



News at 11

Activities of the NAWCC Maryland Chapter 11

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JUNE 11, 2017

OUR 65th YEAR
1952–2017

2017 Important Dates

Maryland Chapter 11

June 11, 2017
Pickersgill Retirement
Community
Breakfast Meeting

August 20, 2017
Pickersgill Retirement
Community
Breakfast Meeting

Philadelphia Chapter 1

July 15, 2017
Summer Picnic at
Merritt's Antiques
Douglasville, 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

MEETING NOTICE...

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Program: "Machining Clock Parts" Presenter: Bill Bonta

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

Our Annual Joint Chapter 11, 12, 141 Chapter Meeting and Mart held at the Woodsboro VFD Community Hall, Woodsboro MD, on April 22 was a success. The Mart had 27 tables sold and was attended by 71 members and guests. We all enjoyed Melvyn Kornspan's presentation on "The History of American Clocks Through 50 Years of Collecting."

This was our 20th Joint Chapter 11, 12, 141 Meeting and Mart held at the Woodsboro VFD Community Hall. Our first mart was held April 13, 1997. In 2006 and 2007 we held two marts each year, one in April and one in August. Earlier, Chapter 11 and 12 held Joint Meetings and Marts in April, 1997 at the Holiday Inn, Laurel, MD, and April, 1998 at the BWI Airport Comfort Inn.

Our February 12th meeting, at the Pickersgill Retirement Community, was well attended with 30 member and guests. There was a small mart with active trading. Sharon Harwood, assisted by her husband Herb, entertained us with her presentation on "Towers of Time." The tour started in the year 1088 with the Cosmic Engine. This was an astronomical observatory and clock tower designed by Su Song in China.

We continued to 15th century Germany for the start of the tower clock tour. It seems the year 1410 was a great year for tower clock construction. A number were installed in numerous cities and towns in Germany and the rest of Europe that year. Of interest was a tower clock with an alarm that alerted the time keeper 5 minutes before the hour so he could ring the bells on the hour. The alarm was necessary because the clock tower was constructed of wood and a candle was not allowed to be used for fear of fire. In Amsterdam, we heard the story of "Silly Jack", a tower clock that got its name from inaccurate timekeeping. Our travels continued to Austria, Slovakia, and Switzerland.

We concluded with the astrological clocks of Strasbourg, France, (5 weights), Bern, Switzerland, and Prague in the Czech Republic. We certainly wish to thank Sharon and Herb for sharing their travels and interest in tower clocks with us.

Our next meeting will be June 11, 2017. The program will be "Machining Clock Parts" presented by Bill Bonta.

I must conclude on a sad note. Our long time member Michael (Mike) Eder died on February 22, 2017. Mike documented many of the tower clocks which were still in existence in Baltimore City and the surrounding area. Mike will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Buck, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHAPTER 11

Pickersgill Retirement Community, Towson, MD:

June 11, 2017 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

August 20, 2017 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

October 8, 2017 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

December 10, 2017 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 4-5, 2017 – Eastern States Regional, Syracuse, NY

October 14-15, 2017– Mid Eastern Regional, York Expo Center, York, PA

2017 DUES

TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE CHAPTER. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO GIVE YOU FREE DUES FOR THE 2017 CALENDER YEAR. ANY NEW MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE FREE DUES.

RESERVATION FOR BREAKFAST MEETING NAWCC CHAPTER 11

Mail to BILL MILLER, 4301 MEADOWCLIFF ROAD, GLEN ARM, MD. 21057 by June 2nd

Please reserve the following for me, for the meeting of **JUNE 11, 2017**

- (____) 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

NAME: _____

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