be in existence today.

Thanks, Joe, for sharing your enthusiasm for this unique niche of horology!

-Greg Gould

We Need YOU!

Our Chapter is the sum of its members. Have a question, idea, or suggestion for our Newsletter? Let us know! We welcome your input:

- ⇒ Share your expertise or offer tips by submitting an article.
- ⇒ Make room for new acquisitions by placing ads.
- ⇒ Ask a question of the members or make an announcement.

Contact Bill Maune or Greg Gould and help Heart of America add up to a great Chapter!



Our deadline for the next two issues:

October	September 15
December	November 18

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Upcoming Chapter Events

August 10
Pocket/Wrist Watch
Collecting

October 12
History of Alarm
Clocks

April 17-18, 2015
River Cities Regional

And Now for Something Completely Different!

(with apologies to Monty Python)

To help members maintain their stamina during our meetings, we will have snacks available! So that all may share in our nourishment, we ask that you bring a snack to the August meeting if your last name begins with the letters "A" through "F." Cookies, cakes, pies, chips, pastries, and the like are welcome! If successful, we will use the following schedule:

Letters "A" through "F"
"G" through "L"
"M" through "P"
"Q" through "Z"

August 2014 meeting
October 2014 meeting
February 2015 meeting
June 2015 meeting

Note: no April 2015 meeting is planned at this time due to the River Cities Regional.

Chapter 36 Member Application/Renewal

Please return this form with your \$10.00 check payable to "NAWCC Chapter 36" to Greg Gould, 1210 West 69th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113-2055. Or better yet, come to the next meeting and join in person!

Name _____ Date Submitted _____
 Street Address _____ City State ZIP _____
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Membership dues cover the year, January 1 through December 31.

Dues are payable January 1st.

Dues are delinquent April 1st (no fooling!)