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President's Message

It is with a heavy heart that I am composing this month's message. As many of you already know, we lost two long time and well-respected members of our Chapter in December. Doug Schlotterbeck passed away on December 20th, and Joe Lubozynski crossed the bar on December 31. I had the great privilege of knowing both of them since I first arrived in the area in 1994, and served as Secretary when Joe was President from 2000-2002. Doug was extremely active in the Chapter right up until the very end when he was still attending meetings despite his declining health. But he wasn't just coming to socialize; he actively participated and freely shared with all his great knowledge. Joe was not able to join us very much in the last few years as his health was so poor, and yet he still managed to come by on occasion. All who know Doug and Joe will miss them. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Because we got snowed out last time, we have pushed our annual "Show & Tell" program to March 9th. As you know, this program is a member favorite, and for good reason. It's your opportunity to share with your fellow members something rare, odd, unusual, sentimental, beautiful, ugly or mysterious - anything with a story you can tell and/or a horological item that will generate questions and comments. Tell your story and invite others to comment. If you cannot figure out what your treasure does or how it works, then bring it along and ask others to apply their knowledge and experience to solve the mystery. It takes several people to make a good program, and it doesn't require any special talent; just bring a clock or watch (or anything related to clocks and watches) and pro-

vide a short explanation or story. The audience takes over from there - it's that easy. I will have three prizes to give out for the best three presentations as determined by your show of appreciation. Whatever you do, don't miss this meeting; it is sure to be a great one, just as long as you participate. It will be fun - I guarantee it!

And speaking of snow, do you think we've had enough yet? I can't really complain much after watching what's been going on all around us with major blizzards to our north, south and west - I guess we're just living right. At any rate, please make your reservations as soon as you can, and absolutely no later than Sunday, March 6. The meeting is Wednesday, March 9th (it's always the second Wednesday of the odd months), and I trust by then that we'll almost be safe from the winter storms. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it, but just in case I'm wrong, we will follow the Frederick schools for deciding if we cancel due to weather; if the schools close, then we'll cancel - otherwise it's a go.

Finally, as always, please remember our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other dangerous places throughout the world. While combat operations in Iraq are winding down, Afghanistan continues to ramp up, and both places remain very dangerous for our troops. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers, every day, until they return home. I also ask that you look for opportunities to say thank you to our military folks; you would not believe how much a simple "thank you for your service" means to them.

Lou Orsini, president

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 at The Cozy Inn

Activities of Freestate Chapter 141, January 12, 2011

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate with us, so Freestate 141 was unable to hold their usual meeting on 12 January 2011. The meeting program was to be "Show and Tell" with prizes going to the top three winners. Well, the prizes are still available (and Bob hasn't peeked) so the March Program will be the same. So continue to dig and come up with something that will really stump the others - or have an interesting use - and win one of the valuable prizes!

Sorrowfully, We regret to report that during December 2010 our Chapter lost 2 valuable members. Mr. Douglas Schlotterbeck passed away Monday, 20 December 2010. He served as a member of the Maryland State Police for 22 years. Doug was also a 40 year member of National Watch and Clock Association as well as being active in the local Freestate Chapter 141 of the NAWCC. He was a noted authority in the restoration of antique clocks and could always be counted on for his valuable advice and guidance. His wife "Tink" Schlotterbeck asked me to convey the following:

"Dear Members of Chapter 141 NAWCC. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and your presence at

Doug's internment. Doug loved his association within the chapter and enjoyed attending the meetings when he was able. Your helpfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Letitia "Tink" Schlotterbeck and Sons"

Also, Mr. Joseph Lubozynski of Frederick, MD, peacefully passed away at his home on 31 December 2010. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he completed Officer Candidate School. A Second Lieutenant during World War II, he served as a pilot and flew many missions to supply troops. Throughout the Korean War, Joe served as a flight instructor in Greenville, SC. He then graduated from Western Pennsylvania Horological Institute and operated a watch repair shop in Bentlyville, PA. In 1956 he began a career as an airline pilot with Capitol airlines and retired as a Captain in 1983. A man of many interests, he enjoyed restoring and repairing antique lamps, clocks, player pianos, and musical boxes. He had a great zest for life and a subtle sense of humor which brought a smile to everyone's face.

Plan to be at our next meeting, March 9, 2011, with your "Show and Tell" item. See you soon.

Patsy Rothen (Secretary) 17 January 2011

Treasurer's Tidbits

FREE STATE CHAPTER 141
MEMBERSHIP-RENEWAL APPLICATION
*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS*

Date _____ *NAWCC No.* _____

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ *Zip Code* _____

Email _____ *Phone* _____

Your Primary Area of Interest _____

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 March. Please be prompt with your RSVPs for the meeting 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.

