



# Free State Chapter 141

MD, PA, VA, WV

## Chapter 141

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## President's Message

Are you ready for spring? I sure am, although February isn't that bad of a month. After all, we had Punxsutawney Phil predict six more weeks of winter (ok, not so great), Valentine's Day, Presidents Day (birthday celebrations for George & Abe in case you forgot why we have this holiday), and it's only 28 days long. Besides, March Madness is on the doorstep, which seems to be the sporting event that generates the most public interest with people filling out brackets who can't even spell basketball – just another strange and uniquely wonderful American quirk.

I very much regret missing the January meeting, which I understand was an excellent event with several interesting presentations. Show & Tell is always my favorite meeting, but I was travelling at the time on business and so could not join you, but there's always next year to look forward to. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 12**, and while March is still within the potential snow storm period, I have it on good authority (Old Farmer's Almanac) that the weather for our meeting date is going to be mild, so please plan to be there. And don't forget to **bring a friend, colleague, co-worker, neighbor or anyone else who might be interested in joining us**. It's a good deal for your guest (adult, non-family member), who gets a free meal out of it, and potentially good for you (also a free meal if your guest joins NAWCC and the Chapter), and definitely a good deal for the Chapter as a whole. Sounds to me like a triple win!

As everyone knows, **Al Bush** has been doing an incredible job with the **Newsletter**, especially with his Tic Toc Tech Tips, and he really needs some help. I know we have some really talented people out there, who could

make a significant contribution to our Newsletter by writing an article. This could cover any horological issue; not just repair related information. Especially helpful would be an article about watches since they tend to get neglected in our Newsletter – not because we don't like watch people, but because those of us contributing to the Newsletter do not have any expertise in the area. So, step on up and make a contribution; photos and drawings welcome too. Even if you've never had anything published before, we can help you with formatting and editing – it's your knowledge and research we need – Al will take care of the rest!

Finally, as always, please **remember our brave men and women serving in so many different roles in Afghanistan**, and other dangerous places throughout the world. As is readily apparent as we watch the news, and especially about the Middle East and Africa, the global security situation is tenuous and that potentially impacts every American. And while our troops may not be directly engaged in combat operations, American service members, diplomats and aid workers are very much engaged in some extremely challenging environments to protect American interests and improve our security. Please keep these dedicated professionals and their families in your thoughts and prayers, every day, until they return home. And don't forget those who may be working in less dangerous support positions, but whose efforts are equally important to preserving our freedoms. Please take the opportunity whenever you can to say thank you to our military and civilian public servants; it means a great deal to them to know that we really care.

*Lou Orsini, president*

***Our next meeting will be ..... Wednesday, March 12th 2014 at The Cozy Inn***

# Minutes of Freestate Chapter 141 – 8 January, 2014

Vice President Robert Rothen called the meeting to order expressing the regrets of President Lou Orsini who was unable to attend. Bob reminded the membership of the soon to close, "Majestic Time" exhibit at the NAWCC headquarters in Columbia, PA. The exhibit is the largest exhibit ever of Thomas Tompion's clocks, watches, and sundials. The exhibit was to commemorate the 300th year of his death (1639-1713). Alex and Ray Snouffer had been to view the exhibit and suggested seeing the video on the quarter hour repeater.

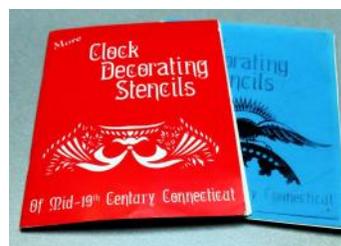
The theme of the first meeting of the year is always "Show and Tell". Wheeler Green demonstrated a LED Black Light. He suggested checking the Internet for very reasonably priced units.

George Tresansky informed members of the several "Letters to the Editor" in the January/February Watch & Clock Bulletin. The letters contained many differing opinions regarding Tom Mostyn's program on "Cleaning Wood Movements". Tom's program was based on his years of experience and success restoring woodworks clocks.

