



Affiliate Chapter Annual Report

Affiliate Chapter Name: **Metro St. Louis Watchmakers Clockmakers Association**

Affiliate Chapter Address: **227 Rose Ln Shipman, IL 62685**

Current Chapter Officers

President: **Dan Mongeon**

Vice President: **Gene Bertram**

Secretary: **Gerald Thomae**

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Other

Type of Chapter: State Chapter Local Chapter Theme Chapter

How many guilds? Are you incorporated? Yes No

Number of members: **17**

Number of regularly scheduled meetings per year: **12**

Programs Presented*

Number of AWCI Bench Courses: **0**

Number of AWCI Video Programs: **0**

Number of AWCI Speakers: **0**

Number of Technical Programs from Industry: **1**

Number of Technical Programs by Members: **6** Number of Programs Related to Horology*: **7**

Number of Programs **NOT** Related to Horology*: **1**

***Please Describe These Programs: The MSLWCA has hosted 10 meetings since the last annual convention. The Industry program was a briefing/demonstration from members of the Jules Borel Company. Paul and Gary Borel presented a program discussing the Borel company history, present operations, and specific facts on the tool department. They also provided a very detailed presentation of the ordering process, with emphasis on the online**

system and its use in ordering parts and tools, as well as its use as a research tool. Chapter members were provided with current documents (catalogs, order blanks) in addition to a representative tool. This briefing was received well by all who attended, and attracted horology members from outside the chapter. It was our most heavily attended event of the year. Other programs included presentations by chapter members on unusual watches and clock, a program on horology books and their use, and a continuing program on building a unique clock. In addition, we had a program on buying and selling on EBay and how it relates to a clock and watch business, We also had one non-horology related program. This was done by a certified accountant in February, and related to tax considerations, business types and registration of a business, and tips and advice on filing watch or clock business related taxes. This was appropriate considering the looming tax deadline. We hosted one meeting which was purely chapter business in November. This meeting provided time for nomination and election of chapter officers, and review and approval of the schedule of events for 2009. Finally, the MSLWCA hosted two social events, which are traditions for our group. Details of these appear below. Our chapter also has three monthly programs, two of which began in 2009. These are presented by three of our highly experienced and most competent members. Our group receives a "Stone of the Month" from Mr. Herb Brune, a respected local jeweler for many years. Mr. Brune presents information about different gemstones, and how they are related to the watch and/or clock business. We have a "Watch of the Month" program by Mr. David Grayson, a gifted watchmaker with over 46 years of experience. Mr. Grayson presents a program dealing with a particular watch, how it is unique and different complications it may have. Mr. Gene Bertram presents a "Clock of the Month" from his varied and highly skilled clockmaking background. Our members look forward each month to the technical and sometimes unusual information presented in these quick, but valuable programs.

Annual Convention

Do you hold an annual convention? Yes No Date Usually Held:

Annual Dues

Regular Member \$ **15.00**

Associate Member \$ **5.00**

Student Member \$ **none**

Other \$

Election Policy

Members Elect Directors

Members Elect Officers

Directors Elect Officers

Other

Newsletter

Do you produce a newsletter? Yes No If yes, how often?

Paid ads? Yes No How do you distribute your newsletter? Mail Email Both

Social Activities (please describe): **These included the annual summer bar-b-que and the Christmas party. Of course, horology matters, business subjects and technical discussions of both watches and clocks were the main topics of social interaction. At the Christmas gathering, we review the previous years meetings and topics. Both these events are some of our most heavily attended programs.**

Civic Contributions: **Support of local association through the rental of facilities for both chapter meetings and education classes.**

Future Plans: **2009 will see an advanced watch repair class hosted by a former chapter president. This will be a two day class, and will cover watch repair subjects beyond dis-assembly, cleaning, lubrication, and assembly of a basic watch movement. A hairspring manipulation and repair class for both watchmakers and clockmakers is scheduled, with emphasis on platform escapements for the clockmakers projecting to take the test for CC21. We will also host a CW21 preparation class for prospective certified watchmakers. This will be taught by our lone CW21 certified watchmaker. This class is scheduled for July and will cover all aspects of the CW21 test, with emphasis on modern watchmaking procedures and techniques. Cleanliness will be a major topic throughout the presentation.**