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

If you have an interest in clocks or watches you are invited to Our Next Meeting
March 9th, 2011 at the Cozy Inn

CHAPTER 141 PROGRAM FOR MAR 9th, 2011

Rescheduled Annual Show & Tell: A chance to share your knowledge, experience and/or good fortune with the rest of us. Rules are simple; all you need to do is bring any item related to horology to the meeting and tell the other members what you know about it. There are no restrictions on what you bring or how you present it. Tell us about something in which you have expertise, or you can bring something you don't really know much about, and use this as an opportunity to challenge the rest of us to figure out what you have. Where else do you have an opportunity to ask questions of a roomful of horological experts. Surprise us with your special "find", your special project, your horological object of curiosity or a horological treasure you wish to share with us. This program is always enjoyable, and it's even more fun when you get personally involved. Don't miss the chance to share with and learn from others. These are always interesting meetings. We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Come out and join us for a pleasant evening.

Bob Rothen

Meeting time is ~

Dinner: about 6:15 PM

Mart: Come early for the mart

Business/Program: follows dinner

MEETING RESERVATIONS: You may use the Meeting Reservation form below to mail in your reservations for the Free State Chapter 141 meetings. Please indicate the meeting date as you complete the form. You may also make reservations via e-mail to neil54@aol.com and providing Neil Amrine with the information requested on the meeting reservation form or by Calling Neil at 301-229-2587 and informing Neil directly. (Please RSVP at least 48 hours before the meeting date)

Cancellation Policy: Our policy on meeting cancellations is simple. If the Frederick schools are closed due to inclement weather on the day of our meeting, we will cancel. Otherwise, you can expect the meeting is on. In the event of a cancellation, Neil will try to contact everyone who has made reservations (especially those who don't live locally), but it's all based on the school decision. (Several Radio & TV stations in the region carry closure information including WMAR 2, WTTG 5, WJLA 7, WUSA 9, WBAL 11, WJZ 13, x 45, & WETA 26.)

Free State Chapter 141 Meeting Reservation Form

Reservation for Free State 141 Meeting on _____

Name _____

Guest Names _____

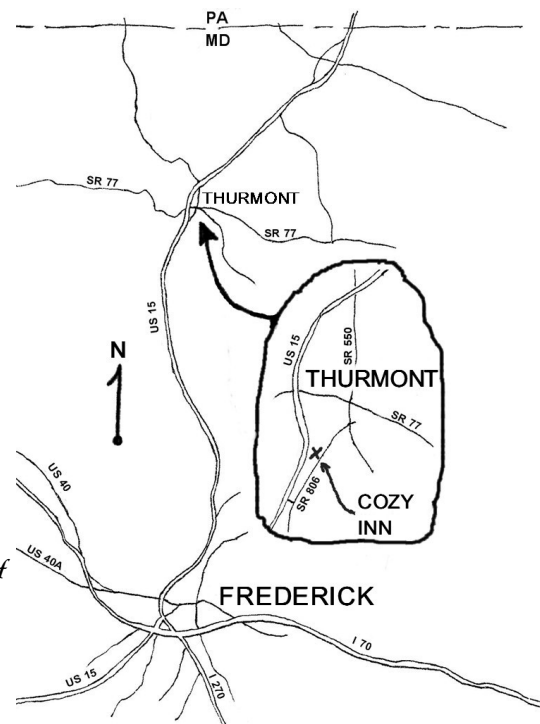
Number coming _____ x \$16.00 = Total \$ _____

Number of Mart Tables _____ (Mart Tables are Free)

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.

Directions: Cozy Inn is in Thurmont, about 16 miles north of Frederick. Take Route 15N if coming from Frederick or 15 South if coming from PA. Take the Thurmont ramp to MD806 and go east on Thurmont Blvd (right if traveling north, left if traveling south) for about a quarter mile, then take a left on Route 806 (Frederick Road) heading north. The restaurant is about 0.4 mile on the left. If you need additional directions please call the Cozy Inn at 301-271-7373.



Tic Toc Tech Tips

Reference book tips

I have accumulated a number of books in my horological library and often when I go out antiquing and shopping I will see a book that looks interesting. Most of my books, I have read from cover to cover. In some of the strictly reference books the “plot” is hard to follow, however I do go through them page by page noting their content. Thus I have a pretty good idea of what I have in my collection. With close to a 100 books it becomes more difficult to quickly put my fingers on specific information when I need it. Thus I decided to make an index of my books. In doing so I found I did have duplicates of two or three books. In a couple of cases it was later editions of the same information. In another it was the same material but with a different cover. Another appeared to be a reprint of a book “out of print” published by another printer. I plan to carry this list with me when I go shopping to double check for duplicates before I buy.

The main consideration with my library was to index it in some way so I could find the information I wanted quickly. When I began to break it down I found that many of the publications covered more than one of the topic areas that I had defined. So I decided to list the primary topic first followed by secondary topics. Some books have titles directly related to the subjects covered and need little or no description while other titles are of no help. Some of the descriptors I used are as follows: Cases, Clock, Escapements, Formulas, Handbook, History, Instruction, Identification, Levers, Movements, Price, Processes, Refinishing, Repair, Tables, Theory, Tips, Tools, Torque, Stress, Specifications, Watch and Wood. I organized the column headings as “Book”, “Author”, “Publisher”, “Comment” and a notation for book “Cover” type since this aids in physically finding the book on the shelf if it has a hardback (HB) or softback (SB) cover. In some cases it was necessary to expand the descriptor since I also included some booklets of notes and articles such as a group by John Losch and one from the NAWCC Bulletin on Terry wooden clock movements. Having organized my horological library so that I can take advantage of it, I thought I would share some of the names of the books involved. I looked at the books in my list in terms of their informational value to me and found most of them in the Good to Very Good category of helpfulness. Some were considered only Fair because they either glossed over the subject without enough detail or were very elementary. A few of them were from engineering studies and much more detailed than most of us would use in general horological work. Some also dealt more with furniture or other related items. I will try to point those out when I list them. When I completed the task I had about four pages. That was far too much to include in one Tech Tip newsletter article. Thus I shall spread it over multiple articles. In the current Tech Tip I will list those dealing identification, history, and price.

The list follows:

***The Clock Book**, Wallace Nutting, Garden City Publishing Co., New York, Identification, History. Old book, only fair, HB.

***Black Forest Clocks**, Rick Ortenburger, Shiffer Publishing, Ltd., West Chester, PA, Identification, History. V Good, HB.

***Eli Terry & the Connecticut Shelf Clock**, 2nd Edition, Kenneth D. Roberts & Snoden Taylor, Ken Roberts Publishing Co., Identification, History. V Good, HB.

***The French Marble Clock**, Nicolas M. Thorpe, N. A. G. Press, Identification, History, Instruction, Tips. V Good, HB.

***150 Years of Electric Horology**, Elmer G. Crumb & William F Keller, NAWCC Chapter #125, Midwest Electric Horology Group, Identifica-

tion, Price. V Good, SB.

* **French Clocks and Bronzes, Cuckoos and Vienna Regulators**, F. Koeber Clock Co. (Tran Duy Ly), Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price. Good, SB.

***Antique Trader Clocks Price Guide**, Kyle Husfloen, Krause Publications, Iola, WI, Identification, Price. Good, SB.

***Complete Price Guide to Watches 2000**, Cooksey Shugart & Richard E. Gilbert, Cooksey Shugart Publications, Cleveland, TN, Identification, Price. Good, SB.

***American Clocks and Clockmakers**, Robert & Harriett Swedberg, Krause Publications, Iola, WI, Identification, Price. V Good, SB.

***Antique American Clocks**, 2nd Ed., Robert & Harriett Swedberg, Krause Publications, Iola, WI, Identification, Price. Good, SB.

***Price Guide to Antique Clocks**, Robert & Harriett Swedberg, Krause Publications, Iola, WI, Identification, Price. Good, SB.

***American Clocks Volume 1**, Tran Duy Ly, Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price. V Good, HB.

***American Clocks Volume 2**, Tran Duy Ly, Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price, V Good, HB.

***American Clocks Volume 3**, Tran Duy Ly, Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price, V Good, HB.

***Ansonia Clocks & Watches**, Tran Duy Ly, Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price, V Good, HB.

***Gustav Becker Clocks**, Tran Duy Ly, Arlington Book Co., Inc., Identification, Price, V Good, HB.



***Characteristics of Standard Terry-Type 30-Hour Wooden Movements as a Guide to Identification of Movement Makers**, Snowden Taylor, NAWCC (Special edition now out of print. Copy can be obtained from NAWCC Library), Bulletin, NAWCC, Whole # 208, Vol. XXII, No. 5, Part 1, Identification of Terry Wooden Works clocks. V Good, SB.

***Charles Alvah Smith: Vermont Maker of Unusual Wood Clocks**, John M. Anderson, National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc., Columbia, PA, History. Good, SB.

***Ingenious Yankees**, Donald R. Hoke, Columbia University Press, New York, History. Good, SB.

Often these books have additional information in them about the clocks or history or even about tools and how they were or can be used. They are primarily useful in identifying clocks or watches and helping to determine the period of their construction.

I would like to say a couple of words about Price and Value and point out that the NAWCC has a course that you can take to learn how to evaluate and assess horological artifacts. For the more casual approach there are books such as the Tran Duy Ly series that provide photos and descriptions along with price sheets to provide an idea of their value. One must keep in mind however that these prices usually are for artifacts in prime condition, if not mint. The actual price is whatever the buyer and seller can agree upon and can vary greatly based on the physical condition, age, desirability, rarity and even the repair skills of the purchaser, etc. To cite an example, I acquired an Ansonia in 2009. The asking price was \$675. It looked in poor shape and I offered \$350 which was accepted. It is shown in the photo. It appears to have original movement, very dirty, missing circular back but is in better shape than I thought. It seems restorable. While I was working on this article, Mrs. Bush was looking through one of the above books and found this clock with top statue and side urns priced at \$4500. My clock value price, when running, is probably somewhere closer to a \$1000. As you can see there are lots of variables. **Al Bush 2011-02**