



# Free State Chapter 141

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## December – January No.2017-01

**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays to all!** I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't indulge too heavily in the feast (like I tend to do). Maybe it's me, but doesn't it seem like Christmas advertisements and decorations appear earlier each year? I saw some Christmas decorations before Halloween this year, and by mid-November the stores were in full Christmas mode. It is important to be extra alert at this time of the year as along with the joy of the season, there is often much stress as well. It is a time of giving and goodwill, but sometimes our efforts to try to have a perfect holiday can cause undue stress. Same reality applies for the holidays as during the rest of the year – none of us are perfect and never will be, so try not to get stressed when things don't work out as planned. I wish for everyone a very happy holiday period and a prosperous new year.

Since the **next meeting is January 12**, which can be iffy weather-wise, let me remind everyone of our **inclement weather policy**. If the Frederick schools are closed on the date of our meeting, we will cancel – otherwise the meeting is on. If you have any doubt, call **Darcy Bertelmann** and ask. The January program is our annual **"Show & Tell"**. Bring 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 item does or how it works, bring it in and ask others to apply their knowledge and experience to solve the mystery. This meeting is always loads of fun because of your participation. 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 provide a short explanation or story. In the spirit of the holidays – and to entice greater participation – every member who makes a presentation will get a \$10 discount on their meal (\$6 instead of \$16); just let Darcy know you are making a presentation when you pay and she will apply your discount. Don't miss this meeting; it is sure to be another interesting one, just as long as you participate. It will be fun!

We had another great program last time with **Neil Amrine** relating the story of one of those rare horological finds that one sometimes stumbles into when he got a "free" clock. Turns out it was an unusual George B. Owens clock, which Neil had restored. If you missed the program, ask Neil about his find. Along those lines, Neil is looking for volunteers for the March and May programs, so please consider making a presentation.

Finally, as always, **please remember our brave men and women serving in dangerous places throughout the world**, and particularly those at or near the front

lines in Iraq and Afghanistan. These American heroes are working 7x24, in challenging environments, and under austere conditions to protect us all. Being deployed during this time of the year can be a particularly difficult time for

***Our next meeting will be Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>***

for them and their families as the usual stress of service is magnified by the desire to be together for the holidays. Please keep all our service members and their families in your thoughts and prayers, every day, until they return home, and look for opportunities to say thank you whenever you can.

Lou

**If you have an interest in clocks or watches you are invited to Our Next Meeting Thursday, January 12th, 2016 at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant**

**CHAPTER 141 PROGRAM FOR January 12th, 2016**

The program for January will be "Show-and-Tell." This is always one of most exciting programs for the year where members bring some of the coolest, most interesting, or out of the ordinary pieces in their collections to show off. Please feel free to bring something to share with everyone.

*Alex Snouffer*

**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 Free State Chapter 141 meetings. Please indicate the meeting date as you complete the form. You may also make reservations via e-mail to [horologybuff@gmail.com](mailto:horologybuff@gmail.com) and providing Darcy Bertelmann with the information requested on the meeting reservation form or by Calling Darcy at 717-487-5198 and informing her 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.)

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**Chapter 141 Meeting Reservation Form**

Reservation for Free State Chapter 141 Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

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

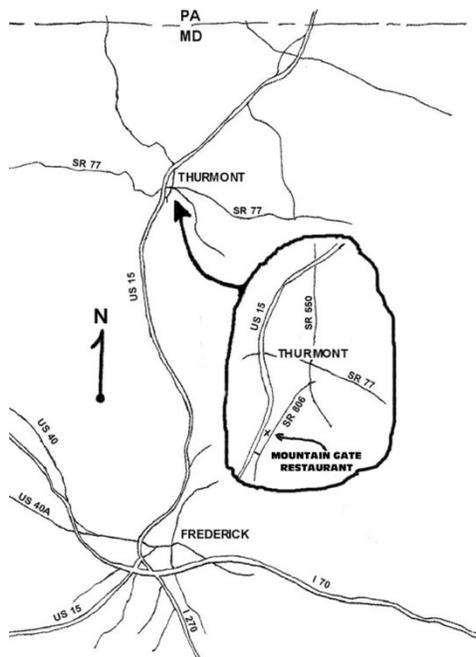
Number of Mart Tables \_\_\_\_\_ (Mart Tables are Free)

Local Chapter Dues Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per member for the year beginning (New members please use Membership & Renewal form under "From Your Treasurer").

