



# News at 11

Activities of the NAWCC Maryland Chapter 11

OUR 67th YEAR  
1952—2019

## 2019 Important Dates

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June 9, 2019

### MEETING NOTICE...

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**Program: "Hamilton Chronometers" Presenter: Paul Krichten**

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.*

## Maryland Chapter 11

**June 9, 2019**  
**Pickersgill Retirement  
Community**  
Breakfast Meeting

**August 11, 2019**  
**Pickersgill Retirement  
Community**  
Breakfast Meeting

## 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

## CHAPTER 11

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Twenty-three members and guests attended our April 14th meeting at the Pickersgill Retirement Community. After a short mart, breakfast, and business meeting we began our program.

Our program was "Sonora Clocks", presented by Tom Mostyn. Tom stated that the Sonora Time Company was in business from 1906 to 1926. It produced 4, 8, 10, and 12 bell clocks. Sonora sold the patent rights to Seth Thomas in 1912. The clocks used 3 1/2 inch diameter bells. Tom explained how a resonator box, using different slots in the chambers ( 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, and 5/8 inches) produced the "Sonora" or "pleasant sound".

The company advertised "Westminster chime clocks on patented 'Sonora' resonated bells". Seth Thomas used the resonator units with their clocks until 1921, at which time the newer 119 and later 124 (in 1924) models played the notes directly on bells or chime rods.

In the discussion that followed, one of our musically inclined members disputed Tom's statement that the bells were all the same (not tuned), and that the notes were changed by the resonator box.

Tom promised to explore this and present his findings at the next meeting.

At our June 9th meeting we will hold elections to elect a new slate of officers. Hope you will be able to come to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Blahut, President

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CHAPTER 11

June 9, 2019 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

Program: "Hamilton Chronometers". Presenter: Paul Krichten

August 11, 2019 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

Program: "My Summer Horological Find". Presenter: Various

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 27–30 2019 NAWCC National Convention, West Springfield, MA

August 2–3, 2019 Eastern States Regional, Syracuse, N.Y.

November 9–10 Mid-Eastern Regional, York, PA

### 2019 DUES

CHAPTER 11 DUES ARE BEING REINSTATED. IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING DATE, YOUR NAME WILL BE DELETED FROM THE CHAPTER 11 MAILING LIST. YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE NOTICES OF CHAPTER MEETINGS.

## RESERVATION FOR BREAKFAST MEETING NAWCC CHAPTER 11

Mail to BILL MILLER, 4301 MEADOWCLIFF ROAD, GLEN ARM, MD. 21057 by June 3rd.

Please reserve the following for me, for the meeting of **June 9, 2019**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dues @ \$10  | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission to the meeting @ 10.00 each for self and guest(s) other than spouse. | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission for spouse: \$5.00   | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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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