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President's Message

It is hard to believe, but summer is only a couple of weeks away and they're still playing a game on ice! By now all the colleges have held their graduation ceremonies, and high schools are not far behind. Have you noticed how those graduates keep looking younger every year? As many of you know from prior e-mail from me, or through the grapevine, two of our long-time members are recovering from pretty serious surgeries. Both Roger Reifsnider and Eric Kramer would love to hear from you during their recovery period.

Our last meeting was quite successful with more new faces along with many of the old hands (I'm thinking of members like me and Bob Rothen!). Bob put on a great presentation on his ongoing project to restore a rare Beach & Hubbell clock, which will be continued at a future meeting. We also were privileged to join again with Chapters 11 & 12 to put on a very successful joint meeting in Woodsboro for which our share of the profits was \$206.74. Nearly all of the mart tables were filled with a nice variety of goods, and business was brisk with over 100 members looking for that special clock or watch. I spoke to several buyers and sellers, and all seemed pleased with event. Of course, I helped out by buying more stuff that I didn't really need, but couldn't pass up - oh well, that's part of the enjoyment of having clock fever. I also had the pleasure of meeting Denise

Perme of Silver Spring, MD at Woodsboro, who is our newest member; please join me in welcoming her to the Chapter.

As you know, we are now on hiatus until our September meeting, but we do have our annual picnic planned for Sunday, June 27th. Please join me in thanking Bob & Patsy Rothen for again hosting the event; they are always such wonderful hosts, and they promise good weather. Please see the flyer included in this mailing with all the details. While this event is free to members and their immediate families, it is critical that we get an accurate count in advance of the meeting as to who will be attending. Please be sure to make your reservations by June 14th, and if you make reservations, please be sure to show up. This is always a great time for all, and best of all, it is free. I hope to see every one there.

Let me take this opportunity to make another pitch for folks to please consider switching from snail mail to electronic delivery of this Newsletter. It gets you the information faster; saves the Chapter money; and does a little more for the environment. Contact Al Bush to make the switch.

Finally, as always, please remember our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other dangerous places throughout the world. They de-

Our picnic will be Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Patsy & Bob Rothen's

President's Message Continued.

serve our sincere gratitude and appreciation. Please look for opportunities to say thanks, and to make sure that our elected officials understand how important it is to support our troops. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers, every day, until they return home.

—Lou Orsini, president

Updated Chapter #141 Constitution & Bylaws!

Our updated chapter **Constitution & Bylaws** are now available online at our Chapter 141 website on the NAWCC **Community Center**.

The link to the .PDF document can be found on the left hand menu of the "ABOUT" page.

Chapter 141 Meeting Minutes — May 13, 2010

Freestate 141 held their 13 May 2010 meeting at the Cozy Inn in Thurmont, MD., with approximately 30 members in attendance. The Mart started with the usual amount of interesting items available for discussion and/or sale. President Lou Orsini called the meeting to order at approx. 7:15 pm. He informed the members that the Watch and Clock Museum had sent us some interesting reading material in response to our \$100 donation.

A new copy of the ByLaws and Regulations is available online. Our president made sure we were in compliance with current regulations. Thanks to Lou Orsini for his dedication in helping us meet the definition of "non-profit".

Chapter member Roger Reifsnider recently underwent heart surgery and is now recuperating under 24/7 care. He hopes to come home soon but would appreciate visitors. Eric Kramer is also currently recovering from surgery. His tumor was benign, and he hopes to be back with us soon.

Our yearly picnic will be held at the Rothen's home on June 27. It is important that you make reservations so we know how many members will attend. It would be terrible to run out of that great chicken! Cost is free to members but there is a small charge for guests.



Two new members from Harrisonburg, VA were introduced; we hope they will continue to come and help us enrich our Chapter. There was no other new business from any of the Officers.

The program given by Robert L. Rothen was "Restoration of a Beach & Hubbell Clock." The clock was originally believed to be a lost cause, but Bob is making progress. The talk was a continuation of a previous presentation and used slides to show recent progress. His talk described Beach & Hubbell's evolution through the years. His slides demonstrated how various parts of the clock looked when received, and how they look now after many hours of restoration.

His program ended with the words "To be Continued," so we look forward to seeing his progress. The evening was enjoyed by all and we look forward to the picnic on June 27, 2010 starting at 11:00 am.

