



News at 11

Activities of the NAWCC Maryland Chapter 11

OUR 63rd YEAR
1952–2015

2015 Important Dates

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MARCH 1, 2015

MEETING NOTICE...

Sunday, March 1, 2015

Program: "Ships Clocks & Stars: An Early History of the Marine Timekeeper"

Presenter: Rory McEvoy

Pickersgill Retirement Community, 615 Chestnut Ave., Towson, MD 21204

Mart & Set-up 8:30 am / Breakfast 9:00 am / Program 10:00 am

Directions: From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take Exit 25 to MD 139 S (North Charles St.). Proceed (1.7 mi.) to Chestnut Ave.. Turn left on Chestnut Ave. and go (0.4 mi.) to the Pickersgill Retirement Community on the right. Park in the Visitor Parking, and use the main entrance. Check-in at the reception desk for directions to the meeting room.

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President's Column

Twenty-one (21) members attended the January 25th meeting that was held in the Pickersgill Retirement Community. We thanked Tom Mostyn for his enjoyable and informative December 14th presentation on "Complicated Watches."

Participants in our "Ugly Clock Contest" included Don Buck - rabbit clock with movable eyes; Randy Cleaver - Gothic clock that he assembled from various parts of other clocks (it actually looked quite nice), and a wood cut-out "UGLY" clock with a quartz movement; Frank Blahut - a Seth Thomas pedestal clock, needing much TLC; Bob Butler - a Noah's Ark quartz clock, and George Hudson - a very large quartz clock on a rope, to be worn around the neck, (for sight impaired seniors). The winner was Randy Cleaver for his wood cut out clock, that spelled out "Ugly".

Ed Butler started out our Show and Tell with a German submarine clock and a Hamilton Navigational Watch (that he picked up as a bargain for \$20). Tom Mostyn showed us a calendar wall clock, that he disassembled, and reassembled with new veneer. Tom submerged the clock in hot water in the bath tub to soften the hide glue so he could disassemble the clock and remove the old veneer. Tom cautioned us about using a bathtub since the hide glue left a ring around the tub that he was never able to completely remove. His wife was not happy.

Bill Miller was up next with his Atmos No. I - an early Reutter French Atmos with the mercury/ammonia winding mechanism, and the Atmos No. II, the first Atmos made by the Swiss firm Le Coultre, which used the ethyl chloride bellows seen in current Atmos clocks. Bob Butler then showed us a B'R'N'E Clock, a balance wheel clock, so named for the British Rail North East (zone).

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Maryland Chapter 11

MARCH 1, 2015

Pickersgill Retirement
Community

Breakfast Meeting

APRIL 25, 2015

Joint Chapter Meeting
11, 12, 141

Woodsboro, MD

Philadelphia Chapter 1

March 29, 2015—
Horsham, PA

May 31, 2015—
Horsham, PA

Washington Chapter 12

2nd Sunday of odd months

Free State Chapter 141

2nd Thursday of odd months

Harrisburg Chapter 158

3rd Wednesday of odd months

Frank Goad showed us an Illinois (off-duty) strap watch. Rail roads would only allow pocket watches for employees on duty. Frank also showed us a Wyler auto wind mechanical wrist watch, a Swiss watch approved for rail road use.

George Hudson then related a story about a 30 hour time and strike wood works movement in which the strike would get our of sync with the hour. It turned out that the fly was slipping on the shaft, allowing the strike train to run fast and causing the locking lever to malfunction.

Several residents of the Pickersgill Retirement Community joined the meeting. One brought family watches for inspection and evaluation. We are encouraging all of the residents to attend the meetings whenever possible.

Our guest speaker for the March 1, 2015 meeting will be Rory Mc Evoy. Mr. Mc Evoy is the Curator of Horology, Royal Observatory, Greenwich, England. The program will be "Ships Clocks and Stars: An Early History of the Marine Timekeeper." This talk will present some of the first attempts at practical marine timekeeping and discuss the technical developments, using examples by Christiaan Huygens, Henry Sully and John Harrison. We are inviting members of Chapter 12 and 141 to join us.

See you at the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Buck, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHAPTER 11

- March 1, 2015 — SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST
PROGRAM: "SHIPS, CLOCKS, & STARS: AN EARLY HISTORY OF THE MARINE TIMEKEEPER"
- April 25, 2015 — JOINT CHAPTER 11, 12, 141 WOODSBORO MEETING
PROGRAM: COMIC/CARTOON WATCHES
- June 27, 2015 — SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST PROGRAM: TBD

RESERVATION FOR BREAKFAST MEETING NAWCC CHAPTER 11

Mail to BILL MILLER, 4301 MEADOWCLIFF ROAD, GLEN ARM, MD. 21057 by February 23, 2015

Please reserve the following for me, for the meeting of March 1, 2015

- () Dues @ \$10 \$ _____
- () Admission to the meeting @ 10.00 each for self and guest(s) other than spouse. \$ _____
- () Admission for spouse: \$5.00 \$ _____
- () Tables. First come, first served. FREE

NOTE: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$2 EACH FOR ADMISSIONS PAID AT THE DOOR.

MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS

I enclose a check payable to MARYLAND CHAPTER 11, NAWCC for

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