Neil Amrine had a display of small clocks with windup movements and made the statement that most of these were not made to be repaired. These are found in many different case types - porcelain, metal, etc. These clocks should be purchased only if the movement is running and you are drawn to the beauty or uniqueness of the case. (or if your wife wants it!).

Mel Kornspan showed a picture of a clock offered by the Bradford Exchange. This was an unusual clock as it was made like an Egyptian temple with many moving pieces with Nefertiti coming out on the hour. Mel collects American Clocks as well as a few French clocks. Mel first collected clocks with wood movements but switched to metal spring driven later. One example he showed was an 8-day Ogee with reverse painting. Mel then surprised us with a demonstration of a gift he received from a "friend". It was a Semi-Truck/Trailer with alarm as well as a snooze alarm with bright flashing lights and loud obnoxious honking. (Snooze Alarm?).

Darcy Bertelmann discussed ogee artwork by William Bennett Fenn. His



and those less skilled did the actual painting. (Edit note: The Library at the Museum in Columbia has two books of the actual Fenn stencils that can be checked out for your perusing.)

Frank Goad showed and discussed two Illinois 16 size watches. The first watch was a 16 size that Illinois produced about 1896. This one had a private label "A.E. Rogers, Scranton PA". This watch was bought mostly as scrap out of a "junk" box many years ago. Frank finally gathered all the missing pieces and put it together. The second watch was Illinois Model 5 Sangamo - the highest grade Illinois watch made for railroad use. It is a Model 5, 21 jewel, Gothic numerals with minor repairs. It works very well.

Tom Mostyn discussed Rolling Ball Clocks made by Congreve - who was an inventor, not a clockmaker. He was trying to solve the problems of the pendulum. He used a ball rolling down a zigzag-track to replace the pendulum. These clocks are not accurate at all. He called his invention the "Extreme Detached Escapement" and patented it in 1808. He hired Gravel and Tolkien to produce the first working version, which was presented to the Prince of Wales in 1808. Every model which has been produced have been unreliable timekeepers.

Meeting was dismissed with a reminder to always remember those who are serving our Country. Next meeting is 12 March 2014.

–Patsy Rothen

## “Treasurer’s Tidbits”

Hi folks!

I would remind all members to send in their dues, if they are not fully paid... dues were due at the end of June. Contact me at [Neil54@aol.com](mailto: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 will 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 Neil advised of any change in your membership information, address changes, etc. We cannot keep you informed if you don't keep us informed.

## FREE STATE CHAPTER 141 MEMBERSHIP-RENEWAL APPLICATION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND CLOCK COLLECTORS

Date \_\_\_\_\_ NAWCC No. \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_

(CLOCKS, WATCHES, TOOLS, OTHER)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

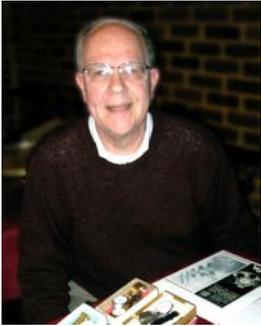
Wish to Receive Newsletter via Email  or US Mail

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](mailto:neil54@aol.com)

**If you have an interest in clocks or watches you are invited to Our Next Meeting**  
**March 12th, 2014 at the Cozy Inn**

CHAPTER 141 PROGRAM FOR MARCH 12th, 2014



The program for our next meeting will feature Frank Goad. The talk is titled "Pocket Watch Components--Appropriate Parts and Case for a Movement." This is a PowerPoint presentation which is intended to provide a basis for choosing suitable replacement parts for a given pocket watch. There is a review of sources of information on the subject followed by examples of specific watches. I include photos of watches from my collection to illustrate some of the points made with regard to preserving the appearance of the watch when new. See you in March. Plan on attending, 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

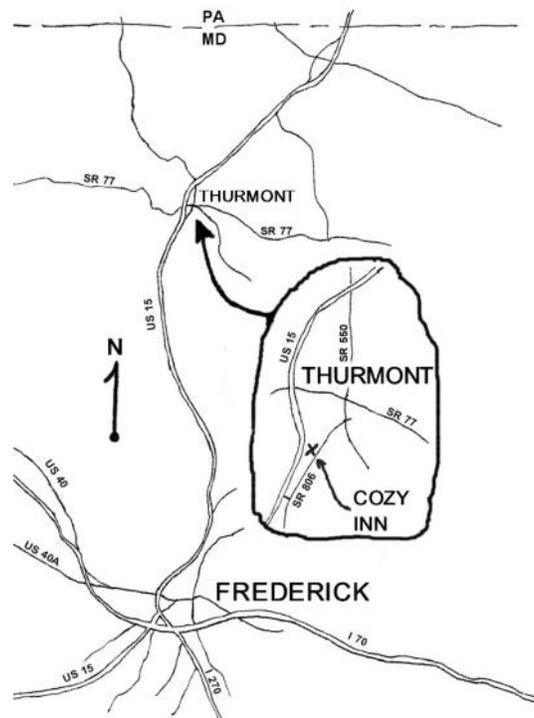
Number coming \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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.*



## Horological Talk & Tips

### NAWCC –Logging On To Your Member Account

The NAWCC has recently revamped our online presence, initiating a long term strategy to bring all of our online resources together with a unified look and feel. NAWCC.com now receives over two million visits a year, and all NAWCC members are granted special access to exclusive members-only website content via your member log in ID. Here are some quick tips and tricks for using our Member Website Resources:

If you don't have your NAWCC Member Log In information, you need only contact us at [webmaster@nawcc.org](mailto:webmaster@nawcc.org) and we will be happy to get your account set up. Once your account is ready, you can log in and start enjoying our main website Member features. In the upper right hand corner of our various webpages you will find a **Blue NAWCC LOG In button**.

#### What is the Blue NAWCC LOG IN button?

The NAWCC LOG IN button located at the top right of the NAWCC webpages provides NAWCC Members access to the "Members-Only" website Resources as well as account information and events.



#### How do I get a password for my log-in?

If you don't already have a password or have forgotten your password, there is a link on the log-in page you can use to reset your password. You can also call toll-free 1-877-255-1849 during business hours and press 5 for the Membership Group or email Kevin Osborne at [kosborne@nawcc.org](mailto:kosborne@nawcc.org) to request a password reset.

#### How do I log in?

Click the blue NAWCC LOG IN button to open the log-in page. Enter the email address you have on file with the NAWCC and your password. Then click the small LOGON button and you will be logged on. The homepage should re-open and the blue NAWCC LOG IN button will now appear orange LOG OUT.



#### How does it work?

Once you log in, you can go to any other page of the NAWCC (such as the Message Board, the 4Sale site, and the Community pages) and have full access without having to log onto each and every page.

**I logged into the Main Site, but when I went to another section of the site, it said I wasn't logged in. What should I do?** When you log on to the NAWCC site ([nawcc.org](http://nawcc.org)), the LOG

IN button turns orange and you are logged into the system. The single log-in works with all parts of our website... but sometimes, when crossing from one section of the site to another, it needs a little extra nudge from the user to force it to recognize that the user is logged onto all the sites. If you know you are logged in on the Main Site ([nawcc.org](http://nawcc.org)) but then, when you go to another site (like the Message Board) the log in button is still blue, it means those subsites haven't yet recognized your log-in. Should this happen, simply click the blue log in button AGAIN. That should confirm the log-in and the blue button will turn orange.

#### To change your password:

Login and click on the [Members](#) link.

From the left hand Member Resources menu click on [My Account](#).

On the page that opens click ID & Password and change your password.

**Please do not modify your Logon ID, only your password.**

#### To access the Bulletins, Supplements, Videos and other scanned data online:

Once you have logged on, click on the [Resources](#) link from the right hand column of the front page.

