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Name: Dave Hamer

Dave Hamer had been retired for three years from WOWT where he had been Field Producer when the club honored the OPC past president. The many cameras shown in the Face drawing represent Hamer's long-time career as a photojournalist and also as a collector of antique cameras. His collection contains more than 300 cameras. The oldest is a hand-cranked newsreel camera from 1900. The reception for the unveiling that night was sponsored by all three of the television stations for which Hamer worked as a photojournalist: KETV, KMTV and WOWT. On the mini-cam are the improbable channel numbers of all three stations. Hamer started his news career in 1956 in Sioux City, Iowa, for KTVU as a reporter/photographer, one of a staff of three people in the newsroom. Hamer's wife, Verla, had been involved in the Omaha Press Club Show on stage and behind the scenes for almost half a century before retiring in 2006.