

Heart of America Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

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Dear H.O.A. Members:

Well, another month of collecting has passed, and a whole new month of adventure is here. Start out right and circle August 11th as our next Meeting. It will be a big one and the group will gather at 1:30 to go thru the cafeteria line together and eat in the special dining room. Incidentally, this Meeting will be at the Carousel Cafeteria, 5630 Troost, Kansas City, Mo., and the speaker will be Clement Wagner and the topic will be "Calendar Clocks". So make your plans now to meet the other collectors at the Carousel Cafeteria, Kansas City, Mo., August 11th at 1:30 p.m. Bring something to exhibit as any Member without something for our exhibit will be voluntarily fined \$.25 We might add that this does not apply to Auxiliary Members or guests, but any exhibits they wish to add to the overall scene will be appreciated and enjoyed.

BIG EXHIBITS FOR H.O.A. CHAPTER-----

On the Fourth Sunday in September, the 22nd, the Heart of America Hobby Club has invited our Chapter to exhibit with them in their Annual Hobby Show. Last year we had over twenty feet of table space along one full length of the room by the wall and the numerous clocks and watches exhibited by our Members aroused a great deal of interest. The Exhibit will be at the World War II Memorial Building, Linwood and Paseo (32nd St. and Paseo) here in Kansas City, Mo., and will be September 22nd from noon to six p.m., and we would like to have as good a showing as last year. The "display board" will be available for those clocks which must be hung so bring any nice wall clocks you want as well as those unusual shelf clocks. Let's talk it up at our August Meeting and really put this over. Those coming from a distance can leave earlier if they wish.

An even bigger exhibit is in the offing--the Kansas City Public Library has asked us to take over all the available cabinets in the main branch of the Library during one of the coming months (Main Branch at 12th McGee in Kansas City, Mo.), and your Secretary and Mr. Perotti have been having conferences regarding the available space and come up with the following: There are three large posts on the first floor, each with large glass cabinets built around them on three sides....this makes a combined total of approximately nine cabinets on the first floor with estimated measurements of 60" high, 40" wide and 15" deep (shelves can be inserted but do not seem practical at this time).

On the third floor, there are three more cabinets carrying approximately the same measurements along one wall, and also five flat cabinets 40" wide, 30" deep and 8" high. All these cabinets are glass, both those on the first and third floors, and all have locks on them. Also, the Library carries complete insurance coverage on all exhibits placed on their premises. But more on this at the August 11th Meeting.

LATE NEWS-----

Mr. Pelham recently had an accident while painting and is the proud possessor of a nice cast on his arm. No news is good news, and in the case of Mr. Tholen, we just haven't heard any later news so hope he is sufficiently recovering from his heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith have a big European Adventure planned shortly, and Mr. Bruer reported that Mrs. Bruer has hasn't been able to make all the rounds of late due to the illness of her stepfather, but that she has been bringing home an occasional item and slipping it in and then making Bill tour the house until he locates a spot to put it--and this is no small chore in their house. Mrs. Caspar Wagner is out to corner the market on those alarm clocks with moving things on the dial such as spinning wheels, boat paddles, Bugs Bunny eating a carrot, etc. Incidentally, the next Open House will be in Smith Center, Kansas, the Second Sunday of September, and Mrs. Peterson says that since their home is really an apartment building with lots of extra bedrooms, everyone is invited to come stay overnight as they have the whole building available. Vandervort's open house was a tremendous ball with over 40 members and guests touring their collection. Let's see what's what at our coming August Meeting on August 11th at the Carousel Cafeteria. Meet your fellow collectors.

Sincerely, Clement C. Wagner, Secretary