Patsy Rothen (5/17/10)

FREE STATE CHAPTER 141
MEMBERSHIP-RENEWAL APPLICATION
National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

Date _____ NAWCC No. _____

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

As of January 2007 Annual dues are only \$8.00 payable to **Free State Chapter 141**. Please send your check with this completed application to: Neil Amrine, 5621 Ogden Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20816
Phone:301-229-2587; email: neil54@aol.com

Treasurer's Tidbits

Hi folks!

I would remind all members to send in their dues, if they are not fully paid...

Contact me at Neil54@aol.com, or call me at 301-229-2587 if you have questions. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Cozy's in May. Please be prompt with your RSVPS for the picnic reservations. We need to know the head count for the meal so reservations can be made.

Thank you!!

Neil Amrine

Attention: It is important also to keep Joe Joyce (josephjoyce@comcast.net or 301-865-8464) advised of any change in your membership information, address changes, etc.

We cannot keep you informed if you don't keep us informed.

NAWCC FREE STATE CHAPTER 141 ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2010

PLACE: BOB & PAT ROTHEN'S HOME
20310 AYOUB LANE, HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND 21742

TIME: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM
FOOD SERVED @ 12:00 NOON

This event is **FREE** to Chapter 141 members and your immediate family (spouse and children under 17 living at home). You may bring additional guests at \$15 each. We encourage you to bring along all those horological treasures you've been saving for just this occasion. There will be **MART** spaces set up in the driveway and garage for your convenience.

FOOD: We will have the same great picnic fare as in the past.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-70 East or West (depending on which direction you are coming from) to **Exit 32B**. Merge onto **Dual Highway** toward Hagerstown. At the first light **{N. Edgewood Drive (East)}** make a right and go 0.44 miles. Turn right onto **Mt. Aetna**. Go 1.1 miles and turn left onto **Ayoub Lane**, entering **Black Rock Estates** between the two flag poles. **20310** is the first house on your left.

Meeting Reservations: You may make your reservations with Neil Amrine in one of three ways: (1) by mail using the Picnic Reservation form below; (2) via e-mail to neil54@aol.com; or (3) by phone at 301-229-2587. Phone or e-mail reservations need to include the information found on the form. To ensure we get the right amount of food (not too little or too much), reservations are required. Please make your reservations as soon as you can, but no later than Monday, June 14. It is also important that you show up if you make reservations; if you need to cancel, call Bob right away.

Cancellation Policy. Bob has a large garage that should accommodate the group in case of inclement weather. Thus no cancellation or alternate date is planned.

Free State Chapter 141 Picnic Reservation Form

Name _____

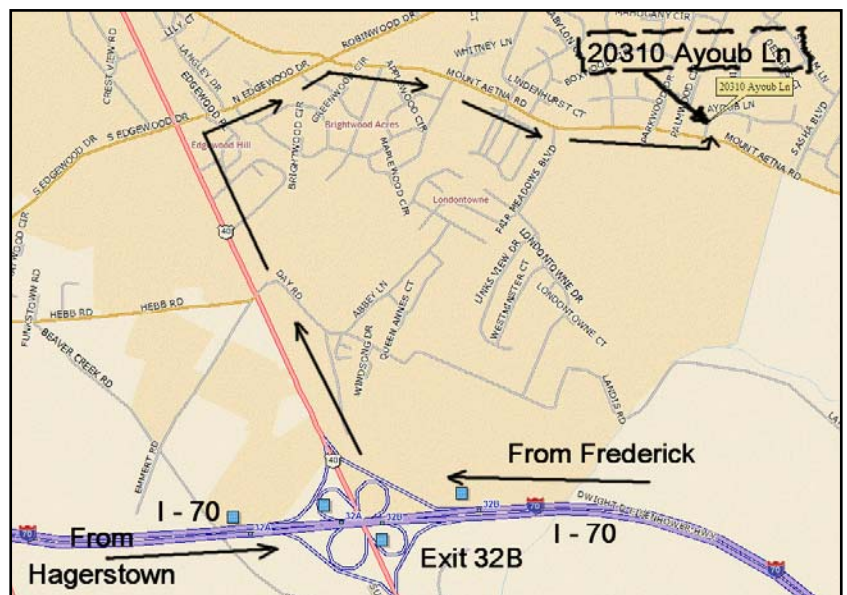
Guest Names _____

Your Reservation _____ (FREE) x \$0
Number Family Members coming _____ x \$0
Number of Mart Tables _____ (FREE) \$0
Number Guests coming _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____
= Total

Please make checks payable to Free State Chapter 141 and mail to Neil Amrine, 5621 Ogden Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20816

Phone: 301-229-2587; email: neil54@aol.com.