Please make checks payable to Free State Chapter 141 and mail to Darcy Bertelmann, 925 Johnson Drive, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325-8903 Phone 717-487-5198 email [horologybuff@gmail.com](mailto:horologybuff@gmail.com)

Directions: Mountain Gate Family Restaurant is in Thurmont, about 16 miles north Frederick. Take Route 15N if coming from Frederick or 15 South if coming from Frederick. Take the Thurmont ramp to MD806 and go east on Thurmont Blvd (right if 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 600 ft. on the left. If you

additional directions please call the Mountain Gate Restaurant



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**“From your Treasurer”**

Our fiscal year began July 1. Thank you to all those have brought their 2016-2017 dues current. If you have not yet brought your dues up-to-date, please do so now. I have included a line item for dues on the reservation form below. Annual dues are only \$8.00 (unchanged since 2007).

**The deadline for making reservations for a meeting is the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting.** I need to have a count for the restaurant by the morning of the day before the meeting. Please make every effort to get your reservations in by the Tuesday deadline so we are fair to Mountain Gate, and they can accurately plan for food and wait staff for us. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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**Important:** If you have had any changes in your membership information, for example: a change of address, email or phone number, please send that information to Darcy. We cannot keep you informed if you don't keep us informed.

**WEB SITE NEWS BIT from your webmaster, Alex Snouffer**

I'm still keeping an eye on our website. I am hoping to have most of the other changes done but I am still looking for some overall input for improvements. If anyone has thought about the "History of the Chapter" information I mentioned before, feel free to email me. That page is ready to go live as soon as I have all of the necessary information. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

-Alex, [arsnouffer@gmail.com](mailto:arsnouffer@gmail.com)

# PERSONAL POSTINGS FOR CHAPTER 141

ATTENTION: 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. 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. However, it is not intended that editing will be required for information you submit. It will speed things up if the information is submitted in Microsoft WORD file format as a .doc or .docx file by email to [AGBUSH172@VERIZON.NET](mailto:AGBUSH172@VERIZON.NET). 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. Some sample postings that will give you an idea of what can be posted in a 2x3½" space were given in the 2013-04, June-July, issue of this newsletter. Effort will be made to maintain your posting, wording and presentation as you have submitted it.

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## POSTINGS

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FOR SALE: New Old Stock clock movements at half the price you would pay from a distributor. Contact Lou Orsini [oh2batc@verizon.net](mailto:oh2batc@verizon.net).  
Hermle 351-020/52 \$180  
Hermle 451-050/114 \$90  
Hermle 461-853/94 \$135  
Kienenger RK-14 \$230  
Kienenger RK-23 \$230  
Urgos 03123 \$240

FREE: Antique Grandfather Clock Case that I've had stored in my basement about 10 years. It stands 92" high and is quite heavy. I am unsure of the wood type. The back has horizontal wood slats. I laid it on the floor to take the photo because it is too tall for my basement suspended ceiling to see the entire clock in a photo. I can provide additional photos on request. Contact Lou Orsini [oh2batc@verizon.net](mailto:oh2batc@verizon.net)

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**NOTE TIME & LOCATION** for our NEXT MEETING on **THURSDAY, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017** at the **MOUNTAIN GATE FAMILY RESTAURANT** in Thurmont, MD 21788, 301-271-4373.

Hope to see you all there!

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