Most Successful Projects: **Three of our programs stand out in the year prior this years convention. The tax program was of great benefit to our members running or considering their own watch or clock repair business. The program by the Borel company was acclaimed by many members to be of immense importance, both from a technical aspect and from personal standpoints. Finally, the individual clock building program has inspired many of our members to have the confidence to begin their own projects. We expect to see some fine examples of the clockmaking art in the coming months.**

Comments: **The MSTWCA has had an exciting year of technical programs, social events, and business related subjects presented by and for it's members since the 2008 annual convention hosted here in St. Louis. We continue in the fine tradition of horologists around the country, learning and passing on the art and craft of watchmaking and clockmaking to our varied**

members and the local community. We expect the future year to be filled with more programs of the same high quality education our members have come to expect.

Proposals for the AWCI Board of Directors: **If needed, poll the chapters to see if there are members willing to devote time and effort in support of the CW21 and CC21 certification process. There may be members in regional areas able to provide both technical and administrative support to these programs, who can travel quicker and with less expense to testing facilities. In conjunction, provide one day review classes at regional meeting places to prospective test takers, so that they can critique their own methods against a standard. This will ensure that they are properly prepared to take the tests, and if self-identified, can seek to attain the training which will allow them to be successful on their first attempt at certification.**

Report prepared by: **Gerald Thomae**

Title: **Secretary**

Affiliate Chapter Convention Questionnaire

Because the sharing of experience is one of the real values of AWCI Affiliate Chapters, we ask that you please complete this questionnaire on your annual convention. Each chapter can draw upon the information on this form to help make its convention better, and those chapters which don't hold such a convention may be inspired to begin planning their own.

Please answer as fully as possible. A copy of your last convention booklet for each chapter would be a useful adjunct to this report.

PLANNING

1. Convention is planned by:
 - Executive officers and directors
 - Permanent convention committee
 - Temporary convention committee
 - Other, please specify

2. How long before the convention are:
 - A. Dates and location confirmed?
 - B. Speakers and program confirmed?
 - C. Publicity activities begun?
 - D. Registration forms sent?
 - E. Exhibitors invited?
3. When and where was your last convention held?
4. How many days does your convention last?
5. How many conventions have you held to date?

FUNDING

1. Your convention is funded by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration fees | <input type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> part* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Association treasury | <input type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> part* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convention booklet ads | <input type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> part* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitors' fees | <input type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/> part* |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

*Please give approximate percentage

2. Are guest speakers charged for:
 - A. Registration fees? Yes No
 - B. Meals? Yes No
 - C. Rooms? Yes No
 - D. Other activities?

3. What was the registration fee for your last convention?

PROGRAM

1. What types of activities and programs are usually included in your typical convention?
 - Annual business meeting
 - AWCI speakers
 - Industry speakers
 - AWCI bench courses
 - Other related activities
 - Banquet
 - Tours
 - Other social activities

ATTENDANCE

1. Those invited to attend are: Members Non-members Family

2. What was the attendance at your last convention?
3. What percentage of members attends your convention?
4. Do you provide for registration for certain programs only? Yes No
5. What is your policy on advance registration, i.e., is it required? Yes No
 - A. Are incentives offered? Yes No
 - B. If so, what are they?

CONVENTION BOOKLET

1. Do you publish a convention booklet? Yes No
2. Do you plan for booklet ads to: Show a profit Cover production costs only
3. Are any profits applied to other convention costs? Yes No
4. What is your latest fee for a full-page ad?
5. How many copies of your last convention booklet were circulated?
6. These were given to:
 Attendees only All members Others, describe

PUBLICITY

1. We use the following forms of publicity:
 Descriptive brochure with registration blank
 Association newsletter
 Trade ads
 Signs
 Cooperative mailings by AWCI/by material houses
 Other (describe if not covered below)
2. Do you arrange for:
 TV coverage Radio coverage Local press coverage Trade publication coverage

EXHIBITORS

1. Do you invite members of our industry to set up exhibits? Yes No
2. Do you make space arrangements for them? Yes No
 - A. If so, do you charge rent to: Cover cost Make a profit

3. Do you schedule time for exhibit viewing? Yes No

COMMENTS

Affiliate Chapter: 19613

Prepared by: Title: