



# Free State Chapter 141

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## **October - November No.2018-05**

This is such an interesting time of the year as the leaves start changing colors, although they mostly seem to just be turning brown after all the rain these past two months, and (supposedly) it starts getting cold – the temperatures are going to be in the 80s by the time I submit this for publishing! The Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations are coming out, and the stores are getting ready for Christmas. We are already nearly two months into the school year and we're approaching mid-season in football, and yet they are still playing baseball. In addition, basketball and hockey are both starting. And then we have our favorite horological event on November 4 when we get that extra hour back that we lost in the spring.

We had a very informative program in September in which NAWCC Executive Director Tom Wilcox spoke about the recent 75th Anniversary National Convention, the future of the organization, and the several important programs that are in progress. He encouraged members to become involved in public forums to talk about horology. In particular, he noted the importance of reaching out to grade schools to talk about analog timepieces to create an interest in the newest generation. He also answered several questions from the audience. For more details, please see the meeting Minutes. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 8th which also marks our final meeting of the year. The program is titled The Bubba Chronicles, which in and of itself ought to be enough to make you want to come. It will consist of presentations by Bob Rothen and Jim Michaels on how NOT to repair clocks and watches. More details can be found on page 2.

Please welcome aboard to our newest member, Jim Michaels, who joined the Chapter at our last meeting. Jim owns The House of Time in Gettysburg where they restore watches and clocks; he also was an NAWCC instructor when they had their schoolhouse in Columbia. If you haven't yet met him, you will have the opportunity next meeting as Jim will be one of our presenters.

As a reminder, we work on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30, and so it is time for your annual dues. As we have for the past decade plus, we have kept the price at just \$8/year; essentially enough to offset the cost of producing and delivering the Newsletter. If you haven't already paid, please send your dues to Darcy Bertelmann to remain a member in good standing with Chapter 141 for another year.

And finally, as always, please remember and thank all who serve in our nation's armed forces and in other public positions in dangerous places throughout the world. It is incredible the sacrifices these brave men and women make every day to protect our freedoms and way of life. Besides those who currently serve, it is just as important to

***Our next meeting will be Thursday November 8th***

thank those who preceded them, for our veterans laid the foundation upon which our members serve today. One great way to thank our servicemembers, present and past, is to vote as this is one of the many freedoms they fought for. So, please take a moment to say thanks to those who serve and have served, not only on Veterans Day and Election Day (very important), but every day.

**-Lou**

### **Minutes for September 13th, 2018 Chapter 141 Meeting**

President Lou Orsini presided over the September 13, 2018 meeting. There were 25 members and guests in attendance.

President Lou Orsini reported on the interesting first evening at the NAWCC 75th Anniversary during which there were lectures and tours of sections of the museum by experts in the particular section being toured.

Neil Amrine advised that Sam Morataya has moved his watch and jewelry store to a new location that is still just a block from the White House.

Darcy Bertlemann advised that the IRS issue appears to be resolved. She has completed and mailed the necessary forms to the IRS, with the assistance of an accountant. She will keep us updated on any progress. She also advised that the cost of dinner at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant has increased by one dollar, which we will pass along to members.

A warm welcome to Jim Michaels, who is a new member of our group. He owns a clock repair shop in Gettysburg. Jim has been involved with the NAWCC for many years, having helped begin the school and teaching there as well.

An informal poll was taken of where members' interests lie. Among those in attendance, 19 members are interested in clocks and four members interested in watches.

Members were invited to attend a meeting of Horological Association of Maryland (HAM), which meets the second and fourth Monday evening of every month. This is a technical group for those with an interest in repairing either clocks or watches. Please give them a try.

Tom Mostyn informed members that the world's oldest documented watch is currently on display at The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. Admission is free.

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:** We welcomed Tom Wilcox, Executive Direction of NAWCC, who talked about various programs going on at the National. He also commented on how the combination of meshing gears, which are critical for making clocks and watches, were essential in the automation of other industries; e.g., automotive and manufacturing industries. He emphasized that each clock or watch has a story behind it. These stories are often more important than the actual functioning of the timepiece. He also spoke about several members who have been instrumental in donating large sums to the organization, as well as numerous members who are in influential positions in various industries. One of the top NAWCC initiatives to expand our relevance with the public is to work with schools, both locally and nationally, to teach children how to read analog clocks and watches rather than digital. The program theme is titled "Bring Back the Hands of Time". Mr. Wilcox's presentation was most interesting and informative to all in attendance.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2018 PROGRAM:** Plan is to have a two-part presentation titled The Bubba Chronicles in which the presenters will show "innovative repairs" done on clocks and watches to demonstrate how NOT to perform repairs. They then will discuss the challenges of correcting these amateur repairs, and the proper repair techniques.

President Lou Orsini closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**-Deanne Mostyn, Secretary**

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

I'm still keeping an eye on our website. Just to let you know, I have been doing some research and am considering changing our website over to a more user-friendly platform such as Wix. The National's web servers are becoming a bit clumsy and were designed using yesterday's tech. I will bring this up during the meeting, but I believe we should consider making this change.

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

### **“Treasurer’s Notes”**

The news this month is that Mountain Gate Family Restaurant has increased the prices of their meals. The new price for a meal at our meetings is **\$17.00/each** starting with the November 8, 2018 meeting. That is an increase of one dollar over what was previously charged. Please make a note of the new price.

Annual Dues now being collected. Dues remain \$8.00/year. Thank you to all who paid at the meeting or have mailed in a payment. At this writing, 27 members have renewed their dues, and 17 members have not yet done so.

If you are not sure whether you owe annual dues, please contact Darcy for that information.

Our Upcoming Meeting: The deadline for making reservations is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Please remember that Darcy needs to have a count for the restaurant on the Wednesday morning before our 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.

Make checks payable to: Free State Chapter 141

Mail to: Darcy Bertelmann, 925 Johnson Drive, Gettysburg, PA 17325-8903

Please call or email me to make reservation(s) or mail the form in the newsletter. Pay in advance or at the meeting. Dinner costs \$17.00/person. Phone: 717-487-5198; email: [horologybuff@gmail.com](mailto:horologybuff@gmail.com). See address above.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Has your contact information changed?: do you have any of the following: a change of address, email or phone number? Please send that information to Darcy either by mail, phone, or email. Help us keep you informed.**

Chapter 141 meets 5 times each year on the second Thursday of odd numbered months, excluding July. Meetings begin at 5:30pm with time to socialize, followed by dinner, a brief business meeting and a presentation on a horological interest. Mark your calendar now with these dates:

**January 10, 2019**

**March 14, 2019**

**May 9, 2019**

**If you have an interest in clocks or watches you are invited to Our Next Meeting Thursday, November 8th, 2018 at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant**

CHAPTER 141 PROGRAM FOR November 8th, 2018

**Speakers:** Jim Michaels and Bob Rothen

*The Bubba Chronicles -How NOT to Repair Watches and Clocks*

**Discussion:** Jim Michaels, former teacher at NAWCC, and a master watchmaker in Gettysburg will present on ill-advised, inappropriate and just plain bad watch repairs. Bob Rothen will also present with a good example, of how NOT to replace teeth on a very nice Seth Thomas Sonora Chime Clock. I hope to see you all there!

**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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**NO POSTINGS AT THIS TIME**

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**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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**Free State Chapter 141 Meeting Reservation Form**

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

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

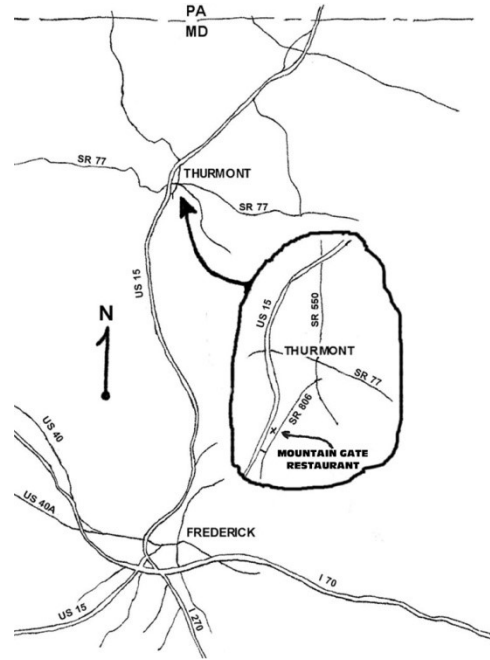
Number Coming \_\_\_\_\_ x \$17.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Chapter Dues Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per member for the year beginning June 30.  
(New members please use Membership & Renewal form under "From Your Treasurer").

Please make checks payable to Free State Chapter 141 and mail to  
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**Directions:** Mountain Gate Family Restaurant 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 600 ft. on the left. If you need additional directions please call the Mountain Gate Restaurant



**NOTE TIME & LOCATION** for our NEXT MEETING on **THURSDAY, November 8th 2018** at the **MOUNTAIN GATE FAMILY RESTAURANT** in Thurmont, MD 21788, 301-271-4373.  
Hope to see you all there!

