

HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER NO. 36 OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

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Dear Collectors:

Summer is over and things are really beginning to happen. We have many activities taking place within the next few months and with everything back to normal, we will look forward to a very interesting as well as eventful fall. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith are home from Europe and the stories they have to tell will provide hours of enjoyment if you are in their vicinity. They also made some unusual purchases which are being shipped back, and we are anxious to see these. Mr. and Mrs. Bruer, our Chapter President and wife, are home from their invasion of Colorado, and Bill can tell you 1001 ways how not to spend a vacation, especially if that involves putting on a new roof. But, we would be very much surprised if they did not bring home some unique and unusual item from their trip for their "clock family", as the Bruers have a knack for finding unusual items right in their back yard!

Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn have recently returned from a tour of the West Coast, and they reported that they will have some mighty nice items on display at the Hobby Show this coming Sunday, September 22nd. Your Secretary was even able to pick up an unusual street clock which stood in front of a local jeweler in the ancient and almost extinct town in which he was born. Mr. and Mrs. Sol Williams have been visiting in south central Missouri and Mr. Williams has added several interesting items to his collection which he plans on having on exhibit at the Heart of America Hobby Show. Also, it was like "old times" visiting with the Peterson's a couple Sunday's ago at their open house in Smith Center. The many unusual items Mr. Peterson has blend beautifully with Mrs. Peterson's antiques and the Members and guests reportedly were having an excellent time.

Perhaps you are wondering why the October Report is so early this month. The reason is that we want everyone to make the Heart of America Hobby Show this Sunday, September 22nd, here in Kansas City, Missouri, at the World War II Memorial Building (Linwood and Paseo Blvd., ~~---32nd~~ Paseo on the northwest corner). Everyone is requested to bring several items for exhibit from noon until five p.m. The Exhibit Hall will be open from ten o'clock on and we are being given over 20 feet of exhibit space by the Hobby Association along the entire north wall of the Exhibit Hall. Last year we had over 3000 visitors, and this year it is being advertised in three local papers, all the radio stations and TV stations so we want to have a good representative display from the Heart of America Chapter of the National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors. Pick out two or three items right now, and plan on coming.

Next big item is the October Meeting of our Chapter which will meet October 13th at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner, 5802 Garfield, Kansas City, Missouri. The Meeting will begin at 1:30 that afternoon, and if weather permits, will be held outdoors in the wonderful fall settings provided by our Creator this lovely time of the year. The Wagner Home and Collections will be open to all Members and guests. If you remember the open houses of the past at this address, you know that they have many things to see. They have been adding to their many collections this past summer and we might say that the five room bungalow is really overflowing, so mark your calendars NOW for Sunday, October 13th, the Wagner's at 5802 Garfield, Kansas City, Mo---Meeting 1:30.

If you have any idea what you will be displaying for the November Exhibit of our Chapter in the Kansas City Library, plan to bring a short write-up along to this Meeting so that the Library Exhibit Committee can begin preparing the 3 X 5 cards which will accompany the various exhibits. We need the name of item you will be exhibiting, the maker, the approximate dates, and a short summary of anything you can add regarding your item. Also, for the Library, we need an estimated value for their insurance records as everything put on display will be insured. This insurance value does not have to be anything exact---just an approximate resale value for the Library's records. This will enable your Secretary and Mr. Perotti to prepare the appropriate information cards for the exhibits instead of waiting until the last day. There has been an Exhibit Committee appointed for this Exhibit, and you will be notified by a later report who these Members are and they will help you arrange your exhibit, and see to it that everything arrives at the Library, and will be responsible to see to it that everyone

of our many areas are represented. It is going to take the cooperation of everyone to make this month-long exhibit a success, but it should turn out to be one of the finest exhibits of clocks and watches this area has seen. Maybe later on, such exhibits can be arranged for other areas.

TWO DAYS IN KANSAS

We are very glad we took the drive through northwestern Kansas Saturday and Sunday. We visited Mr. and Mrs. Tholen late Saturday afternoon and were shown the fine additions to their collection. Then later Saturday evening, we visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Zohner near Penokee. They have a lovely modern home and Mr. Zohner does the supreme job of restoring and refinishing the early American clocks in his collection. Their home is beautifully furnished with antique furniture and here again the superior work of restoring and refinishing was very evident.

Mr. Zohner's wonderful gun collection was housed in two specially built cabinets. We were also shown an automatic firing gun completely made by Mr. Zohner, and many other things he made or was working on. He has very fine equipment and is very capable in using it.

We spent Saturday night in Hill City and then on Sunday morning, drove to Smith Center for the open house at the Petersons. They have a lovely large modern home filled with the many beautiful things brought home from their traveling about the various corners of the World. The clocks are outstanding and very tastefully arranged throughout their nice home and in the newly fitted Clock Room. Mrs. Peterson and her daughter have several large cabinets of dolls of many kinds.

About 30 Members and guests took advantage of the tasty buffet luncheon prepared by Mrs. Peterson, her neighbors and friends. Second helpings were indulged in and I am sure everyone was well filled with the fine food. The table arrangement included a lovely watermelon centerpiece that could also be eaten and surrounded by a floral arrangement. Our new Members, Mr. and Mrs. Foley from Clay Center, were with our group as well as several prospective members from the surrounding towns. Several telephone calls came in from Members unable to attend.

A good portion of the pleasure derived from collecting is visiting with other Collectors. Anyone passing up the opportunity to visit and share with another collector is missing the finest part of the art of collecting. Just accumulating the most and the best of any particular article or object is wonderful but sharing with others and enjoying their collection adds infinitely more to the pleasures of the Collector. It was certainly worth the time and effort it took to see these collectors and see their clocks placed in their home.

Caspar A. Wagner

Well, that is just about it for now. We will look forward to seeing all of you at the Heart of America Hobby Show this Sunday, September 22nd, and at the October Meeting of the Heart of America Chapter at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar A. Wagner on October 13th (Meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. so come early and stay late). Let us have some idea what you will be exhibiting at the ~~NOVEMBER~~ Kansas City Library the month of November. Don't forget--Collecting is fun, and it is the one thing you do not have to work at very hard to get the most enjoyment from.

Sincerely yours,

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