Questions? Call Bob Rothen at 240-420-6484 or email timefxr@aol.com



Tic Toc Tech Tips

Printing Dials

Many times clock dials are damaged. This may be true in some cases for watches, too. Sometimes they are stained, numbers worn off on open face or dial accessible time pieces and some suffer from flaking paint and other problems. Many of the stained dials have commercial replacements available from the parts supply houses but some dials are unique and not readily available. Also you might like to make and print your own dials. For you, this tip might be helpful. The figures shown here demonstrate some of the dials I have dealt with and some of the associated clocks.

First let me say a word about dials. There are enamel, paper, metal, wood and plastic dials. If you have a clock or watch with an enameled face that is chipped and cracked, my first thought is to replace it with a commercial one if available or if you can find a used one. If it is in good condition but the lettering has worn off (some were not protected with glaze) we may be able to do something about that by generating decals using a computer and special decal paper in the printer then applying them to the dial face. I'll say more on that later. Some of the other dials that we can use decals on are the metal, wood and plastic versions. The entire dial can be designed, printed and applied in one piece to a maximum diameter of about 8.5" diameter. Some dials are printed on cardboard and some on paper that is glued or laminated to cardboard, metal, plastic or wood. Printing dial patterns on paper is easier and quicker than hand painting them. Many of you with a home computer can do this. If you have a sample that you can scan or photograph digitally you are half way there. Using a photo editing program you can edit and size the printout to match your clock or watch dial. Then cut it out and attach to your timepiece dial. That was done with the United Clock seen in the figure. It has a uniquely designed pattern not available in standard dials. By using a color printer I was able to reproduce a close match to the original dial color and appearance. Printing on photographic paper, gloss or matt, with an inkjet printer produces a very satisfactory result.

The photo paper seems to produce a better image than regular paper. For small timepieces, such as cherub clocks, the black print on glossy paper gives an almost enameled look. If that is not desired, the matte paper gives a solid look without the gloss. I have printed this type of dial with 6 or 8 on an 8.5"x11" sheet of photo paper since there are several small clocks using this style. On your computer you can start with a blank page and copy the dials onto the 8.5x11 format. Each dial can be from a different clock sample or for some clocks

you can start with a standard dial pattern and edit it for each clock on the composite sheet. Some of my clocks had basically the same dial with different manufacturers' names in small print around the bottom. It is a little trickier to write



around an arc but with patience it can be done. The point being that you can have 6 dials on a sheet and tailor each one as required. I have avoided getting into detail of the actual computer editing process that is a topic in itself. Suffice it to say I use the cloning tool to "steal" color and image content from nearby spots on the dial to create the modifications and repairs. This works well to keep the colors well matched to the existing features.

A couple of words about decals: Special decal "paper" can be obtained from places such as Micro Tech that work in laser printer or a second type of "paper" that works in inkjet printers. I can have color with my inkjet if needed, however the ink

is water soluble and might tend to smear when wet. They do have a stabilizer protective spray that helps to protect it. After printing, you soak the "paper" and slide the decal off onto the dial. The decals are used to put graphics on model



Before



Restored



Installed

railroad box cars, etc. I haven't tried making a 5" dial decal in one piece and applying it but I expect it would work. You can also make individual numbers and place them on the dial. In either case I expect it would be best to spray a clear protective coating on the finished product. I am not sure about this decal paper but I have seen some

decals that can be "painted" with a solution that dissolved the decal material leaving the ink on the surface. These were commercial silk screened numeric and alphabetic characters.



ANIMATED UNITED CLOCK



With newer inkjet printers (HP C309a for example) they have a compartment that allows you to insert a CD or DVD with a blank white coating on one side and print an image or text on its surface. It has some form of flat bed printing capability that allows this. The photo

here is the results of a quick experiment on a blank CD. One could probably do the same on a circular metal disk painted with a white absorbing coating. Perhaps a flat white paint would work. The same should be true for a circular white cardboard disk. It is not clear how much clearance there is for the print head. Something no thicker than that of a CD should work. Smaller thickness might work too. The one problem not yet explored is the large center post/hole. It might require modifying the disk holder to remove the post for dials requiring smaller center holes.



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