



## 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**

Treasurer: **Paul Crnic**

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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: **25** 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: **0**

Number of Technical Programs by Members: **12** Number of Programs Related to Horology\*: **12**

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

**\*Please Describe These Programs:** The MSLWCA has hosted 12 meetings and one course since the last annual convention. Programs included presentations by chapter members on unusual watches and clock, a program on identifying and ordering parts for both clock and watches, including online systems, and a program on the use of timing machines for both clock and watch repair. The course was a presentation and preparation for local professional

watchmakers who intend to take the AWCI CW21 Watchmakers certification test. In addition, we had one program that was not technical in nature, but still related to the clock and watch business. 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 2010. Finally, the MSLWCA hosted one social event, which is a tradition 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. We have also begun a program of "tidbits" from Jack Fuchs, a highly experienced clockmaker. Jack presents tips he has learned over the years, that can help our members save time and effort in their repairs.

### 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): This included the annual summer bar-b-que. Of course, horology matters, business subjects and technical discussions of both watches and clocks were the main topics of social interaction.**

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

**Future Plans: 2011 will see an advanced Atmos clock repair class hosted by Robert Good, a former chapter president. This will be a two day class, and will cover Atmos clock repair, including subjects such as dis-assembly, cleaning, lubrication, and assembly of an Atmos 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.**

**Most Successful Projects: Three of our programs stand out in the year prior to this years convention. The tax program was of great benefit to our members running or considering their own watch or clock repair business. The timing machine program and the parts ordering program were very beneficial to both our professional and hobbyist members.**

**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 2009 annual convention. 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: **Daniel Mongeon CW21**

Title:

**President**

## **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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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 AWC/ 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:**