**If you're trying to access the NAWCC [Message Board](#)**, log in as above. Then click the Message Board link at the top of the page. If the NAWCC LOG IN button on the Message Board is still blue click it again. If you have created a message board account, the board should now recognize you.

#### To access and Register for the NAWCC4Sale site:

Logon and click on the [4Sale\\$NAWCC](#) link. Instructions to register on the site are attached.

#### To access the Community site:

Login and click on the [Community](#) link.

**You can also view much of the Museum Collection from the [Museum Page](#).**

Click the Museum Collection link at the left of the page and then click on Search the Collection.

**[If you need to pay your dues, click on the Members](#)** link.

Then under Membership in the left hand menu, click [Renew](#). Your invoice amount should be waiting there for you.

Click on Add to Cart and it will step you through the process.

*Markus Harris 2014-02*

# Personal Postings For Chapter 141 Members

**INTRODUCTION:** This page is for Chapter 141 members to post horological questions, ads, or notices at no charge. The Newsletter Advertising Policy is repeated here for your convenience. It has been defined and will be on file with the Chapter 141 records for viewing. Updates will be posted from time to time as needed.

Members submitting information for posting will need to provide the information in a form that can easily be conveyed to NAWCC Headquarters for editing, printing, and distribution. It is not intended that any editing will be required for information you submit. The information should be submitted in Microsoft WORD file format as a .doc or .docx file by email to [albushWLIVE@hotmail.com](mailto:albushWLIVE@hotmail.com). This email address will be checked for input when the newsletter is prepared to send to press. If you do not have access to a computer, I suggest you contact a friend and seek their help to prepare and email the posting for you. Sample postings to give you an idea of what can be posted in a 2x3½" space were given in the June-July issue of this newsletter. Effort will be made to maintain your posting, wording and presentation as you have submitted it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT – We need your HELP!**

As your Newsletter Coordinator, I have been concerned for some time that we have several members that primarily collect watches. My background, experience and interest are not such that I can provide significant articles on watches for the **Tick Tock Tech Tips**. I have asked for submission of tips on watches (and clocks) but they have been few. I am concerned also that the title including "Tech" might lead people to think they are not qualified or sufficiently knowledgeable to write something for the column. Such is not true, many of you have more knowledge and experience than I and I have been writing the column for close to 7 years. So I am broadening the topic in hopes any one of you will be willing to let us hear from you. It can be on clocks, but I wish to see something on watches, horological tools and techniques you use as well as horological stories and history. Do you have a horological story you would like to share with the rest of us? In keeping with this idea I am instituting a change in the name of this column to be **Horological Talk and Tips**.

## PERSONAL POSTINGS

### ZAREH SARKISSIAN



I am a member of Chapter 141 and have set up a shop to accept work from the public on a regular basis. I have been servicing quality watches in Montgomery County since 1972. I would be

pleased to service watches for fellow members of Chapter 141. I have named my shop Studio Zarr. You may call me to make your appointment at 240-242-3555. I am located at Studio Zarr, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 104, Rockville, MD 20852.

*(Editor's note: In the last issue there were discrepancies in this ad. We are running it again with corrections in this issue. I apologize for having missed the discrepancies, and hope it has caused no confusion.)*

I can help you edit your input for the newsletter. Photos, sketches and charts are welcome. I prefer the graphics in digital format; however I do have a scanner and can scan them in from photos or sketches. Size wise, magazines and newsletters typically use 10 point type and we are allotted only one page for the column. I'd rather use 11 point type since it is a little easier to read. On occasions I have spilled over a few sentences but that is pushing it. Normally I will write a column and then try to go back and remove the redundant and unnecessary words. I am including my photo that you might recognize me and give me material at the meetings. I am including my email and phone which is also on the first page of the newsletter. I prefer text in digital format such as Microsoft Word. I am not so good with phone or verbal communication text since my hearing is no longer 20-20, but if all else fails we can try that. When I get it in newsletter format I will likely ask that you proof read it before we publish.



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